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Parkinson's walk/run on Sunday

The Michigan Parkinson Foundation 5K Walk/Run is set for Sunday, May 20 at Northville High School (6 Mile Road between Sheldon and Beck roads).

Registration gets underway at 9:30 a.m. and a short program and the run itself begins at 11 a.m.

There will be lots of family fun activities -- moonwalk, a pep band, face painting, food, fire trucks, and complimentary massages -- will be provided by Schoolcraft College students.

Among the honorary chairpersons for the event is Northville Township Trustee Marvin Gans.

The walk/run is the single most important source of funding for MPF programs which include facilitating more than 50 support groups across the state of Michigan.

Gans, who is professor emeritus at Schoolcraft College, has been involved in youth-oriented public service projects for years. He says his very good friend, Don Friedrichs, who was responsible for implementing much of the arts programming in the Livonia public schools, had Parkin sons and suffered greatly.

"Both my wife and I saw how difficult it was for Don and his wife, Esther, during the course of the disease," Gans said. "I would dedicate my efforts to Don Friedrichs."

To register for the walk or to make a donation to Michigan Parkinson Foundation, visit www.parkinsonsmi.org; call MPF at (248) 433-1011; or mail to MPF, 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 150, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

6 Mile traffic rankles, solutions sought

By Julle Brown Staff Writer

Wayne County had proposed work including five lanes for 6 Mile from Haggerty to just west of Waterford, near Meads Mill Middle School.

That plan brought out opposition, including from Northville Township Board of Trustees who met for a study session May 10 to discuss 6 Mile and traffic concerns.

"All of our east-west routes run into a problem as they hit Northville Road," said Tom Casa-ri, Department of Public Services director, who noted Sheldon could carry traffic and disperse it in all directions. County standards to mitigate congestion call

for a three-year planning process, and he would like to discuss that with county representatives for work slated for 2014.

"Traffic engineers usually work in a crisis mode," Casari said.

Supervisor Mark Abbo said, "I'd rather wait and have it done right. The issue is people turning left."

A center left turn lane on 6 Mile is helpful, Abbo said, noting Beck carries a lot of traffic and is two lanes in parts.

"They had believed we want-ed five lanes," Abbo said of county officials and 6 Mile. "Nothing could be further from the truth." Clerk Sue Hillebrand noted it's

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Northville schools embrace diversity with more than 10 languages spoken

By Lonnle Huhman Correspondent

Northville Public Schools has grown in diversity over the last three years. The number of students who come

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from homes where a language other than English is spoken has increased from 869 in 2009-10 to more than 1,130 currently.

Ricardo Rojas, ESL teacher and ELL program coordinator, detailed the increase during his presentation at the last Board of Education meeting. He said the lan-

guages represented in the school district include Chinese, Teluga, Ara-

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English as a Second Language instructor Ric Rojas, right, meets with a group of Northville School District teachers at Ridge Wood Elementary on May 15 in an effort to give them communication skills for students who are not proficient in English.

Total tech update tab at \$15 million

By Lonnle Huhman Correspondent

Northville Public Schools has begun a districtwide updating of its network infrastructure system, which will be a significant step forward in expanding its wireless capabilities.

The project will use sinking fund money and cost just over \$1 million. The work involves provisioning, implementation and testing of a new 10-gigabit network switch infrastructure and high-capacity 802.11 b/g/n wireless networks in all schools.

This development comes just as the district begins reviewing the technology assessment conducted throughout the past school year. The Board of Edu-

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Free spring expo

Speakers target key topics, exhibitors offer products, services

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Join hundreds of senior adults, their families and friends Tuesday, May 22, at the ninth annual Spring Senior Expo at Schoolcraft College on Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads) in Livonia. This year's program features nearlv 20 workshops and demonstrations along with more than 50 exhibits.

The five-hour event is chock full of information and offers seniors and their families a chance to speak oneon-one with experts in retirement planning, insurance, health and fitness.

This year's program, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center, is presented by the Observer & Eccen-

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The Northville Art House

Nolta enters race for Northville Township **Board of Trustees**

Mike Nolta has announced his candidacy for one of the four trustee seats on the Northville Township Board of

Nolta, a 20-year veteran of Ford Motor Company, works

as a capacity planning supervisor. In this role, he chairs consensus meetings with marketing, finance and program management, then ensures the assembly plants, purchasing and supply base are aligned with



the results. "Everyone is aware of the financial challenges we faced in the automotive industry, and I will bring my experience operating with reduced resources to the township," said Nolta. "We must maintain our high quality services while keeping taxes low."

Nolta believes in giving back to the community. He has been a mentor for Northville Youth Assistance, a hospice volunteer and taught Junior Achievement in the Dearborn school system. He also served two separate terms on the Hills of Crestwood Homeowner Association Board of Directors, during which he worked with the township as chair of the detention pond committee

and with Wayne County as chair of the roads committee.

"The economic issues that have caused a decline in the tax base should make us re-evaluate our priorities. This is especially true with respect to the proposed 7 Mile park on the former state psychiatric hospital property."

Nola said he and his wife, Judy, participated in the initial study sessions and provided feedback to the four resulting proposals via the web.

"As I told the Board of Trustees at its February meeting, I found it heartening that residents' feedback was so strongly incorporated into the master plan," he said. "However, we cannot expect the taxpayers to finance this proposed \$82 million project on top the existing \$21.5 million land-acquisition millage we will be paying over 20 years. Likewise, the township needs to be very careful about buying the Scott Correctional Facility from the State of Michigan for \$1 - a financing mechanism for demolition and cleanup should be developed before we take on any more property we cannot maintain.

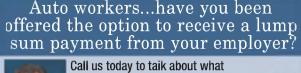
Nolta holds a bachelor of science degree in applied engineering sciences from Michigan State University. He and his wife, also employed by Ford Motor Company, have resided in Northville Township since 2001.

West of Center



"Baby Beast" by Took Gallagher

presents its fourth annual West of Center contemporary art, all media show, juried by Detroit artist and CEO of @CPOP Gallery and executive director of Contra Projects, Tom Thewes. West of Center is a nod to the Art House's location, as well as its mission to bring the community something unexpected, edgy and compelling. It's an eclectic, contemporary art exhibit that showcases a wide range of accomplished pieces, including sculpture, acrylics, digital collage/archival prints, assemblages, mixed-media, pastels, oil on canvas, ink stamp, photography, graphite on paper and more. Forty-four artists from Michigan and outof-state submitted work for this highly- anticipated, must-see exhibit, which opens from 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 1 and runs through June 24. Opening reception refreshments are sponsored by Le George Mediterranean Bistro, which is located on Main Street in Downtown Northville





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Tim Pawlenty to speak at Wayne 11th district Republican dinner

The political season is now in high gear as the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee charg-

es on to continue its appeal to the voters in the district. Their goal is to deliver their message through outreach

and grassroots efforts. "We can't only rely on party loyalist for our support," stated Joe Xuereb, chairman of the Wayne 11th

CDRC. "We need to bring our message to the average citizen and enlist their support to our efforts to bring common sense leadership to this country."

Tim Pawlenty

The Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee covers the communities of Belleville, Canton Township, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, Van Buren Township, Wayne and Westland. Their focus is primarily on the state and local election efforts.

The Wayne 11th Congressional District Congressional Committee is bring-

ing the Republican message to the community at its annual Lincoln Reagan Dinner on Thursday, May 24 at the Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 W. 5 Mile Road, Livonia.

The event will present an opportunity for voters to network with elected officials, community activists and precinct delegates, as well as to hear first-hand the Republican message to voters for this election year.

The evening's special guest and featured speaker is Tim Pawlenty, former governor of Minnesota and former presidential candidate.

The doors open at 5:30 p.m. for a private VIP photo reception with Pawlenty. A cocktail hour (cash bar) for general attendees is at 6 p.m.; and the dinner program begins at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$70 per person (if payment received by May 17; \$75/person after) and a table of 10 is \$650 (deadline May 17). Tickets for the VIP Photo Reception with Pawlenty are \$150 per person.

Inquiries can be handled by emailing info@wayne11th.com and checking their website at www.wayne11th.com. This event is open to the general public with ticket purchase.

Finance Building sale mulled in township

By Julle Brown Staff Writer

A building at 6 Mile and Winchester roads had been Northville Township's Finance Building and, earlier, a bank. The township Board of Trustees voted 4-3 May 10 to explore the possibility of selling the property, following a lengthy discussion.

"I think we should get the ball rolling on that," said supervisor Mark Abbo. Township manager Chip Snider said the building, in disrepair, could be used by Wayne County during a road project on 6 Mile and then torn down by the

Clerk Sue Hillebrand said the building needs heating and air conditioning systems to be sold, as well as working plumbing. She said only minimal taxpayer money should be used on the site, and joined Trustees Mary Gans and Marjorie Banner in voting no to the pursuit of a sale.

"Chip, let's push this back to our attorneys," Abbo said at the meeting, adding deed restrictions could be added to avoid objectionable

Trustee Mindy Herrmann noted a park may not be ideal, as there is a park nearby. She said a lawyer's or dental office could be an option.

Banner was unenthused about selling. "We don't have to sell it," she said. "I don't see a real need to sell it now. We always have that land."

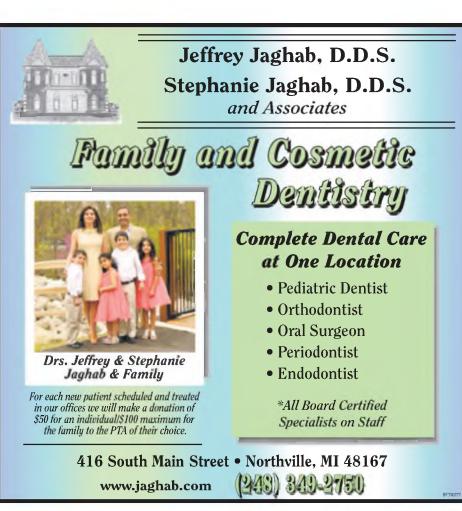
The building is surrounded by offices and residential use, with some trustees noting many residents use walking paths nearby.

"It's not like we have some use for it that's going to evaporate. All it's going to do is cost us money," said Abbo, who favors converting it for market value. "And it becomes a taxpaying entity."

Hillebrand said she believed there isn't a high demand for such a building.

Snider will seek legal advice on the building becoming surplus property, as well as maintaining a school bus stop there.

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RoboFest



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RoboFest 2012 Michigan Regional Championship was held April 14 at Lawrence Technological University. Many teams from Canton, Plymouth, Milford and Farmington Hills competed along with several from Northville, including the RoboScouts (pictured; Ethan Galdikas, Evan Todebush and Edward Prescott); Intelligent Design Robotics (Brandon MacLennan, Darren Anderegg, Jonathan Magry and Seth Rivett); For Jesus (Molly Pelic, Max Pelic and Sarah Young); NCA Lights (Bryan Brauchler, Alex Perry, Ben Lenze and Nick Nunu); Bulldogs (Troy Stacer, Jacob Anderson and Mitchell Morell); and CCA's A&P Robots (Pranav Rakkappan and Affuab Karim).

Two school forums focus on district's challenges

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Northville Public School's two community forums presented parents with a budget picture that has both short-term and long-term challenges.

It also gave them a heads-up on some coming changes the district can expect to see in the next year or so, which include technology updating and potential boundary adjustments.

Short-term the district is dealing with a budget deficit that will need to be addressed with a fund balance surplus, which was helped by two one-time revenues received this year. Next year's school budget is projected to have \$64 million in revenue and \$66 in expenditures.

Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said it's their goal with this budget to prevent the classrooms from growing. She said the big difference between last year and this process is there is some greater stability. With contracts in place for the teachers, busing and custodial, it allows for even better communication within the district.

One big area of concern is the increasing retirement costs, which are expected to go up even more in the next two years. According to Mike Zopf, assistant superintendent for finance and operations, there are fewer people paying into the retirement program and more retiring, which makes the task of fixing this challenge difficult.

Pending legislation in Lansing is being considered to address this, and it could have employees contributing more to their retirement and a possible decrease in the district's contribution rate.

Long-term there will be charge-backs to the Center Program, expansion of Cyber/Charter schools and the entrance date for kindergarten will be moved from Dec. 1 to Sept. 1.

However, what may matter most locally is the growing student population in the western section of the district. Gallagher said both Ridge Wood Elementary and Meads Mill Middle School student totals are expected to increase next year. Ridge Wood is projected to go from 717 to 730 while Meads Mill could go from 911 to 937

Gallagher said boundary changes will not come next year, but they will begin to be considered for the 2013-14 school year.

Parent Ken Sliwka said wages should be looked at because they are the biggest costs, something the private sector does all the time.

For parent Maria Simonte, the vision not only for Northville, but the entire
state -- should be a unified one instead
of bickering where costs should be
cut. Her big concern is classroom size,
which she thinks has greatly impacted
the middle schools. It's her hope this can
be addressed in the coming years.

"We are all on the same side ... we want the kids to get a good education," she said.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Spring Clean Up

The Northville High School annual Spring Clean Up will be taking place at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20.

Come help with general grounds care, cleanup and mulching. Bring your work gloves and help out. This is planned as a short activity (likely only an hour or two), but any time you can commit to help is appreciated. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

This is an opportunity to obtain valuable volunteer hours for youth groups, college applications, etc. Parents are also needed to lend a hand and bring a rake if you have one; meet at the main entrance of the high school.

Email Bill Wever at wwever@yahoo. com if you have any questions.

Jason Brooks wins My Favorite Teacher Contest

Barnes & Noble announced that Jason Brooks from Silver Springs Elementary School in Northville Public Schools has been named the local winner of the My Favorite Teacher Contest. Brooks was chosen from 37 entries at the Barnes & Noble on 17111 Haggerty Road in Northville Township. Brooks was nominated by students Anna Koppin and Kailyn Bondoni.

Students were invited to nominate their teacher by writing essays, poems or thank you letters that share how their teacher has influenced their life and why they appreciate and admire their teacher. Entries were judged on the compelling nature of the teacher's qualities, the sincerity of the student's appreciation and the quality of expression and writing.

Brooks was recognized at an event at the Northville Township Barnes & Noble on April 21, where received a special award acknowledging his achievement, a set of Sterling Classics books for his personal or classroom library, and additional recognition and praise from the community.

Bondoni and Koppin, who both wrote winning essays or poems, will both receive a certificate of recognition and will be honored at the Northville Township store during the ceremony for the winning teacher. Other local nominated teachers and their students will also be given certificates of achievement during the ceremony.

Brooks will now be entered into the regional competition where six winners will be chosen.

Local teachers honored

Oakland Schools on May 10 hosted the 25th annual Outstanding Teacher of the Year Awards, celebrating teachers that are setting students on a course of discovery. This year, 54 outstanding teachers from 22 local school districts were recognized for their great accomplishments in their classrooms. Oakland County teachers with more than five years of teaching experience were nominated by colleagues, principals, students, parents and others for this prestigious award, sponsored by Health Alliance Plan (HAP) through the Oakland Schools Education Foundation (OSEF).

The nominees were rated by a ninemember selection committee consisting of education and community representatives. Candidates are evaluated in six areas: Engaging students, meeting individual needs of students, demonstrating knowledge of subject area, demonstrating classroom management, relating to parents and colleagues, demonstrating citizenship and leadership in the school community and support statements from colleagues, parents and students.

The three winners were each presented with \$2,000 from HAP through the Oakland Schools Education Foundation. This year's winners include

School districts participating in the 2012 Oakland County Outstanding Teacher of the Year Awards program are: Avondale, Berkley, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Brandon, Clarenceville, Clarkston, Farmington, Ferndale, Huron Valley, Lake Orion, Lamphere, Novi, Oxford, Pontiac, Royal Oak, South Lyon, Southfield, Troy, Walled Lake, Waterford, and West Bloomfield.

All nominees, including the following locals (listed by school district, nominee, hometown, were honored at the invitation-only event.

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Robofest win



The NCA Lights robotics team of Northville that won the Junior Game division at the April 14 Michigan Regional Robofest Championship will compete in the 13th annual Robofest World Championship on Saturday, May 19, at Lawrence Technological University. Pictured (I to r) are Coach Fred Brauchler, Alex Perry, Ben Lenze, Nick Nunu, Bryan Brauchler Teams compete in the junior division (grades 5-9) or senior division (grades 9-12), using a variety of computer programming languages.

In this year's competition game, a rescue robot must circumnavigate a rectangular platform, grab silver balls on top of towers and then deliver the rescued balls to the "hospital," a black box on one end of the platform. During the mission, the robot must measure the distance between tower buildings and report it in millimeters. The May 19 championship competition will be held 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Lawrence Tech's Ridler Field House (21000 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield). Admission and parking are free. Spectators can become judges to select people's choice awards. They may win raffle prizes.

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Werth leaves Plymouth Township supervisor race

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

John Werth, the public safety director in Northville Town-

ship, has left the race for Plymouth

Township supervisor. Werth formally withdrew his candidacy on May 8, said township Clerk John Werth Joe Bridgman. He had filed petition signa-

tures to run as a Republican more than a month ago.

In an e-mail obtained by the Plymouth Observer, Werth cited concern that his candidacy would violate the federal Hatch Act, which prohibits unelected state and municipal employees who oversee federal monies from running for office.

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An attorney from the U.S. Office of Special Counsel told him "the potential violation stems from my duties in connection with federally funded activities in overtime programs and my supervision of officers who are paid with federal grants," wrote Werth, who began his career with Northville Township in 1985 as a police officer.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said Werth's candidacy would have put Northville Township at risk of having to return recent federal grant monies. "Unless he wants to resign or retire," he cannot run for partisan office, Reaume said.

Complaint at ready

But Reaume said he had not been planning to file a Hatch Act complaint against Werth. Treasurer Ron Edwards, however, said he was ready to file such a complaint.

Werth's e-mail said he looked into a potential Hatch Act violation after being asked about it by the Observer, which had been made aware of the issue by Edwards.

"The fact that anyone would approach the media first with information relating to the

Hatch Act is highly suggestive of reprisal and retaliation," Werth wrote.

"It is certainly not in my practice to skirt the law and operate in a questionable area," he added three paragraphs lat-

Edwards responded by saying he spoke with Werth about the Hatch Act in December.

"I informed him five months ago about the Hatch Act and he said it didn't apply to him. There's no retaliation," Edwards said. "The Hatch Act has been known for years. It's all over the newspapers."

Edwards and Werth have clashed in recent months over the management of the Plymouth Community Fire Department, from which six firefighters were laid off in March.

In a conversation last month, Werth said he was confident his candidacy did not violate the

Hatch Act. "I've got good counsel and am in compliance with the Hatch

Act," he said at the time. Werth's move leaves no one as yet to challenge Reaume, who is seeking a third term as supervisor. But Reaume expects a challenger will emerge.

"I think there'll be individuals running for all the seats," he said. The current terms of Reaume, Edwards, Bridgman and the township's four parttime trustees expire on Tuesday, Nov. 20.

Trial in hit-and-run fatality set for June 5

By Lonnie Huhman Correspondent

The trial for a South Lyon man charged in the fatal hit-and-run accident in downtown Northville will begin on June 5, Northville city police Detective Mat-

thew Clemence said. The Wayne County prosecutor has charged Kevin Alexander with failure to stop at the scene of an accident resulting in serious impairment or death for the incident that occurred this past December. He will be tried by a jury at the 3rd District Court in Detroit.

Clemence said the charge has a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a

\$5,000 fine. Alexander allegedly hit 25-year-old Joshua Green of West Bloomfield with his vehicle while driving on Griswold Street. Green's friends had witnessed the incident and did get a

description of the vehicle.

According to the Northville city police department, on January 20, Alexander, along with his attorney, turned himself into the police station. Clemence said Alexander realized the day after the 1 a.m. accident what had happened after hearing about it in the news.

The department said Alexander had been forthright and cooperative with the investigation and voluntarily surrendered the suspect vehicle. He had been keeping it in his garage since the incident, police

According to the police report, that late night Green and two other friends were walking along Griswold Street toward downtown Northville to visit Brick's, a local bar. Reportedly, Green had been drinking and was engaged in an argument

with one of his friends when he unexpectedly stepped out into the street from the sidewalk and was struck by a car heading south on Griswold.

Alexander supposedly did not stop even though one of Green's friends chased after his vehicle on foot. Green later succumbed to his injuries while at Botsford Hospital.

The report stated Alexander explained that he had been at Brick's Bar with a friend when the friend became ill due to overindulgence. He drove his friend home and was returning back toward downtown when he said his car was struck by an object on Griswold.

Alexander alleges that he thought the persons on the sidewalk had thrown something at his vehicle and therefore he did not want to stop, according to police.

NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Drunken Driving

A 25-year-old Northville woman was arrested for drunken driving after she knocked down two light poles with her

On May 1, Northville Township police responded to the 20000 block of N. Northville Place Drive on a call that a SUV was driving through the grass and knocking over poles at the apartment complex. When police arrived they found the suspect vehicle had been damaged and there were tire tracks in the grass as well as two light poles down.

Upon making contact with the driver, the police reported smelling intoxicants and the driver appeared to be confused. She said she had come from the bar and had two drinks. And added that she swerved from an animal, but could not remember what it was.

After having trouble with the field sobriety tests, a preliminary breathalyzer test was given and it registered a .187 percent BAC.

Catalytic Converter Stolen

A Kohl's store employee reported to police that the catalytic converter on

her car had been stolen while it was parked at the store on Haggerty Road.

The larceny victim said she parked her Chevrolet Malibu in the employee lot and came back to it later, but it would not start. She had it taken to Firestone and they told her it was miss-

The security camera did not catch the theft because it was fixed on anoth-

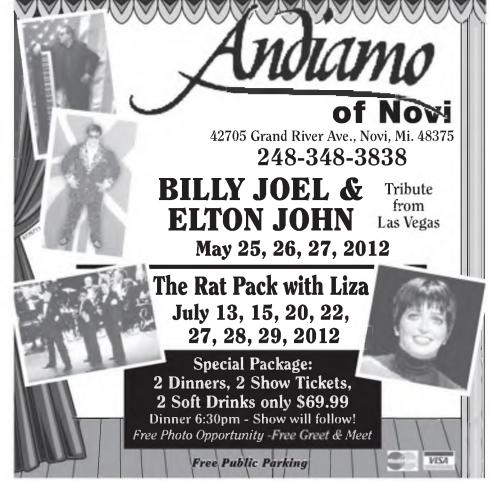
Felony Arrest

A 23-year-old Detroit man was arrested on a felony warrant after Northville Township police pulled over the car he was riding in for not having its headlights on.

On May 1, police were patrolling at the intersection of Haggerty and 7 Mile roads when they observed the car and pulled it over. There were two occupants and it was the criminal check of the passenger that revealed he had warrants for home invasion, marijuana possession and failure to appear.

He was arrested and later turned over to Detroit Police.

Compiled by correspondent Lonnie Huhman





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EXPO

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The first 100 guests through the door at 9 a.m. will receive a movie pass for two to any Emagine Theatre and a Buddy's cheese pizza voucher. In addition, prizes, gas cards and gift cards (to area merchants including Meijer, Kohl's and Target) will be awarded every

Stop at the *O&E/HTW* exhibit at the Expo and find out how to win tickets to upcoming summer concerts.

Featured speakers

Presentations cover a wide range of topics from health to wealth.

Dr. Aziza Askari, the founder and doctor of dental medicine at Comfort Dental Spa in Farmington Hills (the exclusive gold level sponsor for this year's Senior Expo),



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Pat Schmidt and her father-in-law Tom Schmidt check out what the Senior Expo has to offer during last year's expo.

will present "Oral Health is Overall Health."

Dental health affects the overall health of one's body and Comfort Dental Spa specializes in treating clients (with a range of services) in a relaxed, environment

Dr. Askari will be offering free consultations and recommendations for improving oral health. Free professional neck and shoulder massages will contribute to the relaxing atmosphere.

Guests attending the Comfort Dental Spa program presentation will

receive a gift bag (while supplies last) valued at

Returning to this year's event is Rick Bloom. Observer & Eccentric Newspapers guest columnist and frequent metro Detroit radio and television guest, who will discuss "Long-Term Retirement Planning: How to Ensure Your Finances Will Last 30 Years into Retirement."

Baby boomers turning 65 this year are invited to come and learn about Medicare and Social Security. Learn about longterm care insurance and how to assess the quality of home care services. Find out how to get a good night sleep at any age, check out home improvement exhibits and have some fun with chair yoga and zumba demonstra-

See the special section inside today's edition for a schedule of programs and events for the upcoming expo.

Relax and take advantage of our special Senior Expo Red Trolley Service scheduled at the following locations: Westland

Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh Road; South Lvon Senior Center, 1000 N. Lafayette, and Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road.

Call Choya Jordan at (313) 222-2412 or email her at cbjordan@ hometownlife.com by noon Monday, May 21 to reserve a seat.

Exhibitors

Plan to visit the following exhibitors: **Abbey** Park at Mill River; Affordable HomeCare; AFS Weaith Management, LLC; Angeia Hospice; **Area Agency on Aging 1-**B; Atias Home Improvement; Office of the Michigan Attorney Generai; **Bath Fitters; Bioom Asset** Management, Inc.; Biue **Cross Biue Shieid of Mich**igan; Bouchey & Moore Associates, LLC; Ciena Heaithcare; Comfort Dentai Spa; Continentai Management; CSI Support & **Development Services; Detroit Media Partner**ship; and Ear Center Audioiogy.

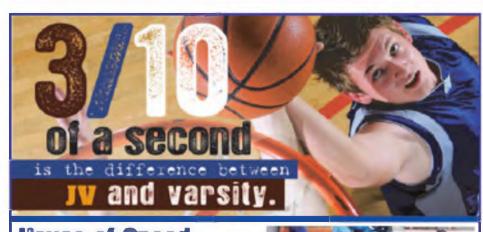
Also at the expo will be Community Dentai Associates: Fiuke Hearing Instruments; Fox Run; Gaggos Law Firm, PC; Garden City Hospitai; Goiden Home Heaith Care. Inc.: **Granite Transformations:** Isagenix; Heaithquest; **Heartiand Heaith Care** Centers; HearUSA; Henry Ford Heaith System Center for Integrative Medicine; Humana; Huron-Ciinton Metroparks; Independence Viiiage of Piymouth; Keystone Home Improvement, Inc.; Kings Miii Cooperative: Law Office of David C. Bruneil: The Care Pian Attorney; Managed Rehab; Managed Rehabilitation Consuitants, Inc.; Manoogian **Manor Assisted Living for** Seniors; and Marycrest

Manor. Other exhibitors include Marycrest Heights; Mediiodge; Nexcare Heaith Systems; the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Hometown Weeklies; Priority Heaith; Richmond Financial, LLC; Retired and **Senior Voiunteer Pro**gram-Cathoiic Sociai Services of Wayne County; Schooicraft Coilege; Senior Heipers; Sharing Hearts; SMART; St. Mary Mercy Hospitai; Sunrise Medicai Equipment, Inc.; The Heritage Southfield; Brookdale Senior Living; The Recovery Project; Physicai Therapy; The Senior Aiiiance; The Senior Aiiiance AAA 1-C; Troy Advisors Inc.; **University of Michigan Heaith System; My Home** & Office Medicai Interior Design: Unique Refinishers, Inc.; Viiiage of Redford; Westiand Nursing & Rehabilitation Centre; and Woodhaven Retirement Community.

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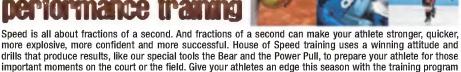
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More than 500 patrons took it to heart to help raise over \$1.1 million at the Detroit Heart Ball's 25th Anniversary black-tie gala. Held at the MGM Grand Hotel, the benefit supported the American Heart Association. General Motors has been on board as the Presenting Sponsor for all 25 years of the fundraiser. Shown are Northville residents Pete and Paula Jones.

Wish You Were Here

NEIGHBORS



The Brown family, of Northville, on their first family trip to Maui: (I to r) Matt, Justin, Alina and Jaime.

Wish You Were Here



The Antone, Crampton, Langan and Withey children are shown on vacation in Destin, Fla.

Wish You Were Here



Eric and his father Peter Maise (Northville) rode the New York City Five Boro Tour with 32,000 fellow cyclists on May 6. This 42-mile event starts in Battery Park in downtown, goes north through SoHo and Central Park, into the Bronx, cuts across to Queens, down to Brooklyn, over the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge to Staten Island and finally a ferry ride back to Manhattan. This was the 2012 installment of the annual father and son cycling trip. Previous events include the MS charity century ride in western Michigan and mountain biking throughout Utah, New Mexico and Colorado.

ENGAGEMENT

Christopher & McLean

Gary and Mary Christopher, of Northville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Renee Alison Christopher, to David Scott McLean, son of Jerry and Joy McLean, of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a University of Michigan graduate and a master's student at Wayne State University. She is an emergency room nurse at Oakwood Hospital.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Henry Ford Community College and a fireman for the City of Dearborn.



David McLean and Renee Christopher

A Sept. 7, 2013, wedding in Nassau, Bahamas is planned.

NORTHVILLE NEWSMAKERS

Airport Ambassadors receive presidential awards

Travelers Aid Society of Metropolitan Detroit and Wayne County Airport Authority earlier this year presented 49 Airport Ambassador Volunteers at Detroit Metropolitan Airport with the President's Volunteer Service Award.

The award is issued on behalf of the president of the United States as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer ser-

vice. "The Airport Authority is tremendously grateful to all of our Airport Ambassador Volunteers for their tireless service to our community through the vital role they play welcoming more than 32 million passengers and countless other airport users who pass through our international gateway," said WCAA Interim CEO Tom Naughton. "Their selfless dedication contributes to the strong sense of community we're proud to have both at the Airport and throughout Metro Detroit."

Identifiable by their distinctive red vests, DTW Airport Ambassador Volunteers can be found throughout the Airport, providing information to assist travelers along their journey to, from or through Metro Detroit. In 2011, 89 DTW Airport Ambassador Volunteers preformed 12,364 hours of service inside the airport terminals, providing a wide variety of services and information ranging from a point in the right direction to connecting stranded and separated travelers with their companions.

Each honoree was presented with a pin corresponding to their level of service attained in 2011, along with a certificate and letter of appreciation from President Barack Obama, at a special awards ban-

Among local residents receiving the Airport Ambassador Volunteer 2011 Presidential Volunteer Service Award and the hours they worked were:

Gold Level - Ben Miller of Northville, 354.25 hours; Tom Beyersdorf of Northville, 291.50 hours and Wes Henrikson of Northville, 263.75 hours.

Bronze Level - Judy Beyersdorf of Northville, 122 hours.

Botsford nurse recognized for halting would-be impersonator

Christine Thompson, RN, education

coordinator for the Emergency & Trauma Center (ER) at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, has been selected as a recipient of a Botsford Hospital 2012 Safety Excellence Award. The award recognizes employees' contributions to the

Thompson, a resident of Redford Township, was recognized for due diligence in halting the progress of someone trying

to gain clinical access to the hospital. The incident occurred last July, during an orientation class for new employees of Botsford's ER. The person showed up without an identification badge, which violates hospital policy. Thompson, who was coordinating the class, personally escorted

hospital's safety initiatives.



Christine **Thompson**

this would-be "employee" to Botsford's Human Resources Department to obtain a badge. The person had not been hired and was trying to gain access to the clinical setting at Botsford.

Thompson's insistence on following the hospital's policies and procedures for employee identification directly helped to avert a potential security breach. Her efforts illustrate the importance of proper identification for all hospital employ-

Sripada appointed at Beaumont

Subra Sripada, of Northville, has

been named executive vice president and chief administrative and information officer, Beaumont Health System. Sripada's areas of responsibility include Information Technology; Strategic Planning and Business Development; Marketing and Public Affairs; Corporate Planning and the Project

Management Office.



Subra Sripada

He joined Beaumont in 2008 from the consulting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers. He has worked in various industry and consulting positions in the U.S. and abroad. He received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Osmania University in India and his master's in industrial and systems engineering from Kansas State University.

ENGAGEMENT

Dalzlel & Poulos

Alexandria Dalziel and Gregory Poulos, both of Northville, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of James and Michelle Sica, of Grosse Pointe, and Randy and Laurie Dalziel, of Livonia. She attended Milford High School and Wayne State University.

The groom-elect is the son of William and Karen Poulos, of Northville. He attended Northville High School and Western Michigan University. He is the founder of Profits Run, Inc. a financial education company.

A June 2, 2012, wedding at The Royal Park Hotel in Rochester, Mich. is planned followed by honeymoon in Greece, Italy and France. The couple will then live in Northville.

The bride's attendants will include her sisters, Jessica Dalziel and Maria Sica, and friends Sarah Amato and Carrie Sieffert.

The groom's attendants will include his brothers, Robert and Mike Poulos, and friends Dan Hol-



Gregory Poulos and Alexandria Dalziel

stein and Jeff Mueller.

Flower girls will be Isabella Duzan and Sarah Poulos. Ring bearers will be Will and Finn Duzan and Ryan Poulos. Ushers will be friend Marshall Hong and cousin Eric Borsos. The officiant will be cousin Mark Borsos.

BIRTH

Landen Gary Lopez

Ron and Stephanie Lopez of New Hudson are proud to announce the birth of their son, Landen Gary Lopez, on April 3 at Huron Valley Sinai. Proud grandparents are Ron and Lao Lopez of South Lyon, and Gary and Nancy Cash of South Lyon. Great-grandparents are Ernestine Lopez of Taylor, Elaine Cash of New Hudson, and JoAnne Gearns of South Lyon.



TECH

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cation and public have been presented with the report that includes the district's overall needs and survey results. The surveys were given to students, staff and parents. Nearly 500 households and half the staff responded.

One detail indicated 28 percent of elementary-aged students in Northville use a cellular phone. And opinion on a "bring/buy your own technology approach" was split 50-50.

According to tech consultant Wright & Hunter, the majority of respondents were in agreement that updates are needed, but paying for them will be a challenge.

Scott Brune, Wright & Hunter, said schools try to get the most out of their computing capabilities and equipment because paying to replace them is a challenge. However, he said the world is constantly changing and today's children have become "digital natives" who expect their educational environment to be cutting edge.

In the near term, around 70 percent of the nearly 2,000 desktop computers districtwide will need to be replaced because of age. The cost for new computers could be well over \$1 million. In addition, the aging 636 laptops will also need to be replaced at a cost that could be around \$500,000.

Another immediate need is the telephone system used in the district. Brune said it has served the district well, but it is aging and will need to be updated in the coming years.

According to the assessment, if all of the district's technology was updated from security equipment to classroom whiteboards, the total would be nearly \$15 million. Brune said, however, this was the "kitchen sink perspective." But, by understanding the financial situation of the district, things would be replaced by priority and when funding becomes

The Board of Education said setting priorities will be important. Board Secretary Jim Mazurek said this is a "big pill to swallow" — but considering the changing tech environment, it will have to be addressed by engaging the community.

After considering the current situation, board President Dottie Garrity thanked the district's tech department for the work it has done to keep the schools running so well. But the challenge for the district now will be finding the funds. The coming elections may have a proposal put before the voters as a way to do this.

President responds



During a persuasive writing lesson, Orchard Hills Elementary students in first grade wrote a letter to President Obama asking for him to make the world fair. As each day passed, children would ask, "Did President Obama write back yet?" Finally, on the April 13, it happened with a return address that read The White House. The letter showed students that persuasive writing works. Prior to President Obama's letter, the students received a response from NFL quarterback Tom Brady. One of the students wrote a letter asking him to play harder and try to win the Super Bowl.









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bic, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Punjabi, Hindi, Urdu and German.

Rojas said out of that total, 20 percent (or 230 students) are actively involved in the ESL program and receive additional support from him and other staff.

This diversity can present a challenge for teachers, but one big way Northville succeeds is through a coordination of services, specifically its use of the Sheltered Instruction Observational Protocol. This helps teachers look at students through a language filter and adjust their instruction so that when a student enters the classroom he or she can be

It's used at the classroom level by teachers as a means for making gradelevel academic content more accessible for English learners, while also promoting their language development, Rojas said. While teachers think about a lesson, they consider each detail - including the tasks, language, words, grammar and strategies — that would be used in successfully completing it.

SIOP was introduced during summer 2010, and at the time a group of teachers was trained on how the model is used. They in turn trained other staff, and right now there are around 50 teachers trained on SIOP, as well as administrators from every school.

Because of this growth, NPS has been able to qualify for an immigrant grant, which has allowed two paraprofessionals to be hired to give extra support to the students and staff. Rojas said it has been very helpful.

Rojas said the annual measureable achievement objectives are measured by using Michigan's English Language Proficiency Assessment given every spring. Reading, writing, speaking and listening skills are assessed.

In 2009, 82 percent of ELL program students scored proficient in this assessment; the target was 75 percent. This rose another 6 percent the follow-

AMAO 2 measures how many students achieve proficiency in the first assessment, along with other district criteria, and are able to exit the program. In 2010-11, 47 percent met these measures. The target was 11 percent.

Connection project hits a setback

By Lonnie Huhman Correspondent

The Comerica Community Connection project has hit a snag after an incident occurred that caused some structural damage to the south facade of the building on Main Street.

DDA director Lori Ward said two weeks ago a store front beam had shifted at the location during work. She said the beam carried the whole weight of

the store front. The plan was to insert

another column near it to take on some of the weight.

However, when workers went in to do some demolition to the store front, the existing beam was compromised. It shifted to the west end and it has shifted the upper floor. Ward said this was an unforeseen situation and Northville will be responsible for its fix.

She did say the situation has been secured and stabilized, so it is now safe. However, the incident has set back the

overall project timeline by at least three weeks.

The solution is not exactly apparent at this point, but the hope is that a complete teardown and rebuild of the façade will not be required. Saving the facade and shoring it up is the desired outcome.

"We are working toward a solution," Ward told the DDA board at their last

the DDA approved an amendment to the contract with Cooper Design to also have the firm design the rear plaza of the walkway. This work would be done in conjunction with the resurfacing of the Marquis Theater parking lot, which is expected to begin in June. The DDA approved amending the contract to be an hourly agreement not to exceed

The parking lot work is expected to cost \$60,000 and is being coordinated by Jim Gallogly, director of public works for the City of Northville.

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SIX MILE

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not just Haggerty to 6 Mile that's congested. "Sheldon may need to be three lanes eventually," she said.

Trustee Marv Gans said, "We don't want five lanes on 7 (Mile) either."

Trustee Marjorie Banner said the Scott prison site at 5 Mile and Beck "should be a primary focus of Wayne County."

Trustee Christopher Roosen said the problems with traffic on 6 Mile are commuter-related. "That area is built out," Roosen said of the project area. "It's purely residential traffic."

He cited roundabouts as a possibility, although treasurer Richard Henningsen said some older drivers "try to avoid them at all costs."

Casari will discuss with county representatives the issues raised.

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RUE,

JAMES KENNETH

A resident of Milford for 60

years, passed away in the care of

his family on Tuesday, May 8,

2012. He was 68 years old. He is

survived by his beloved wife of

44 years, Beverly; dear sons, J.

Parrish Rue and Theodore "Ty"

Rue; brother, William Rue; sis-

ters, Charlene Cline, Marchita

Owen, Michelle Tabata; step-

mother, Lois Rue as well as many

dear nieces, nephews, friends and

extended family. A Memorial Service will be held at Lynch &

Sons Funeral Directors, 404 E.

Liberty on Wednesday, May 23 at

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STANLAKE,

EDWARD JAMES

age of 84. He was preceded in

death by his wife Jacqueline

"Jackie" in 2002, and is survived

by his son, Dennis Harris; daugh-

ter, Vicki (B.J.) Smith; grandchil-

dren, Jayme, Angela, and Christina Smith, great grand-daughter, RaeNelle Smith, dear

friend, Bernice Lawrence and

many other dear friends, including

his Chihuahua, Amigo. Ed served on the USS Tilefish submarine

A long time resident of Milford, died at his home

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BOWMAN, GARY W.

Age 60, passed away May 9, 2012. He was born on October 3, 1951, in Ontario, Canada, to the late Royce "Allan" and Cecile (Anthony) Bowman. On July 4, 1996, he married Starla Rhodes He was formerly of Detroit and Canada, prior to moving to South Lyon. He worked for 22 years for Ford Motor Company at the Wayne Assembly Plant. Gary is survived by his wife Starla Bowman; children: Christopher Rhodes, Dale Anderson; one grandchild Justin Christopher Rhodes; one brother Ron (Laurie) Bowman, nephew Gage Bowman and many cousins. Visitation will be held on May 12, Saturday, from 2-9 p.m. A Funeral service will be held on May 14, Monday, at 12:00 P.M. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Livingston County, 2464 Dorr Rd., Howell,

MI 48843. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

COLE, DONALD E. Age 87, passed away May 7, 2012. He was on October 12, born 1924, in Detroit, son of the late George and Sylvia Cole. Don was a WWII Army veteran, serving during the Battle of the Bulge. He retired in 1982 as a bus driver for the City of Detroit. Don was very active with the Golden K Kiwanis, was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and was a past commander of the American Legion- Stitt Post in Dearborn Heights. Don was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was a proud and dedicated employee at Phillips Funeral Home for many years. He enjoyed bowling and golfing in his retirement years. Don was a devoted fan of his grandchildren's sporting events. He is survived by his daughters: Donna Griffon and Cathy Cole; his grandchildren: Sara, Kevin (Danielle) and Brian; his great grandchildren: Robert and Riley. He is also survived by his brother Ralph Cole. Don was preceded in death by his wife Shirley in 2010, his son-in-law Robert Griffon in 2005 and his siblings: George, Jack and Audrey Graham. Visitation was held on Thursday, May 10, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, May 11, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Don was laid to rest

DeLAUDER, Mildred M.

in Great Lakes National

Cemetery where military honors

were rendered. Online Guestbook

at www.phillipsfuneral.com

Age 99, Big Rapids, formerly of Northville, passed Funeral service held 5/2/12, Casterline Funeral Home, Northville www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

GEISE, ANN T.

Age 96, passed away May 11, 2012. Private family service was held. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

GRESEHOVER, **MARTIN "BARNEY"**

Died May 9, 2012. Memorial service pending. For more details contact Karl at 916-837-8382

KING, MARY E.

Age 61, of Royal Oak, died 5/06/12. Service Thurs., 5/17/12, service 2:30pm at Casterline Funeral Home of South Lyon.

MACH, ARVEDA P.

Age 91, of South Lyon, previously of Northville, passed 5/12/12. Services were held 5/16/2012. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

MERUCCI, FILIPPA

Age 93, passed May 11, 2012. Funeral mass was held May 15 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

ROSS, MARCELINE E.

Age 82, passed away May 8, 2012. She was born on December 9, 1929, in Detroit, daughter of the late Berdine and Evelyn Jones. She was an educator with the Redford Union School District for 30+ years. Marceline was known for her strong faith. She was a dedicated and active member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) churches where she sang in the choir for many years. She was a talented artist and enjoyed writing poetry. Marceline had a strong interest in her family lineage and enjoyed genealogy research. She is survived by her children: Carol (Jonathan) Glick, Evelyn (Barry) Elizabeth (Nelson) Price. Stevenson; seven grandchildren: Daniel, Steven, Katie, Christina, Beth, Kim and Rick. She is also survived by eight great-grandchildren and two brothers: Paul Jones and Donald Jones and her nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Clifford in 2002, her son Thomas in 1959. her daughter Marceline in 1964 and her brother Roy Jones. Visitation was held on Thursday, May 10, from 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral service was held on Friday, May 11, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran (WELS).

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with the U.S. Navy from 1946-48, and worked with Ford Motor Company for over thirty years. A Funeral Service and Military Honors will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Monday, May 14, at 2PM. Friends may visit on Monday from 12 Noon until time of service. Cremation will follow. Interment Potterville Cemetery, Benton Michigan. Memorials may be made in his name to Milford American Legion Post 216. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com May

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Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends

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Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@ gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Church Events/Northville-Novi, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 6 Mile Road, North-

Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Location: 34567 7 Mile Road,

Contact: (248) 442-8822

FAITH COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org

Book of Reveiation Study Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Wednesdays Details: Come and learn what John

is writing about, what the symbolism means, and how this book still speaks to us today.

Faith Journeys

Date: Third Sundays

Details: Following worship and fellowship, someone will share how they have experienced God in their life and the difference that has

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

Location: 217 N. Wing

Contact: (248) 348-1020 **Sunday Worship:** 10:45 a.m. and

5:45 p.m. Sunday Schooi: 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Bibie Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays

Men's Bibie Study: 9 a.m. first

Saturday of every month

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY INTEGRATED CHURCH

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbap-

tistchurchofnovi.org

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m.

Bibie Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of 8 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org

Sunday Scheduie: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service

Wednesday Scheduie: 5:30 p.m.

Novi

Family Meal, \$5 per person, \$15 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast

Thursday Scheduie: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group

Have a New Kid by Friday!

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays through May 23

Details: A new parenting series by Dr. Kevin Leman. Join for dinner between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. (\$5 per person), followed by the series at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

Location: 200 F. Main Street Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit

firstpresnville.org **Sunday Worship**

Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.

Single Place

Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Thursday **Details:** Single Place is a social organization for singles 40 and up

that meets at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Thursday meetings feature speakers, games, or entertainment followed with an ice cream social.

Your Invitation to

Brighton

LORD of LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

120 Bishop St., Highland
off Milford Rd., 2-7/8 miles N of M-59
• Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
• Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
• Bible Study Wed, 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Danny Milutin
889-7253 or 887-4566

HIGHLAND UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH 680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357 248.887.1311 • www.myhumc.com Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m Kids Church 8:45 & 10:30 a.m. Youth Night - Wed. 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.

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lus Young Adults, Recovery, Divorce 4 Kids, Grief & mor

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saint Andrews Episcopal Church 16360 Hubbard Road - Livonia South of Six Mile Road Adult Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m. Childrens Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Or. James N. McGuire . Nursery Pr

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Northville

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www.tpcnorthville.org 200 E. MAIN ST. AT HUTTON Worship/Church School 9/30/8/11:00 248-349-0911

Destiny Worship Center www.dw3c.org

Saturdays @ 6 pm Meeting at Ridge Wood Elementary. 49775 Six Mile Road

Milford

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH Preschool, Pre-K & Kdg. - Mo. Syno 620 General Motors Rd., Milford

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BAPTIST CHURCH 11166 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Miltord, MI 48380 248-887-1218 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Bible Ministries 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday All Ages: 7:00 p.m.

MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN

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56730 Grand River Avenue • New Hudson MI 48165 (248) 437-6212 • Gerald S. Hunter, Pastor Sunday School & Bible Class -9:30 a.m. Worship-10:30 a.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST **CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**

(248) 349-1144 777 West & Mile Road • (& Mile and Taft Road) tip Times: September - May 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Memoria Day - Labor Day 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. www.fumcnorthville.org

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Our Saylor Apostolic Lutheran Churc 54899 8 Mile Rd. at Currie Rd. Northville, Ml. 48167 Pastor Andy Whitten Phone 248-374-2268

Sunday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 AM day Service and Children's Church at 11:00 Bible Study Thursday at 7:00 PM

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46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374 2 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Reverend George Charnley, Pastor Parish Office: 347-7778

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44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, 248-349-2345 1/2 mile west of Novi Rd. www.faithcommunity-novl.org WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM "Children, Youth and Adult Ministrie

MEADOWBROOK

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile 248-348-7757 • www.mbccc.org Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister

OAK POINTE CHURCH

50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi Saturday Worship 5:15 pm., Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Casual, contemporary service Phone (248) 912-0043

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(Missouri Synod) Pastor Terry Nelson 437-8810 • 486-4335 Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile Worship: 10 a.m.; Sunday Schooi: 10 a.m.;

Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.

Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church 22200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon Bounded Mile Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Refuel Wednesday at 6:00 p.m Youth at 6:30 p.m. Rev. David Brown, Pastor 8-437-2222 • www.tellowshipepc.co

The Church of Christ 21860 Pontiac Trail . South Lyon, MI 48178 248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncoc.org 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship sday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m

Rob Callicott, Pastor

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

10774 Nine Mile Road Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

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Worship 10:00 a.m. 248-437-2875 • 205 E. Lake (10 Mile) Michael Horlocker, Supply Pastor

Shepherd's Way Lutheran Church, ELCA 304 N. Lafayette Street South Lyon MI 48178 Sunday Worship 9:10 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Rev. Bart Muller, Pastor

248-486-4404

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OUR VIEWS

Wait for MPSC report

Smart meters should be studied first

Before DTE begins installing "smart meters" on homes in Northville, the utility company needs to demonstrate that there will be a net economic benefit to customers, and those same folks must be allowed to opt out of the installation without being hit with unwarranted and excessive costs. That's according to Bill Schuette, our state attorney general.

This new technology is being used by utilities nationwide, including DTE and Consumers Energy, to replace electric meters with smart (or advanced) meters that use radio waves to allow for a remote reading. But if eliminating the need for a manual reading saves DTE money, why would a customer have to pay more for a smart meter? Shouldn't our rates go down?

When the Michigan Public Service Commission initially approved a \$37 million rate increase for DTE's pilot program, the Association of Businesses Advocating Tariff Equity (ABATE) said there wasn't enough hard evidence to support it. The Michigan Court of Appeals agreed and in April ordered the MPSC to conduct a hearing on the program's benefits, usefulness and potential burdens.

Although neighboring areas have been getting smart meters, let's hope we don't see any in Northville until at least the results of the MPSC's report on June 29 are revealed.

Distracted driving has potentially fatal consequences

Recently, a man involved in a head-on collision told Oakland County Sheriffs that he crossed the phone.

Thankfully, there were no fatalities. But a 34year-old Novi woman was not as lucky on April 3. She died after crossing the line and being hit head-on by a pickup truck while she was driving on Pontiac Trail between West Park Drive and Beck Road.

It only takes a split second to be distracted when driving, but the consequences can be tragic. Cell phones in particular are becoming more and more dangerous as drivers foolishly try to stay connected with friends, work or the world as a whole -24/7. Whether phone calls, text messages or Facebook are your primary form of communication, all can be done on smartphones smaller than your hand. They're fun gadgets, indeed, but can turn deadly when used by someone driving down the road.

According to a study by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, motorists who engage in texting while driving are 23 times more likely to be involved in an accident, or near-crash event, than those who are not distracted.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that one in five injury crashes in the United States involved distracted

It's amazing that anyone would risk their lives — and others — to talk through a phone. Alarmist? Not if you think about it. Just consider that your car can move the length of a football field in the four seconds it takes to look down and read that most recent incoming text.

Plus, it's illegal to text or e-mail while driving in Michigan. That law took effect almost two years ago, yet people continue to do so.

A ticket shouldn't be the main motivator here, though. Think about the family you would leave behind if you were killed in an accident, and ask yourself if the few minutes of time you save using your cell phone, putting on your mascara or eating in the car are worth it.

If you're driving, and you must use the phone for any purpose, the easiest solution is to pull over before using it. If there are passengers in the car, let them use the phone.

Just remember, keep your eyes on the road and your hands on the wheel.

Cal Stone, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor

Grace Perry, Director of Advertising

COMMUNITY VOICE

What has been your best "find"?

(asked at the Knightsbridge Antique Mall).



"A Betty Boop ashtray. It was a few years ago. I've been collecting for over 30 years."

Pauia Nagy Westland



"We got a Heywood-Wakefield desk with a matching chair from the 1950s —Mid-Century Modern — at an estate sale in Redford." Darr Babcock (booth

Northville Township

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"My favorite piece that still makes me jump for joy is a Mexican bracelet — a design which is unlike anything I've ever seen before. I would think it's from the 1940s."

Kim Akey



"I'm actually hoping that my best find is today's - an engagement ring."

Daniel Terhune

LETTERS

What a night for **Northville**

The Northville TURF CLUB and the Northville Educational Foundation (NEF) would like to thank the 471 supporters that attended our fundraising event, A Night for Northville, on April 28. Especially deserving of our gratitude are the fabulous Northville residents and businesses that supported our cause by purchasing tickets, bidding on silent auction items and donating or greatly discounting their goods and services for the event. In all, over \$40,000 was raised in just one evening!

A huge thank you to Phil Martinez and his team at Northville Sports Den who managed the event's food, drink, security and entertainment; to Margene & Bob Buckhave of Northville Square who donated the event space; to The Randy Brock Group who rocked the event and donated the entertainment; and to Dave Moore who created and chaired the event, sold the most tickets and truly "made it happen."

Our thanks to Bricks, Genitti's, Poole's Tavern, Hudsonville Creamery & Ice Cream Company, Julie & David Cole/Great Harvest Northville, Coca-Cola, Begonia Brothers, Pizza Cutter, West Side Beer Distributing, Fred's Ice Cream, GRBS Cleaning Service, and Jennie Patterson/Sites Built

Over \$4,000 was raised from our silent auctions which were made possible by Donna Mc-Donald, Sue Baldwin, Take 2 Authentics and Russ Gregory. Volunteers at the event included Karen Sourges, Scott Baldwin, Jim Sourges, Maureen Owens, Julia Moore and Kyle Zwarych.

Finally, thank you to the hardworking TURF CLUB consortium (Sue Baldwin, Kim Cooke, Jim Cracraft, Dottie Garrity, Chris Gearns, Scott Gibaratz, Russ Gregory, Randy Holloway, Jeff Hood, Keith Kwasny, Kathy Koupal, Donna MacDonald, Bryan Masi, David Moore, Jennifer Pearson, Joanne Vaghy and Pete Wright) — all of whom have dedicated countless hours, raised significant funds and are amazingly dedicated to the cause.

The NorthvIlle Educational Foundation (NEF) Executive **Board of Directors:**

Eric Barritt, president Todd Knickerbocker, vice presi-

Amy Storm, treasurer Mark Knoth, secretary

Choose Nix to lead Northville

Longtime Northville Township resident and homeowner Robert Nix is uniquely qualified to lead the township as it enters an era of substantial real estate development and redevelopment.

These projects will significantly affect the community's character, and include the township's Seven Mile Road Psychiatric Hospital Redevelopment Master plan, the

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. Letters should be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following

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University of Michigan's Health System project, the Five Mile Corridor development, and reuse of the Scott Prison and Our Lady of Providence properties.

Bob is presently chairman of the township Planning Commission, on which he has served since 2001. A real estate attorney and senior partner in the prestigious Detroit law firm Kerr, Russell and Weber, PLC, he has expertise in land use and environmental and brownfield matters. He teaches real estate law at Wayne State University's Law School, and he is currently professionally rated as one of the leading real estate lawyers in the state. He is vice president of the Schoolcraft College Development Authority, and has served as real estate counsel to several cities in the region.

I believe Bob Nix has what it takes to lead Northville Township forward during the next four years. I have known Bob Nix for many years and heartily recommend him as Northville Township's next supervisor.

Fred Shadko Northville Township

More for one in four

One in four: That's how many adults live with a diagnosable mental health condition.

Mental illness affects the lives of 60 million people in the United States each year. Many Americans either know someone suffering from a mental health disorder or they're battling the disease themselves. Mental and substance use conditions are among the most prevalent health disorders in the United States and many experts believe America is facing a mental health crisis.

May is Mental Health Month. This is a time, nationally, when advocates work to raise mental health awareness, provide community education, and implement initiatives to fight stigma. It is also a time to lobby for health insurance benefits that are more expansive and include the treatment of mental illnesses. Together, we can do more to help the one in four who live with mental health disorders.

Even though mental illnesses are medical illnesses, individuals with mental illness, unlike other diseases of the body, are faced with unique obstacles and are far less likely to seek treatment. Many not only have to overcome stigma — in school, at work, in the community, and even in their extended families — but often they encounter insurmountable financial hurdles. Unlike most other diseases, insurance reimbursement for mental health treatment is either severely capped or nonexistent, and funding for public programs is limited.

In Michigan, that is just the case. Insurance coverage is often inadequate or nonexistent for the treatment of serious menta illness. Michigan legislators should consider requiring health insurance benefits in ways that are more expansive and inclusive.

More people need access to quality and affordable treatment and services, without being stigmatized, and allowed to take advantage of the arsenal of knowledge available to identify and, in some cases, even prevent mental health conditions.

That's why I hope you will join me in observing May is Menta Health Month. Visit the Mental Health America website at www. nmha.org to join the local affiliate and advocate for people with mental illness, or the National Alliance on Mental Illness website at www.nami.org to find easyto-understand information about mental illnesses, mental health care, diagnosis, treatment and recovery.

We must spread the word: Mental illnesses are treatable and manageable, and, with proper treatment and accessible, affordable services, sufferers can go on to recover and lead full, productive lives.

Who is in your one in four?

Scott C. Mullan Northville; member of the Board of Directors of Rose Hill Center

Use millage for roads only

The front-page headline of the May 10 Novi News states "Voters to decide on road millage increase in August." The article says that road millage can also be used for sidewalks and pathways.

I have observed Novi spending a lot of money on sidewalks and pedestrian pathways while roads have deteriorated to the point that a millage increase is being requested. The only way I would approve such an increase is if the increase can only be used for roads that cars drive on for the duration of the increase. Otherwise I'll vote against it.

Donald J. Collom

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Fishing Derby 2012

Come one, come all, grab your fishing pole and tackle box and head for Waterford Bend Park in Northville on Saturday. May 19 for the 17th annual Wayne County Parks Fishing Derby. More than 800 rainbow trout will be released in the river for the angling bonanza.

A fishing license is not required for the derby. However, participants must bring their own gear. This event is co-sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth/Canton Chapter 528 and Northville Parks & Recreation Department. Donations are from Wayne Countybased Eppinger Manufacturing Co.

The schedule of activities starts with registration from 7:30-8 a.m.; fishing derby for children 12 and younger from 8-10 a.m.; presentation of prizes to children at 10:30 a.m.; and fishing for all ages from 10 a.m.-noon.

Waterford Bend Park is located at the corner of 6 Mile and Northville roads in Northville.

For more info on this or any Wayne County Parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

Rouge Rescue

Northville Township invites you to Rouge Rescue 2012 on June 2 at the Children's Fun Run at Coldwater Springs/Linear Park (Ridge Road at Arcadia Ridge between 5 and 6 Mile roads; limited parking at park; additional parking in the Arcadia Ridge subdivision).

Times will be 9 a.m. for children ages 5 and 6 years; 9:30 a.m. for children ages 7 and 8; and 10 a.m. for children ages 9

To pre-register, call (248) 348-5820. For more information, visit

Garlic mustard warriors



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Cub Scouts from Den 9, Pack 721, from Morain Elementary and Our Lady of Victory, joined the Friends of Maybury recently by pitching in to help control the invasive pest, Garlic Mustard, in Maybury Park.

www.twp.northville. com and click on Rouge

Dems to dance to Dittilies

The westside's famous show band, The Dittilies, will be featured at Spring Gala 2012, the party of the year for five Democratic clubs, from 7 p.m.midnight May 19 at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville (40941 W. 8 Mile Road).

More than 200 Democrats from five sponsoring clubs - Northville, Livonia, Plymouth, Community (Canton and environs) and West Oakland - will attend the Gala and hear Congressman Hansen Clarke speak.

Tickets are \$50 per person; patron \$75, host \$200 (includes two tickets), and student \$30. For tickets and further information, contact Northville Democratic Club, Susan Nichols, (248) 374.3992,

Snich96@aol.com.

Garden Walk set for June 16

The Gardeners of Northville and Novi (aka the No-No's) announce their 5th semi-annual garden walk from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 16 (rain or shine). The theme of this year's walk is "All Gardens Great and Small." Please, no strollers or wagons in the gardens. There will four gardens in Northville and four in Novi.

Tickets (\$10 payable by cash or check) are available at the Art House, 215 W. Cady Street in Northville (behind the post office) on the day of the walk. There will be maps, refreshments, vendors, a 50/50 raffle and rest rooms available at the Art House.

Items for sale include live plants, pottery, bird houses, fairy gardens, floral designs, stained glass,

garden rocks and more. Advance tickets are available at Garden Views, 202 W. Main Street, Northville; Dry Cleaning Shoppe, 543 7 Mile Road, Northville; Backvard Birds, 627 S. Main, Plymouth; and Wild Birds Unlimited, 47760 Grand River, Novi; as well

House. "Please join us on an extraordinary walk through Gardens Great and Small," said Audrey Murphy, this year's event chairperson. "Let the bursts of color and the fragrances of eight unique gardens take your

as at the Northville Art

breath away." Homeowners as well as garden club members will be at each site to answer questions.

Check out the website for Gardeners of Northville & Novi at www.gardenersnorthville-novi. org. They are members of the Michigan Garden Club and participate in a number of civic projects including maintaining the gardens at the Northville Art House as well as the butterfly garden at Maybury State Park.

Do the Most Good

The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) will be hosting a week-long donation drive in conjunction with the organization's seventh annual Doing the Most Good Week, May 12-20.

The community is encouraged to kick off their spring cleaning by donating gently used clothing, electronics and household items at any of the 32 thrift stores located throughout metro Detroit.

In addition to the instore donation drive, the ARC will be posting donation trucks at various locations throughout the metropolitan Detroit, including Northville.

Northville's County Club Village will host its

annual community-wide donation drive from 9:15 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 19. Every year, the community of 350 homes collects goods for the ARC. All Northville residents are welcome to partici-

All proceeds from the DMG Week donation drive benefits The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Centers Program for both men and women, which are independently funded, 180-day residential rehabilitation programs for adults.

"In today's fast-paced world, it's easy to get wrapped up in our own lives," said Merle Miller, administrator of TSA ARC. "Doing the Most Good Week reminds us how easy it is for us to make an impact on the lives of others."

Area Agency on Aging public hearing

The Area Agency on Aging 1-B (AAA 1-B) will be holding a public hearing on the 2013 Annual Implementation Plan from 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesday, May 30 at their office located at 29100 Northwestern Highway, Suite 400 in Southfield.

The AAA 1-B will also accept written comments on the Proposed FY 2013 AIP until June 1, 2012. Written comments may be sent to the AAA 1-B Southfield office, submitted at the hearing, or emailed to the AAA 1-B at alayman@aaa1b.com.

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Times/Date: 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Sunday, May 20 Location: St. James Church,

Times/Date: 2:30-8:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 22

Location: Ridgewood Elementary, Novi

Times/Date: 8 a.m.-7:45 **Location:** Providence Park

Hospital, Novi Times/Date: 10 a.m.-3:45

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Jason Banfield of Farmington Hills (left) and Matt Bartnik, a general manager for Best Buy who lives in St. Clair Shores, get their cuts from Fantastic Sams stylists Irina Snell and Rebecca Hanley, as emcee Robb Dzriewicki of Northville calls the action.

Follicle frenzy

Hair-shaving fundraiser aims to stamp out children's cancer

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

Anton Furman thinks one of the saddest sights in the world is a child with cancer.

That's why Furman, a Plymouth resident, was at the Claddagh Irish Pub in Livonia Sunday, taking part for the second straight year in the St. Baldrick's fundraiser to benefit childhood cancer research.

Organized by Eric Bacyinski, the Plymouth Township deputy clerk who has been involved with the foundation for four years, the fundraiser — for which volunteers raised pledges as they agreed to have their heads shaved raised nearly \$26,000.

"I think it's a great cause," Furman said. "Kids with cancer ... you're not going to find anything much sadder than that. That's the biggest reason I agreed to this."

In addition to the shavees, the event included a variety of raffle items, donated by The Detroit Lions, Renewal By Anderson, The Detroit Red Wings, The Livonia Chamber of Commerce, Best Buy, A&E Jewelry of Canton, The Plymouth Whalers, Ford Motor Company, Dean Sadler Hair & Makeup Studio, Bikram Yoga of Northville, Claddagh Irish Pub, Sideways, Mary Kay, Fantastic Sams of Plymouth and Jeff Glover & Associates Realtors

Dramatic Dimensions Entertainment of Garden City provided the music, while Fantastic Sams of Plymouth donated the hair styl-

But the focus was on more than 30 shavees, all of whom agreed to give up varying amounts of hair for the cause.

One of them was Abdul Shukairy of Farmington Hills.

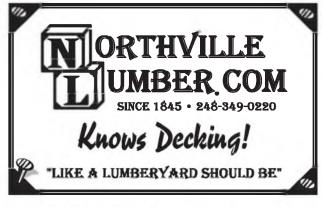
"My fraternity brother introduced me to (Bacyinski), and he talked me into it," Shukairy said. "I thought, 'What the heck? It's only hair."

That attitude helped the fundraiser more than double its original \$10,000 goal. Bacyinski said the event, which drew more than 200 people Sunday, blew past that total quickly, and then flew past the re-established \$15,000 goal. He figures to have raised some \$26,000 by the time all the donations are collected.

The totals were helped by a \$100 donation by the Plymouth Kiwanis -Evening Club, a fundraiser at downtown Plymouth's Dairy King, an early April fundraiser sponsored by the Plymouth Whalers and other events from The Penn Grill and Sun & Snow Sports of Plymouth.

"I've been extremely happy with the event's success," said Bacyinski, who has been in the event for four years and organized the last two. "By all accounts it was a huge success. I want everyone to know that none of this would be possible without the generosity of the many local businesses and donors who stepped up to help out."

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Firefighters tour hospital's new construction

A group of 11 Livonia firefighters got a preview on April 18 of St. Mary Mercy Hospital's new South Pavilion, a 154,000-square-foot building to open this fall. Bill Bofysil, project engineer at Granger Construction, took the group on a tour of the building's new Emergency Center and new private patient rooms under construction.

Contractor Granger Construction organized the tour as an opportunity for firefighters to walk through the building layout firsthand. Knowing the physical arrangement of areas such as exit routes, elevators, or security areas help firefighters plan before responding to an emergency. In early fall, the South Pavilion will undergo official fire and safety code inspections by the Livonia Fire Prevention Division.

"These opportunities allow our fire fighters to get a walk through a building during daylight and business hours so they can plan how their firefighter tactics and strategies play out in a 3 a.m. call," said Tom Kiurski, training coordinator for the Livonia Fire Department.

The South Pavilion will feature a state-of-the-art Emergency Center and 80 private patient rooms designed to promote healing of mind, body and spirit. The construction project also includes converting the 90 existing semi-private patient rooms into private rooms by 2014.

"It is a privilege to work collaboratively with Livonia's emergency responders," said David Spivey, President and CEO, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. "The new South Pavilion strengthens our commitment to serve our growing community. Friends and neighbors can look forward to the expansion of our quality care."

Fore more information about the South Pavilion construction, visit stmarymercy.org/constructionupdates



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Northville Public Schools BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month **Time:** 7:30 p.m. **Location:** Old Village School

City of Northville CITY COUNCIL

Date: First and third Monday of the month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

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Date: Third Tuesday of each month **Time:** 8 a.m.

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'Sky is falling' rhetoric harms county's economic progress

By Robert Ficano Guest Columnist

ayne County Commissioner Laura Cox has again been in the news with pointed criticism of coun-

tv operations and me. Having worked with Commissioner Cox for years on park and road projects which have benefitted communities in her district, I will



leave it for others to speculate about the motivation behind her harsh personal attacks at this point in time. However, as county executive, I cannot leave unchallenged her irresponsible characterization of key aspects of county business. I appreciate

that the Northville Record has provided this opportunity to set the record straight.

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Commissioner Cox has stated that economic development has ground to a halt and that the county is in imminent financial peril, with an emergency financial manager waiting in the wings. These reckless characterizations undermine our economic development efforts and the goodwill we have sought to foster among the business community. They also come at a time when we are working closely with the county commission and the state on plans to ensure the continued financial viability of the county in the face of unprecedented loss of revenue.

Progress achieved

Judge for yourself. In the area of economic development, Ray Byers joined the county as

economic development director about six months ago following a distinguished career with Ford Motor Company. He reports commitments of over \$346 million in new investments this year that will result in over 1,700 jobs, with additional investments on the horizon. The Detroit Region Aerotropolis development area alone has seen nearly \$100 million in commitments from three multinational corporations. This progress has been achieved through hard work and successful collaboration with local communities and other organizations including the MEDC, DEGC and Ann Arbor SPARK.

Our chief financial officer, Carla Sledge, and her team are still intact and working hard on budgetary challenges. In the most recent fiscal year, the county finished with a balanced budget and actually generated a small surplus. It is true that we continue to work to eliminate a structural deficit. For the past year the county team has proactively identified ways to eliminate the accumulated deficit. Earlier this month an aggres-

sive Deficit Elimination Plan (DEP) was presented to the county commission, and it was hailed as "creative" by some commissioners while being approved by a 14-1 vote. The sole "no" vote was cast by Laura Cox. At a sensitive time when this DEP is now before the state for approval, the "sky is falling" rhetoric of commissioner Cox undermines the combined efforts of my administration and the county commission to protect the financial health of the county.

Apart from mistakes that I have acknowledged, and the

misdeeds of a small group of selfish individuals that have been widely reported, Wayne County continues to be open for business. My executive leadership team has been bolstered by the addition of people of outstanding character and experience, who have joined other dedicated professionals who continue to stand with us. Together, we are undeterred in our efforts to move the county forward.

Despite the significant challenges of the recent past, our focus continues to be on bringing jobs to the area and effectively managing county government. We are committed to working with all interested parties who in good faith desire to make Wayne County a better place to live.

Robert Ficano is Wayne County executive. He is a Livonia resident.



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Mustang Ali Kozerski in action on May 14.

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Northville captures both conference, association titles

Squad narrowly edges Novi for KLAA championship

By Sam Eggleston

Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs tennis team made something very clear last week: No matter how good your line-up might be, they have the ability to beat you.

The squad, led by coach Sandy Woolfall, earned titles in both their Conference and Association last week. The team used an 8-1 victory over Churchill in the final conference cross-over game to earn the Kensington Conference title before playing in the KLAA Tournament and winning with 30 points — just ahead of rival Novi's 28.

"It was a long day with some very close matches," said Woolfall. "With the change in the tournament format to include the top three teams from each division, the competition was much tougher than past seasons."

Earning championships for the Mustangs were Paige Baal at No. 3 singles, Alex Jeannotte at No. 4 singles, Mackenzie Powers and Claudia Ma at No. 1 doubles, Elizabeth Sakorafis and Jordan Hermiz at No. 2 doubles and Rachel Crittenden and Ally Kozerski at No. 5 doubles.

Baal defeated Stevenson and Churchill to make it to the finals where they met up with Novi and earned a 6-0, 6-4 victory. Jeannotte



Mustang Jordan Hermiz is part of the team's No. 2 doubles.

had a similar road, defeating Brighton and Canton in the first two rounds before winning a three-set match against Novi, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

At No. 1 doubles, Powers and Ma had an outstanding day. They cruised past Walled Lake Western in the first round only to upset Novi in the second round. They then upset top-seeded Grand Blanc, 6-4, 6-3, for the title.

Blanc, 6-4, 6-3, for the title. Sakorafis and Hermiz had a great day, too, as they defeated Lakeland and Brighton in the first two rounds before upending Novi, 6-3, 6-3, for the crown. The duo has only one loss out of the 23 matches

they have played together.

The relatively new doubles team of Crittenden and Kozerski had little trouble showcasing their talent as they handily beat Plymouth in the first round before going three sets against Brighton

in the second round to earn a chance at the title. They earned their crown with a 6-2, 6-2 win over rival Novi.

"Despite the injuries and illness, I was very excited that the girls fought hard all day and we were able to hang onto the Association trophy," said Woolfall.

Northville's flights all had strong showings on the day.

Please see TENNIS, B2

Mustangs collect four more victories

Squad sweeps both South Lyon, Saline

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs baseball team set the goal of winning their division and winning the conference as their top two priorities when the season began.

With just three games left on the regular-season schedule, the Mustangs are in the driver's seat as they hold a 22-3 record overall and are undefeated in both division and conference play.

The Mustangs, coached by John Kostrzewa, added to that record last week with a doubleheader sweep of South Lyon, 5-4 and 10-0, before notching another sweep, this time over Saline, 5-0 and 2-1.

Against South Lyon, the Mustangs had to come from behind as they trailed 3-1 in the first game over three innings of play. They still trailed, 4-3, in the bottom of the seventh but came back to score two runs and secure the victory.

The runs came as Matt Satterfield took base off a single before Connor Smith hit a clutch double that scored a run to tie the game, 4-4. Northville loaded the bases after Jeff Gertley and Matt Stojkov were intentionally walked an a fielder's choice play on the following at-bat left the game tied with two outs and the bases loaded. The patience of Brandon Patrone proved to be the game winner as he watched four balls sail past him without being unnerved and earned his team the win with a walk.

"Credit South Lyon," said Kostrzewa. "They played very well, out hitting us, pitching us and they played better defense. But we came up with some timely hits and were able to pull it out in the end."

Gertley, Trevor Maresh, Smith, and Satterfield each had a hit each in the game.

The nightcap of the twinbill was a bit of a different story as the Mustangs followed the pitching of Gertley to the mercy-rule shortened victory. Gertley had a no hitter through four and two-thirds inning before giving up a lone single in the fifth to earn the shutout victory on the mound.

Northville scored four runs in the first, three in the third and one each in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

Patrone had two walks and was hit by a pitch and scored a run while Smith had a double and two runs. Satterfield added two walks and a RBI while Stojkov collected a two RBI single and had two runs scored. Maresh had a double, walked twice and scored twice while Gertley and Jack Gessert had a hit each and each

Please see BASEBALL, B2

Will the Mustangs ever get tired of winning?

Squad shuts out Churchill, sweeps South Lyon and splits with Saline

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs softball team must like things of a repetitive nature. Their season has pretty much gone like this: win, win and more win.

That's the name of the game when you compile a 20-9 overall record (8-0 in the KLAA Central Division and 11-2 in the Kensington Conference) on make a habit out of either shutting out your foes or sweeping them in a double header.

The squad, coached by Kary Couchman, earned a 3-0 shutout over a tough Livonia Churchill squad last week before sweeping South Lyon in a divisional doubleheader, 7-0 and 8-1. The team then split with Saline, winning, 3-1,

before falling in the nightcap, 10-5.

Northville 3, Churchill 0

Farning the win on the mount

Earning the win on the mound for the Mustangs was none other than Laura Pond, who threw a four-hit shutout while striking out 12 and allowing no walks in the victory.

The Mustangs began the day with a 2-0 lead in the first inning of play as Jennifer Buckingham and Meredith Williams scored for Northville. The squad added a run in the third off a sacrifice fly by Pond that scored Buckingham.

Buckingham had two hits in the game while Ellie Asher added a single and reached base three times.

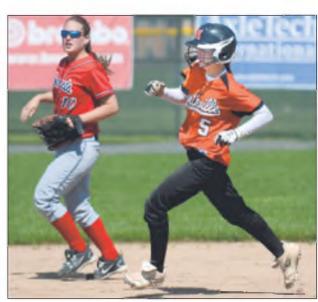
Northville 7-8, South Lyon 0-1 It was a one-sided night when the

Mustangs and Lions squared off in

a double header last Thursday. The team marked its fourth sweep of a division double header this year as they followed the lead of Pond in both games. The senior, who has committed to play ball with Oakland University next year, allowed just one hit while striking out 15 in the first game before allowing six hits and whiffing six with no earned runs in the nightcap.

In the first game, the Mustangs waited until the third inning before tallying their first points as they added four to break a 0-0 tie. Williams, who went 4-for-4 in the game, slapped a RBI double before scoring a run of her own on a hit by Micaela Petrucci. Asher slapped a hard single to right field to score two more runs.

Please see SOFTBALL, B4



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Northville Mustang Meredith Williams rounds second base and holds after advancing from a base hit by a teammate during the team's May 14 home game against Westland John Glenn.

BASEBALL

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scored once. Scott Matthews went 2-for-3 in the game with a RBI and two runs scored.

Northville 5-2, Saline 0-1

Northville used the pitching of Stojkov in the first game to secure victory as he allowed just two hits while striking out nine batters.

"It was his best performance of the year and he appears to be getting better and better each outing," said Kostrzewa.

Northville broke a 0-0 tie open in the fifth inning behind a leadoff single by Jake Hansen, followed by

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a sacrifice bunt by Satterfield and a RBI single by Smith.

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"Once again Connor stepped up and came up with a clutch hit, which he has been doing all year," the coach noted.

Northville scored four more in the seventh following Gertley being struck by a pitch, Stojkov getting walked and then three hits following a strikeout. Patrone, Maresh and Hansen each collected a hit to score runs and secure the victory.

Hansen ended up with three hits in the contest while Maresh and Smith had two each. Patrone and Brett MacDonald collected a hit each.

"It was great to see the offense come through

for Matt, because he pitched fantastic and we played great defense behind him," Kostrzewa said.

In the nightcap, Hansen, Gertley, Brad Vanhulle and Bobby Sable all shared time on the mound with Gertley earning the victory and Sable getting

Northville fell behind. 1-0, in the bottom of the second only to score two runs of their own in the fifth off a solo home run by MacDonald followed by a RBI single by Hansen that scored Patrone.

Patrone and MacDonald had two hits each.

"Saline is a very good program and the games were state tournament like, which was good for us," said Kostrzewa.

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NORTHVILLE KNIGHTS RFC

The Northville Knights earned a big win over Findlay last week to keep their hopes for a

Northville ruggers earn another win

Playoff hopes still alive for Knights

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

If there's one thing that can be said about the Northville Knights Rugby Football Club, it's that they know how to put on a good show.

Last Thursday evening, the squad, coached by Ron Cornell, kept their

playoff hopes alive with a big win over Findlay, 32-24. The victory came off of the spirited play of a surging offense that the Knights have assembled.

The key for the victory, beyond the five tries scored by the Knights, was the sure foot of Chris Davis. The rugger put up a penalty kick and two conversions to help his team stay ahead of their foes. Scoring tries for the Knights were Davis.

Andy Boyd, Hassan Ahmad, David Borthwick and Andrew Slatin. Northville's final regu-

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At No. 1 singles, Erin Doud earned a firstround win before bowing in the quarterfinals while No. 2 Danielle Romano won the first round before defaulting the second round due to ill-

"I was very excited that she stuck it out and competed in the first round to earn those two points for the team," noted Woolfall.

The No. 3 doubles team of Chloe Page and Nicole Khamis made it all the way to the finals as they defeated Plymouth and Stevenson before bowing to Novi. At No. 4 doubles, Libby Quinn and Shannon Williams put up a good fight, beating Plymouth and Grand Blanc before falling in a threeset match against Novi in the final.

Okemos Tournament

The Northville Mustangs also competed in the Okemos Tournament and took home the victory with 21 points. Okemos finished second with 19 while Lansing Catholic collected six and Allen Park two.

"The strength of the singles at Okemos was the best we've seen all season," said Woolfall. "Although we won all of the doubles matches against Okemos, the girls were really pushed at all flights and had to play some great tennis to earn those first place medals."



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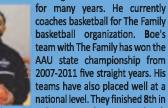
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NORTHVILLE SPORTS ROUNDUP

Mustangs golf team wins dual meet, places in two tourneys

The Northville Mustangs boys golf team collected a 143-154 win over Central Division foe south Lyon East last week.

The squad was able to play several underclassmen in the match, allowing them to get some varsity experience.

"Both sophomore Andrew Stevens and freshman Akhil Alluri played outstanding and had their score count in their very first varsity match," said Northville coach Jeff Balagna. "It was great day for the Northville golf team.'

Leading the way was Matt Evasic with a 34, while Alluri shot a competitive 35 followed by Todd Goebel and Stevens, who each shot 37. Kevin Collareno and Andrew Sarokin each carded a 39 in the match.

"I couldn't be happier for Akhil and Andrew," Balagna said. "I had no doubt in my mind that they would step up and not get nervous playing in the varsity match. They both have had great years so far playing JV and had earned the right to play in the match. Links of Novi south is little shorter, so it played into hands because we hit the ball well off the tee. It made for some easy holes for our guys."

The Mustangs also played in the Bedford Invite last week. Northville finished sixth out of a field of 22 teams with a score of 312.

Scores for Northville included Sarokin and Trevor Page each collecting a 77, Evasic shooting a 78, Goebel getting an 80 and Alec Latta carding a 82

"I was very pleased with our score, but at the same time I thought we could have been lower," the coach said. "We probably should have been closer to 305, but we couldn't find the groove with our putters today. The greens were rolling very fast and it made for a challenging day all around. I know each kid would tell you they left 3 or 4 shots on those greens.'

The Mustangs also played in the very competitive Seaholm Invite, hosted at Oakland Hills North Course. Balagna noted that the 28 schools in the tourney "quite possibly" constituted the toughest field outside of the state finals, "maybe even tougher."

Northville finished in 12th with

 $Goebel\ carded\ an\ impressive\ 73$ while Sarokin and, Page and Evasic all shot 78. Latta finished the day

"We really put it together and all five guys played really well," Balagna said. "Anytime you turn in a score under 310, you had a great day. At most tournaments, 307 would be in the top five — on this day, with this field, it was 12th. That just shows you the quality of golf in the state this year."

Varsity girls win another lacrosse game

The Northville Mustangs girls lacrosse team collected a big win



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Mustang Andrew Sarokin warms up before teeing off at Novi's Tanglewood. Northville was hosting Novi High in tournament play that day.

over Farmington to celebrate senior night last week, 12-6.

The raucous crowd celebrated the achievements of three, threeyear letter winning seniors with a pre-game ceremony. Former team captains Shaylyn Brady (2011) and Kelsey DeRidder (2011) provided highlights and insights about current senior players Bianca "Bonk" Massara, Charlotte "Forest" Peterson and Kaitlyn "Solid" Sabourin.

The pre-game celebration seemed to energize the Mustangs squad as Sheradan Jennings' hustle won control of the opening draw and the team set up on offense. That energy led to Erin Vogel setting the tone for the Mustangs as she assisted or scored on the five of the first six goals of the night.

When the smoke cleared and all was said and done, Vogel and Erica MacDonald ended the day with two goals and three assists each while Peterson had three goals. Alivia DuQuet contributed two goals in the victory while Lisa Busse scored a goal and had an assist and Hope Miller and Riley Donovan had a goal each. Tenley Mustonen and Anne Dulzo each had an assist in the winning effort.

Earning the victory in goal was Kali Maisano, who had 19 saves on the night — including 13 in the first half of play.

Northville also hosted Saline last week and fell, 17-14.

Peterson scored four goals while MacDonald added three goals and an assist in the losing effort. Mustonen had a stand-out night, scoring three goals while Donovan added two goals and Vogel and DuQuet each scored one. Picking up an assist was Ashley Hart.

Maisano stopped 21 shots. Northville's other game last week resulted in a 16-4 loss to Plymouth.

Leading the way for Northville was Donovan, who had two goals, while Vogel and Peterson had a score each. MacDonald collected two assists.

JV girls lacrosse beats **Farmington**

The Mustangs followed the lead

of Grace Guibord as she put four goals into the back of the net to lead her team to a 10-6 victory over the Falcons last week.

May Dalrymple added a goal and an assist in the victory while Cam Bui, Mina Plachta, Alyssa Alvarez, Audrey Tatge and Alex Sheremeta scored a goal each. Nicole Evangelista added an assist in the win-

Paige Chapman earned the win in goal, making nine saves to preserve the victory.

Northville also suffered two losses last week, bowing to Plymouth in a hotly contested game, 13-12, before taking a 12-3 loss against Saline.

Junior varsity tennis team wins River Rat **Invitational**

Last Saturday was a great day to be a member of the Northville Mustangs junior varsity girls tennis team. The squad won the JV Girls' River Rat Invitational held at Ann Arbor Huron, scoring 23.5 points out of a possible 27.

Other schools competing in the tournament were Ann Arbor Pioneer, Ann Arbor Huron, Cranbrook, Farmington Mercy, Holly, Port Huron Northern and Troy.

"I thought our team was good last year, winning three gold medals," recalled coach Linda Jones of the team's 2011 win of the same tourney. "This year we produced five gold medals, one bronze medal and two consolation winners. I was extremely proud of the girls on and off the courts."

Doubles teams winning gold were; Amelia Albanelli and Malika Sachdev, Aliya Khan and Alekya Vinta, Gerianna Dauber and Mira Sangvi, Caroline Werther and Jinny Huang and Liz Cauffiel and Manasa Lanta. Bronze winners were: Parul Gupta and Pryia Kathuria and consolation winners were Abby Henning and Julianna Lim and Anna Karian and Samantha Kargilis.

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Soccer team still earning victories

Squad earns blowout victory over Central Division foe

By Sam Eggleston

The Northville Mustangs girls soccer team appears to be in complete control of its own destiny as the season begins to close down.

The team, coached by Eric Brucker, remains undefeated following a one-sided victory over the South Lyon Lions last week, 8-0.

"The game was called with 21:34 to play in the second half due to the eight-goal mercy rule," noted Brucker.

The Mustangs went on a scoring spree starting at the 19-minute mark when senior Claire McHugh played a lofted ball from the midfield toward the South Lyon goal. The Lions' goalie bobbled the ball and Northville senior Mallory Weber stole the ball and fired it home for the 1-0 lead. Goals were tallied at 29 minutes, 37 minutes and 38 minutes in the first half as Weber scored again, followed by Megan Weber and Megan Buckingham for the 4-0 advantage headed into the half.

The second half was

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls soccer team is slated to play at 5 p.m. today at Livonia Stevenson before playing in conference and association cross-over games next week.

much the same as Mallory Weber scored yet again, this time off a pass from Jamie Cheslik, at the 41 minute mark with another goal coming just 39 seconds later off the same tandem for a 6-0 lead.

Cheslik added her own goal of the game eight minutes later as she collected a rebound that rang off the crossbar and fired it home. Buckingham earned the assist before she tallied her third goal of the night just six minutes later to end the game, 8-0.

Earning the shutout victory for the Mustangs was freshman goalie Emily Maresh.

Northville climbed to 11-0-4 overall with the win and 7-0-1 in the KLAA Central Division. South Lyon fell to 5-12.

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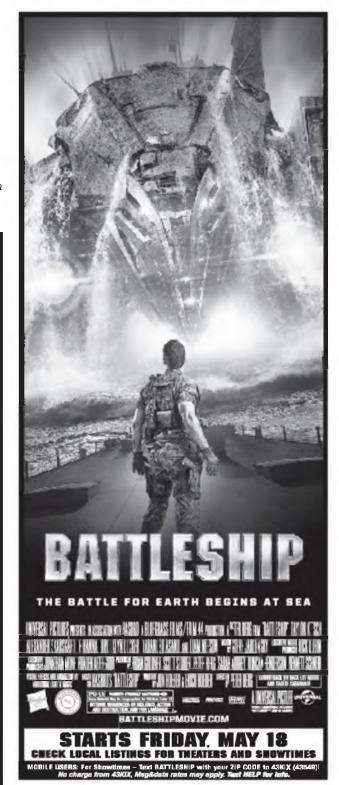
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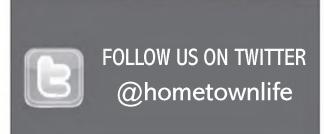
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Boys track has two KLAA champs

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Brandon Love and Dan Sims might be walking around Northville High School looking like they're just a bit taller these days — of course, that's what tends to happen when you're crowned a champion.

Love, who came back this season from a serious injury that ended his junior year on the track in 2011, earned a KLAA crown with an outstanding first-place performance in the 200-meter dash last week with a

time of 22.75 seconds. If that weren't enough, he also finished second in the 100 dash and scored points for the Mustangs as a member of both the 4-by-100 and 4-by-200 relay teams.

Sims, on the other hand, not only took the top spot with a 4:30.01 on the track in the mile run, but set the KLAA record with the performance as well.

Northville finished eighth overall, collecting 57 points, while Novi was first with 99 and Churchill was second with 87. In all, 12 teams competed in the KLAA

championship meet. Scoring for the Mustangs was Jason Ferrante, a freshman, as he ran to third in the 800-meter race.

The 4-by-800 team of Nathan Tajer, Edward Clifton, Ferrante and Sims took fourth at the meet with an 8:26.05 while Sean Wagner took fifth in the pole vault with a personal-best performance of 12feet-5-inches.

Northville also received points from the 4-by-200 relay team that took fifth with the combined effort of Love, Nathan Lwo, Jack Henderson and Jomi Ogunfiditmi, the same

team that took seventh in the 4-by-100.

Taking sixth and seventh in the 300 hurdles were Charles May and Justin Hsieh, respectively, while Ryan Flanagan took seventh in the 400 dash. Jason Lerner took eighth in the two-mile run with a personal-best 10:18.81.

Not all was happy for the Mustangs, however. The team found senior Clifton, an All-State performer, re-injuring his hamstring as well as injuries to Trevor Smith and Flanagan. All three athletes may not compete in the regional tomorrow.

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Mustangs girls turn in outstanding KLAA showing

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs girls track team knew their season was going well, but until they finished second in the KLAA championships last week they didn't really know just how great the season has been.

The team, coached by Vince Tyle, finished second in the KLAA with 99 points.

"Our team scored all over the track and field," said Tyle. "I'm very proud of my girls and very happy how they all get so excited for competition. Their will to win is unlike anything I've see, and their overall drive to succeed is unmatched. I'm proud to be their head coach."

Northville had more than just team greatness, too. Individually, Alex Moynes set the school record in the high jump as she won the KLAA title with a leap of 5-feet, 5.25inches. The new mark unseats Beth Roach as the all-time best high jumper at Northville High School.

"She deserved it and has worked too hard not to achieve her goals, but we are not done there," said Tyle. "I cannot wait to see Alex jump at regionals Friday in Milford and at the state finals come June in East Kentwood."

While Moynes was the lone KLAA champion for the Mustangs, there were plenty of runnerups for the team. The 3,200-meter relay team of Rachel Coleman,

Nicole Mosteller, Alison Robinson and Erin Zimmer took second in 9:44.5 while the 1,600meter event found Coleman taking second in 5:15.63.

"Rachel is getting stronger and stronger with every race," said Tyle. "She (ran a personal best) in the mile by almost three seconds."

Alexa Abbott had a great day, too, running to second in the 400meter run in 59.92 seconds before joining the team of Kara Ernst, Lauren Rodriguez and Nadia Affes in the 4-by-400 relay to take second place in 4:11.06 — a season-best time.

Coleman's medal collection continued to grow as she also took third in the 800-meter run in 2:24 while Abbot ran to third in the 200meter dash in 26.44 — a personal-best time.

In the 100 hurdles, Rodriguez took fourth in 16:09 while the team of Leah Bedrosian, Vanessa Cousino, Gracie Goble and Abbott took fourth in the 4-by-100 relay in 51:01.

"These girls work the butts off everyday getting the time down on this relay and it showed running a season-best time," said Tyle.

In the 400 dash, Affes finished fourth with a personal-best time of 1:02.48 while Rodriquez turned in a personalbest 47.96 in the 300 hurdles for fourth.

Northville finished the day with a seasonbest 1:49.73 in the 4-by-200 relay with a team of Rodriguez, Affes, Ernst and Goble taking

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SOFTBALL

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In the sixth inning, the Mustangs added three insurance runs, including two off a bases-loaded double by Williams.

In the closing game of the twinbill, the Mustangs scored five runs in the first inning and didn't look back as they collected the easy victory. Jessica Jones and Petrucci both went 3for-4 in the game with two runs batted in while Pond and Williams went 2-for-3 and Asher drove in two runs. Allie Chapekis added a single in the victory.

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Pavlika notches 10th shutout in 14 games

By Chris Jackett

online at hometownlife.com

Correspondent

They may not be winning every game, but there is still just one loss on the ledger for the defending Division I state champion girls soccer squad at Novi High.

The Wildcats (8-1-5, 6-1-1 KLAA Central) are now ranked No. 6 in Division I after posting ties against both No. 1 Northville and No. 2 Okemos earlier this month.

Novi's lone loss was a 1-0 decision April 19 at Northville (12-0-4, 7-0-1 Central). The 'Cats battled the top-ranked Mustangs to a 0-0 draw May 8 at home as Novi senior netminder Sam Pavlika tallied her 10th shutout of the season.

"It was a good game that could have went either way," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "Either team could have won, but both defenses, including the goalies, held strong."

Northville outshot Novi 14-13, but the Wildcats hit the post three times and the Mustangs hit the post twice.

The 'Cats followed the tie with a 3-0 victory over Plymouth Salem (5-6-1, 3-4-0 Central) on the road May 10, an improvement on the 1-0 decision from the April 24 match-up at home.

Novi senior Kelli Timar set up the first goal with a split pass to sophomore Taylor Pavlika for a breakaway goal three minutes before halftime. Junior Natalie Krygier set up Timar for a similar goal with 12 seconds left in the half to knock the wind out of Salem with a 2-0 halftime lead.

Krygier sent a cross into the goal box to a cutting Kendall Kramer with 20 minutes left in the game. The sophomore converted the cross with a onetimer past Salem's netminder to give Novi a 3-0 lead that would hold.

"It was a game we controlled throughout," O'Leary said. "Kaylin Hoomaian and Jacqui Kozlowski did a great job in the center of our defense and Natalie Krygier and Kelli Timar both had exceptional games."

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer for the Novi News.



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Wildcat Karissa Koomen, right, guards another No. 3 in Mustang's Jamie Cheslik during the teams' May 8 meeting at Parkview stadium.



Northville netminder Kiki Hilmer scoops in a Novi shot near the goal during the teams' May 8 meeting.

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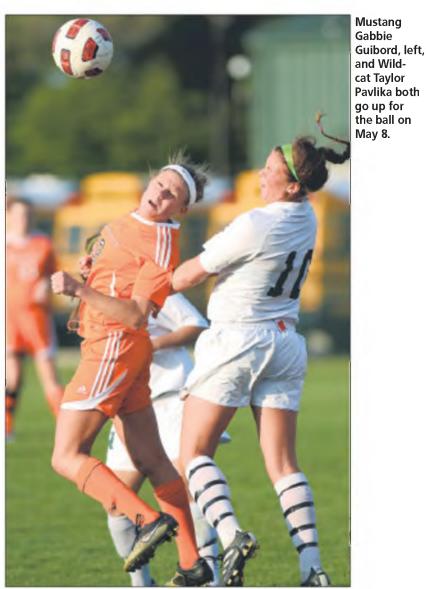
The No. 6-ranked Novi's girls soccer team (8-1-5, 6-1-1 KLAA Central) was scheduled to host Livonia Stevenson (7-5-1, 4-3-0 Central) Tuesday before visiting South Lyon (5-12-0, 0-8-0 Central) tonight. The 'Cats then face the South Division runner-up Canton (7-2-3, 6-2-0 South) Monday and the Lakes Conference third- or fourth-place team Wednesday. All games are at 7 p.m.



Mustang Rachel Yaggi tries to catch up to the ball during Northville's May 8 game at Novi High.



A bunch of Mustangs and Wildcats go up for a header near the Novi net — including Tess Bradley (26) and Alexis Mencotti (21).





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New Hope wins Thumbs **Up For Charity contest**

Community Financial Credit Union announced the winners in its Thumbs Up for Charity program. New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Northvillebased organization providing grief support services to adults and children grieving the loss of a loved one, was the leading vote-getter and the \$10,000 grand prize winner.

"We are honored to have been included in this contest," said Cathy Clough, executive director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. "All of these organizations do such amazing work and we are proud to have been nominated alongside them."

Throughout April, the community had the opportunity to nominate nonprofits to be finalists in the program and then vote from the five finalists to determine a winner.

The other winners were:

Second place and



Shown are (I to r) Tim Cassidy, fund development director; Cathy Clough, New Hope; and Bill Lawton, president/CEO of Community Financial Credit Union.

\$5,000 - WSDP Radio, The New 88.1 - Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

• Third place and \$5,000 - Friendship Shelter - Otsego Coun-

• Fourth place and \$2,500 - Old Village School, Northville

• Fifth place and \$2,500 - Montmorency County Council on Aging - Montmorency

"This was an extremely close vote, which goes to show how valued each of these organizations are by the community," said Sarah Cousineau, Community Financial Credit Union marketing manager. "At Community Financial, we are proud to be able to bring these organizations to the forefront and highlight the amaz-

ing work they do."

Achieving dream

Local man follows long road from former Soviet Union to U.S. success

By Juile Brown

Dan Milstein came to the U.S. at the age of 16 Dec. 4, 1991.

"We were political refugees," he said. "Jews were not welcome" in the former

He came here with his parents, younger brother and grandmother. Each was allowed a suitcase and minimal money.

Fast forward and Milstein, 36, is a successful businessman and CEO of Gold Star Mortgage Financial Group of Ann

Arbor. He lives in the Northville-Novi area with a Northville Township address and is a single dad to a

Dan Milstein

Milstein will be honored May 19 with first-place kudos in the Paris Book Festival, in the how-to category for "The ABC of Sales." The international competition recognizes books for general excellence. "I took pride in everything I did," said

Milstein, who began as a teen working at McDonald's and is grateful for that opportunity. He'd work long hours and attend Huron High School in Ann Arbor, graduating in 1993.

"And of course I didn't speak any English. It was a huge challenge," said Milstein, who graduated with honors from Cleary University in Ann Arbor with a B.B.A. in business management.

"The ABC of Sales" stands for Always Be Closing, with the book published in June 2011. "I've learned by default," said Milstein, who's also had sales disappointments. "I wrote about my experiences and my challenges."

Day job

Milstein has been recognized as the No. 1 loan officer in the U.S. and has achieved more than \$3 billion in personal mortgage originations. His company, of which he's founder and president, has

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been named a Top Workplace in Michigan for three years by the Detroit Free

"The ABC of Sales" (Gold Star Publishing) also earned an honorable mention earlier this year in the New England Book Fair and the San Francisco Book Festival as well as first-place honors in the DIY Book Festival, Los Angeles.

The book sold 10,000 copies in March and became the top Sales Book on Amazon and the 31st top seller of all eBook

He won't go to Paris or to San Francisco this weekend for the book awards ceremony. "I'm too busy," he said. "I will not be traveling this weekend. I was there (Paris) not too long ago."

His company has over 500 employees in 43 offices in the U.S., with one opening soon in Plymouth, in addition to Livonia and Southfield. The main office is in Ann Arbor.

Kirkus Indie Reviews says of the book: "His message is clear: love the product, love the customer and do whatever it takes to close the sale. An excellent, persuasive handbook for salespeople."

Of his business success, Milstein said, "We decided not to participate in the financial meltdown." He'd worked as COO of a mortgage company before founding his own business, and previously in banking, including for TCF and Comerica.

He's pleased his parents and brother have also done well professionally and notes the importance of hard work in business success. Milstein will receive his honorary doctorate from Cleary June 2 and give the commencement speech.

"My story's still being written," he said. His second book, due out in August, will focus on sales. The third will be a novel based on his life: "Ninety-nine percent of it's going to be a true story.'

He chose Northville-Novi to live and is glad about that. "It was conveniently located to all our offices," Milstein said. "And it's a beautiful area."

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Business Assistance Program: Downtown projects benefit

By Lonnie Huhman Correspondent

If you're wondering what the Business Assistance Program did for downtown Northville, just look around.

Since 2007, the Downtown Development Authority and City Council have approved over \$161,000 on projects for such improvements as renovation to exterior facades on buildings to technology updates. According to Lori Ward, DDA director, more than 40 merchants and businesses have applied and been helped by the BAP's matching funds.

She said for every \$1 spent on BAP there has been an estimated \$3 to \$4 provided by the private sector applicant on improvement projects.

"I think it has been a tremendous success and has made a significant impact on the visual character of the downtown," Ward said to the city council as she presented the seventh cycle of applicants, which was budgeted to be the last. There are, however,

some left over funds that could go toward a smaller eighth round.

Seven applicants were sent in for requests totaling \$22,000. Five were approved by the DDA to be forwarded to the council with the recommendation to approve over \$19,000 in matching funds. By a 4-1 vote council approved the recommendation at their last meeting.

Darga won't sign off

Councilwoman Nancy Darga reiterated that she's a supporter of the program, but would vote no because she doesn't agree with giving public money for a sign that may not be able to be used again if the business

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looked at the sign debate and thinks it's better to get the A-frame signs off the sidewalk. Councilman Ryan McKindles said it may be a gamble in approving sign funding, but it could pay off and in turn help downtown business overall.

Starring the Gallery was approved for \$1,233 to help with its plan to put a new projecting sign at their location 118 W. Main Street

The application by Lee Holland and Associates was also discussed at length, and council agreed the project was interesting. But, because there are no guidelines on art, it can't move ahead. DDA does want to look into how an art approval



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Basic safety steps reduce risk of electrical fire

Electrical failures or malfunctions were factors in an estimated 46,500 home structure fires reported to the U.S. fire departments in 2010, accounting for 13 percent of reported home fires. These fires resulted in 420 deaths, 1,520 injuries and \$1.5 billion in direct property damage, according to the National Fire Protection Association's Home Electrical Fires Report.

NFPA is marking National Electrical Safety Month (May) by reminding the public to be aware of the risks associated with the use of electricity and providing safety tips and information to assist individuals in taking steps to reduce the risk of home electrical fires.

According to Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Communications, "The risk of electrical fire may not always be on your mind, but it probably should be — there are actions that can be taken to eliminate electrical hazards in your household and safety guidelines that can be followed to reduce the chances of having a home electrical fire."

Any type of equipment that uses electrical power can have an electrical failure or malfunction. In 2005-09, nearly half of the fires started by electrical failures or malfunctions involved some type of electrical distribution or lighting equipment such as wiring, outlets, extension cords, and fuse or circuit breakers, per year.

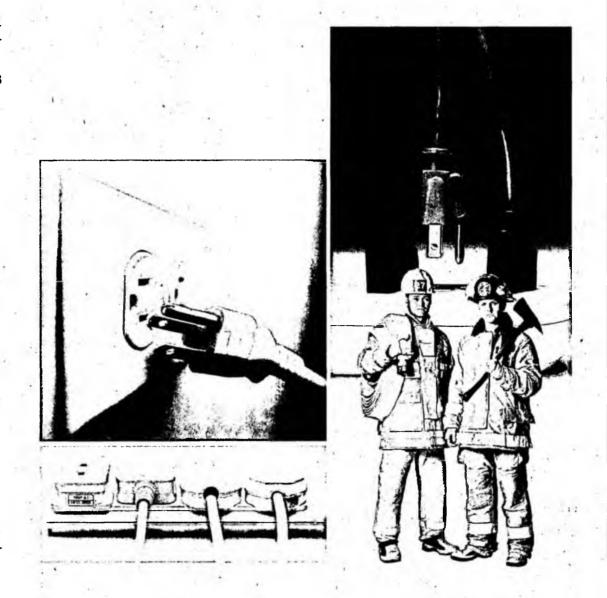
Other key findings in the report include:

• Some type of electrical failure or malfunction was cited as a factor contributing to ignition for 73 percent of electrical distribution or lighting equipment home structure fires.

• One-third (31 percent) of civilian deaths in these incidents began in the living room, family room, or den.

 Wire or cable insulation is what ignited first in 31 percent of electrical distribution or lighting equipment home structure fires.

"National Electrical Safety Month is the perfect reminder that it's time to review home



electrical safety and put a plan into place that can be followed all year," said Carli.

NFPA is offering the following electrical safety tips:

• Replace damaged or loose electrical cords.

• Avoid running extension cords across doorways or under carpets.

• In homes with small children, make sure your home has tamper-resistant (TR) receptacles. · Consider having addition-

al circuits or outlets added by a qualified electrician so you do not have to use extension cords. • Follow the manufactur-

er's instructions for plugging

an appliance into a receptacle outlet.

 Avoid overloading outlets. Plug only one high-wattage appliance into each receptacle outlet at a time.

• If outlets or switches feel warm, frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuits, or flickering or dimming lights, call a qualified electri-

• Place lamps on level surfaces, away from things that can burn and use bulbs that match the lamp's recommended watt-

 Make sure your home has ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) in the kitchen, bathroom(s), laundry, basement, and outdoor areas.

• Arc-fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) should be installed in your home to protect electrical outlets.

· When you are buying, selling, or remodeling a home, have it inspected by a qualified electrician.

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education.

Check lawyer on boat slips

By Robert Meisner Guest Columnist

Q: The developer of our condominium has constructed boat slips on its residential lot and has leased the spots to tenants. Does that constitute a violation of the restriction which prohibits trade or business of any kind?

A: In a recent case out of Louisiana, the court in citing Black's Law Dictionary and the American Heritage Dictionary, concluded that the restriction's purpose was to protect a lot's residential nature by ensuring nonresidential uses were prohibited. The court further indicated, that the phrase "no trade or business of any kind" as used in the restriction should be interpreted as a ban of all gainful activity on



Association! property except for forbidden business activities that don't result in regular traffic. Of course, each case

is fact-intensive and you should consult with your community association lawyer who presumably has experience and expertise regarding this issue.

Q: We have the old adage in our condominium that the coowner's car should be towed away as opposed to taking other legal action. What do you think?

A: For years, I have indicated that while the association may have the right to tow the vehicle, there are obviously risks involved in doing so. I am aware of one situation where a handicapped owner without a handicapped tag on his car claimed a disability prevented him from recovering the car from the tow yard. He claimed that he had been discriminated against. This is just another example of what I have said for over 40 years, get a court order that the coowner is violating the restriction and if they do not remove the car within a certain time frame, they are in contempt of court and the association can tow. No board wants to hear this when they put a signature on a tow sheet at no cost to them and have the car gone immediately, but it is a lot better than being sued by the co-owner who has lost his million dollar sale because he didn't have his car or is otherwise disabled.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling, Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@ meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 6-10, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
43683 Abbey Cir	\$190,000
2043 Centennial Dr	\$405,000
286 Constitution St	\$86,000
7561 Corbett Dr	\$190,000
45445 Fieldstone Dr	\$178,000
45645 Graystone Ln	\$90,000
48660 Greenwich Cir	\$330,000
46497 Killarney Cir	\$171,000
2053 Knollwood Dr	\$65,000
1843 Lone Wolf Ln	\$100,000
1608 Longfellow Dr	\$118,000
44605 Lowell Ave	\$108,000
1828 N Morton Taylor Rd	\$150,000
42065 Saratoga Cir	\$125,000
GARDEN CITY	
6038 Belton St	\$55,000
29014 Florence St	\$45,000

973 Helen St
28531 James St
32440 James St
31453 Marquette St
LIVONIA
19326 Antago St
36307 Fairway Dr
36036 Grennada St
11722 Haller St
11120 Karen St
9614 Loveland St
15529 Mayfield St
19547 Merriman Rd
36902 Munger St
34360 Parkdale St
31772 Perth St
19675 Saint Francis St
15621 Sunset St
28601 W Chicago St
27932 W Stanmoor Dr
17875 Woodside St
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19675 Saint Francis St
15621 Sunset St
28601 W Chicago St
27932 W Stanmoor Dr
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280,000	500 Ford St	\$36,000
150,000	662 Irvin St	\$391,000
\$48,000	50295 Maple Ridge Dr	\$513,000
\$68,000	9114 Marlowe Ave	\$52,000
118,000	222 Riveroaks Dr	\$68,000
\$45,000 .		\$120,000
105,000	768 York St	\$70,000
175,000	REDFORD	
107,000	10040 Appleton	\$38,000
140,000	13429 Arnold	\$42,000
\$38,000	17189 Brady	\$30,000
127,000	9389 Columbia	\$72,000
135,000	12136 Columbia ,	\$55,000
103,000	11415 Dixie	\$32,000
206,000	17357 Five Points St	\$15,000
	15255 Garfield	\$9,000
124,000	19316 Garfield	\$10,000
149,000	11731 Grayfield	\$60,000
218,000	26401 Kenneth	\$67,000
110,000	18633 Lexington	\$40,000
120,000	14010 Sarasota	\$73,000
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9157 Seminole	\$45,000
8855 Sioux	\$45,000
11319 Winston	\$43,000
WESTLAND	
36082 Abbey Dr	\$112,000
28914 Ann Árbor Trl	\$15,000
33694 Avondale St	\$45,000
34047 Aztec Dr	\$74,000
32351 Birchwood St	\$75,000
32846 Comanche St	\$90,000
6661 Deerhurst Dr	\$85,000
830 Denice St	\$82,000
6213 E Morgan Cir	\$98,000
36124 Fernwood St	\$75,000
36435 Hazelwood St	\$38,000
30492 Hiveley St	\$60,000
28356 Powers St ·	\$46,000
1331 Rahn St	\$37,000
7692 Rivergate Dr	\$70,000
7713 Rivergate Dr	\$50,000
1730 S John Hix St	\$48,000
29963 Shacket St	\$69,000
8201 Terri Dr	\$86,000
7325 Woodview St	\$25,000
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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 23-27, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS 19200 Devonshire St \$440,000 22125 Valley Oaks Dr

\$270,000 BIRMINGHAM 275 Brvn Mawr St \$268,000 \$980,000 690 Hánna St 868 Hazel St \$129,000 200 Woodland Villa Ct \$1,150,000 BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP 2375 Tilbury Pl \$1,400,000 COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

2847 Alorington Ct \$230,000 1719 Kinghill Dr \$50,000 5675 Lancaster Ln \$252,000 1719 Kinghill Dr 1730 Sadie Shore Dr \$133,000 \$166,000

FARMINGTON 23970 Wesley Dr Farmington Hills 29494 Beau Rdg \$101,000 29739 Eldred St \$39,000

OAKLAND 27934 Gettysburg St \$136,000 21435 Hamilton Ave \$67,000 35324 Muer Cv \$252,000 20975 Ontaga St 22065 Ontaga St \$42,000 25920 Ridgewood Dr \$255,000 29840 W 12 Mile Rd \$20,000

28397 Westerleigh Rd \$120,000 LATHRUP VILLAGE 27420 Lathrup Blvd \$157,000

611 River Oaks Dr \$255,000 630 Tower Ridge Ct \$220,000 417 Whitewater St \$255,000

27330 Benjamins Way \$205,000 50709 Calvert Isle Dr \$508,000 44695 Ellery Ln \$75,000 24300 Meadowbrook Rd

\$200,000 27839 Middleton Dr \$155,000 27841 Middleton Dr \$149,000 27843 Middleton Dr \$159,000 27867 Middleton Dr \$156,000 27878 Middleton Dr \$149,000 27882 Middleton Dr \$152,000 27886 Middleton Dr \$151,000 27910 Middleton Dr \$160,000 24636 Nepavine \$426,000

41437 Reindeer Dr \$362,000 45139 Roundview Dr \$263,000 \$40,000

22627 Woolsey SOUTH LYON 25685 Coach Ln \$40,000 24407 Peters Barn Ct \$78,000 871 S Parkwood Dr \$180,000 SOUTHFIELD

27319 Aberdeen St 17235 Anna St \$40,000 29576 Brentwood St \$35,000 27135 Everett St \$65,000 21301 Evergreen Rd \$10,000 26925 Farmbrook Villa Dr # 2

\$54,000 20290 Lacrosse Ave \$86,000 18421 Lincoln Dr \$105,000 15833 New Hampshire St

\$75,000 30060 Rambling Rd \$99,000 27735 Sutherland St \$83,000 21218 W Nine Mile Rd \$31,000 TROY

8226 Carpathian Dr \$225,000 8914 El Dorado Dr \$234,000 8714 Elizabeth Lake Rd \$120,000 1072 Maple Heights Dr \$143,000

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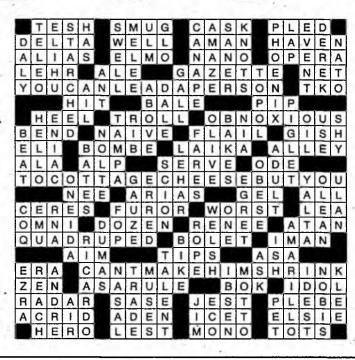
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10 Questions you should ask in an interview

When preparing for an interview, most applicants concentrate on formulating well-crafted answers to potential questions from their interviewers However, not many realize it is just as important to prepare a few good questions they themselves should ask during the interview.

"When interviewing job applicants, I often learn as much from the questions they ask as from the responses they give," John Langland, president of Langland & Langland Consulting, says. "What potential employees inquire about reveals what they deem important -- as opposed to merely answering my questions with information they think I will find important.'

What can asking questions in an interview do for you?

- Show your interest in the position and the company
- Give you an active role in the interview
- Offer explanations about the position and the company, which helps you decide if you want to work for that organization
- Showcase the depth of your knowledge and help you guide the discussion into a particular area of expertise

Langland suggests preparing at least three questions in advance and taking notes during the interview to record the responses. "A few insightful, knowledgeable questions can speak volumes about you and distinguish you from other job candidates," he says. "However, as important as asking questions is asking bad questions, such as, 'How many vacation days does the company offer?' is worse."

Langland advises asking these 10 questions during your next interview:

1. What are the top three tasks you want the candidate to perform after being hired?

This gives you a concrete idea of the projects you will be working on if



hired. Often job ads list general qualities and capabilities the position requires, but the answer to this question will lay out the actual specifics of the job.

2. Why did you choose this company?

The answer will help you determine the organization's strengths and weaknesses with this insider's

3. How do you see me benefiting the company?

This tells you exactly what they're looking for in a candidate and where they see your strengths.

4. Is there room for growth and advancement?

This points to your drive and initiative and underscores your intent to secure a career, not just a job.

5. Are there opportunities for professional training or further education?

This shows a willingness to learn and adapt as changes in the position or

industry occur. Adaptability is very important in today's fickle employment market and may make you very valuable to the company should a reorganization occur.

6. How will I be evaluated and by

This provides insight into the company's corporate culture and the department structure in which you will be working.

7. What is the general culture of the company?

This can tell you if you will fit into the organization. If they're strictly a "suit and tie" operation and you're all about comfort clothes, you may want to rethink the position.

8. Are there other job responsibilities not mentioned in the ad?

This reveals exactly what the ad meant when it said: "...and other duties as assigned." Will you be helping other departments in a pinch? Making coffee? These are things you should know before going any further in the candidate selection process.

9. When will you be making a decision on the successful candidate?

Knowing this helps you gauge when to follow up on the interview.

10. May I call you if other questions arise?

This keeps the door open for further communication.

The interview is an artful conversation designed to help both parties learn more about each other in an effort to decide if the candidate and the position are a good match. Use it as an opportunity to spotlight your accomplishments and determine if the job is right for you.

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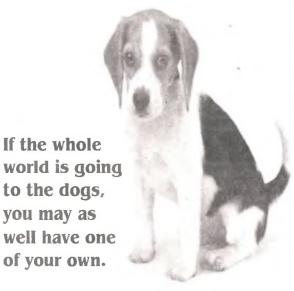
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