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Get reading this summer at the library

Northville District Library's Summer Reading Programs kick off this month. Adults can register and receive their reading packets now. Registration for the Youth Summer Reading Program "Dream Big, READ" and the Teen "What Do You Geek?" program begins Friday, June 15. Stop in the library and receive reading packets complete with summer programs and reading logs. Read and earn prizes all summer.

The programs at the Northville District Library are designed to help engage children and teens in reading and reading-related activities during the summer months. Reading for fun helps kids maintain their reading and comprehension levels. Preschoolers can learn early literacy skills, and adults can model the joy of reading to their children.

'We want to help foster a love of reading for children and teens through our summer

Is former Scott prison property worth \$1?

Northville Township ponders pros, cons of purchase

By Lonnie Huhman Correspondent

Northville Township could purchase the former Scott Correctional Facility from the State of Michigan — for \$1 — but there are pros and cons to owning it.

The township would obviously have a say in how the location at Five Mile and Beck roads could

be developed. However, it would also have another demolition project, which would involve the expense of tearing down a sizable barbed-wire enclosed prison.

Like the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital Seven Mile property, it will be costly. But the benefits could be big if the area is converted into a gateway into the community.

After a closed session meeting on June 5, Trustee Mindy Herrmann made a motion to move forward, which the board unanimously approved. It authorizes the township attorney and Supervisor Mark Abbo to enter into negotiations for a purchase agreement, to be approved by the Board of Trustees, for the purchase of the former Scott prison property in the amount

of \$1.

Abbo said the motion was passed in order to give the board time to perform some due diligence and better research the property's value and potential.

According to Abbo, the state passed legislation pertaining to the property that states the

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Cassis hopes to get write result from primary ballot

> By Ken Abramczyk Observer Staff Writer

Nancy Cassis laughs when she is reminded of what she told the *Novi News* in December 2010 after she had reached the end of her term limits in Lansing as a state lawmaker.

library programs and activities," said Julie Herrin, library director. "Our goal is to encourage them to become lifelong library users."

The Youth Summer Reading Program runs through Aug. 14. Teen Summer Reading ends Aug. 15 and the adult program ends Aug. 31.

For more information, visit the library's website: www.northvillelibrary.org or call (248) 349-3020. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; closed on Sundays through Labor Day.

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Moraine Elementary School Principal Denise Bryan accepts a quilt made by the school's combined Girl Scout troops on June 5. The quilt, which will be displayed at the school, had the theme "What Moraine Means to Me." Girl Scouts then designed a motif to go along with what they most liked about school, be it reading, art or playing with friends.

Novi man dies in car crash on 8 Mile Road

By Diane Gale Andreassl Staff Writer

Scott A. Wojan, a 44-year-old Novi area man, driving a red 2011 Ford Taurus, died after hitting an oak tree on 8 Mile Road east of Pontiac Trail in Salem Township around 1:30 p.m. Monday.

The car went up in flames and police were initially unable to identify Wojan, who hit the tree head-on. The "engine came into him," explained Michigan State Police Brighton Post Sgt. Chris Pascoe, who was on the scene Monday afternoon.

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Salem Township firefighters work to clean up the scene of a one-car accident that closed down a section of Eight Mile Road Monday afternoon.

At that time, she said she would never rule out a future in poli-

tics, though it appeared she reached the end of her eligibility as a state representative and senator. Now, in an improbable turn of circumstances, she's running



Cassis for U.S. Congress on a write-in campaign, seeking the Republican nomination in the primary election Aug. 7.

"I could not have dreamed what would have happened," said Cassis, 68.

Cassis's decision to run follows U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's inexplicable signature duplication in nominating petitions, which were turned in May 15. Only 243 signatures out of 1,833 that were obtained were found to be valid, far short of the 1,000 signatures required.

The Secretary of State's office notified McCotter of the duplications and informed state Attorney General Bill Schuette in a preinvestigation report. McCotter said he requested that Schuette investigate the signature duplication and inconsistencies, an investigation

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Tunes on Tuesdays a summer staple

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This year's entertainment lineup is:

June 19: The Music Lady, Beverly Meyer – The Music Lady provides a variety of music and sing-alongs geared toward children. Sponsored by Mom's Club of Northville.

June 26: Chris Clark - Puppets, magic and more. Sponsored by Baby Baby. July 3: Balancing Earth - This comedic duo provides a performance full of laughs, guitar, vocals and

puppets. July 10: Guy Lewis and the Chautauqua Express – Lewis presents a performance with audience participation, expert musicianship and light-hearted humor, for all ages.

July 17: Janet Marie & m'Archilbald– This duo offers an experience for children of all ages with their combination of music and storytelling.

July 24: Palamazoo, Susan Harrison – Harrison shares her original songs that have been described as a blend of rootsy folk rock, jazzy pop and alternative country.

July 31: Gemini – This twin brother team includes rousing sing-alongs, hand motions, folk tales, and music from around the world.

Aug. 7: Saline Fiddlers – The Saline Fiddlers is a group of young students that reflect the rural traditions of Saline and the country.

Aug. 14: Stephanie Jay – Wiggle and giggle and shake and shout, come find out what the dancing's all about with Jay. Aug. 21: Zippity2Dads - A family music duo that provides fun, energetic, and educational entertainment.

Aug. 28: Paula Doak – Join her for music and monkey business and loads of fun.

By Julle Brown Staff Writer

Concerts for children will again be offered Tuesday mornings this summer in downtown Northville, courtesy of Northville Parks and Recreation and the Downtown Development Authority.

Tunes on Tuesdays concerts will run 10:30-11:30 a.m. June 19 to Aug. 28 in Town Square on Main in downtown Northville.

"To bring different patrons to downtown Northville," Lindsey Butzin, aquatics and recreation coordinator, said of the purpose. "It's a partnership with the DDA."

Concerts have been offered over 10 years, she said, and on a nice day draw some 200 people. Genitti's, a restaurant down the street, is the rain location.



Children's concerts start June 19

Tunes on Tuesdays concerts for kids will again be offered this summer in downtown Northville, beginning June 19 and running through Aug. 28. A variety of performers will be featured.

"Usually if it's raining we don't get the 200 number," Butzin said. "We usuto children in second-third grade, although those of all ages are welcome.

Organizers like to focus on music, such as Saline Fiddlers, a group of young performers. Chris Clark will offer puppets and magic.

There are a couple new performers each year, Butzin said, along with some regulars coming back for a repeat performance.

Concerts draw listeners from beyond Northville, she said. "Some of the entertainers do have a following," with fans following them to performances.

Concerts are presented with the support of Toll Brothers builders. The concert information can be found online at www. northvilleparksandrec. org.

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McCormick's sons influenced by dad to do what is right

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

Mike McCormick, executive director at Fox Run

in Novi, understands the responsibilities that come with being a dad.



But as

his first son, Xavier, entered his teenager years, McCormick was still searching for ways to teach him about being a man.

He saw the influences outside sources and culture were having on his son, and quickly made



ing them, they are finding out in other ways," McCormick said. "It's a call for fathers and mentors to step up and work with young men."

it a point to have a plan

The book focuses on six guideposts that intend to help boys on their journey to becoming men. The guideposts are: accept responsibility, lead courageously, pretend about nothing, journey with God, protect your heart, and engage in deep and meaningful relationships.

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McCormick took Xavier and 12 other fatherson pairs on a "man quest" journey prior to writing the book, and Xavier said the experience changed his relationship with his father.

"He has been a really big influence on me," Xavier, 14, said. "I think it has definitely prepared me (for manhood) because he told me about the struggles he had, and I know what not to do and what kind of choices to not make."

McCormick said he never intended to write a book, but when he chose to put his thoughts to paper he wanted to do so in a way that other father-figures could follow along. The work-

book-style publication gives hands-on help, teaching tips and complete agendas for celebration weekends.

He said boys naturally crave knowing their dads, and being a good role model is essential.

"Our kids watch what we do, model what we do and listen to what we do," he said. "Having a male figure in the house is crucial."

He said he views the journey into manhood with his sons as being a long-term thing, and that the "true impact won't be felt for another 10-15 years."

But starting that process early, before outside influences take

hold, is important. His 11-year-old son, Chase, is still a few years away from taking his Man Quest journey with dad, but that doesn't mean he isn't already being impacted. "He has really inspired

began his teenage years.

me to always do what is right and have a lot of fun with life but never do bad stuff," Chase said.

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mike McCormick, executive director at Novi's Fox Run,

sources and culture were having on his own son as he

Boys into Manhood" after he saw the influences outside

wrote this book titled "Man Quest: Leading Teenage

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First in Macomb Olympiad tourney



The Amerman Elementary Science Olympiad Team won the first place trophy for best overall performance at the Macomb County Tournament on Saturday, May 5. Sixteen students from Amerman spent an exhilarating day competing against 40 other teams from the tri-county area. In January, Amerman third, fourth and fifth graders on the team began training in the 16 different types of Science Olympiad events that focus on various fields of science and engineering. In addition, team members won metals in the following events: (first place) A Is For Anatomy, Charged Up, Force & Motion, Wildlife Safari; (second) Grasp-A-Graph, Rock Hound; (third) Don't Bug Me; (fourth) Reflection Relay, Starry Starry Night; (seventh) Mystery Egg Drop and Rubber Band Catapult. Shown (I to r, back) is the Amerman Elementary Science Olympiad Team: Athrey Gonella, Bhavya Kadiri, Claire Wan, Disha Satapathy, Rohan Kodati, Maeve Lucas, Adrien Jund, Sanjana Dhulipalla, Ryan Reiz; (front) Collin Wang, Jack Valenti, Bhavika Gummadi, Sai Anantapantula, Surbhi Neole, Saaz Malhotra, and Melina Varlamos.

Perfect ACTs put them at head of the class

By Julle Brown Staff Writer

Northville High School has plenty of topnotch graduating seniors. Two young men have the distinction of earning perfect 36 scores on their ACT college admissions test.

Both are headed to the University of Michigan to prepare for engineering careers.

"I did some practice questions from study books that corresponded to my weakest subjects," said Patrick Huang, who shared the distinction with classmate Nickolas Jordan Adamowicz. "I also took the test several times before my junior year," Huang added.

Huang, son of Yong Huang and Bo Wang, is headed to U-M for chemical engineering studies. He'll pursue a graduate degree. Huang is the brother of James, 23. Huang's awards include: summa cum laude status, Presidential Scholar, and AP Scholar with Distinction. His activities include Quiz Bowl and Science Olympiad.



neering degree this fall at U-M. "Preparation for the ACT was essentially going to the library and getting a couple of ACT review study guides, choosing one I liked, and committing an entire weekend to its memori-

zation," Adamowicz said. He's the son of Tony

and Karry Adamowicz, both NHS graduates, and has an older brother, Anthony, at Michigan State University's Honors College in pre-law.

Nickolas Adamowicz has received the Frederick C. Matthaei Scholarship from the University of Michigan Club of Greater Detroit, the Regents Merit Scholarship and the Engineering Scholarship of Honor from U-M.

Adamowicz has high school honors including: Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum

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Northern Michigan University

Northville residents Henry A. Hough (4.00 GPA), Henry L. Perry and Sarah M. Marquadt (3.25-3.99 GPA) were named to the Dean's List for the winter 2012 semester.

Siena Heights University

Senior Brianna Chrenko of Northville, earned both the Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award and the Outstanding Student Award from SHU's Visual and Performing Arts and Teacher Education Division.

Chrenko was awarded these honors at SHU's annual spring Honors Convocation ceremony April 27.

Chrenko graduated in May from SHU's special education program. She received her K-12 Learning Disabilities Certification with endorsements in language arts and ear-

ly childhood education. She graduated summa cum laude with an overall grade point average of 3.91.

Brianna

Chrenko

While at Siena Heights, she has been a member of Sigma Tau Delta (national English honor society), a Student Senate representative and was president of SHU's teacher education student group. She also received the SHU Teacher Education Excellence in Education Award and helped organize a bullying awareness campaign on campus. A member of the Saints' women's basketball and volleyball programs, Chrenko was a multiple academic all-conference recipient and a NAIA Scholar-Athlete Award winner. In 2011, she was the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference representative for the Dr. Leroy Walker Champions of Character Award.

Chrenko completed her student teaching at Detroit International Academy, working with underserved, underprivileged students. She is currently the assistant special needs director for the Spring Hill Camps, supervising a staff of 18 and managing a caseload of 15 campers ages 6-22 with special needs.

"Bri has been a great asset to our classroom," said faculty member Sally Rae, chair of SHU's Undergraduate Teacher Education Program. "When she encounters unfamiliar learning objectives, she takes the time to master the lesson before assisting the students. She takes initiative asking questions and sharing her angle. Bri's behavior management skills demonstrate personal integrity, professionalism and ethical behavior.'

Chrenko is a 2007 Agape Christian Academy graduate and the daughter of Daniel and Alice Chrenko.

Bowling Green State University

Four Northville residents were included in the spring Dean's List: Emma Boylan, Rachelle Gudobba, Lauren O'Brien and Emily Reichard. To be eligible, undergraduate students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale and carry no fewer than 12 letter-graded credit hours per semester.

Wittenberg University

Northville's Kathryn M. Willliams received membership to Pick and Pen, the Ivy Ring, and Omicron Delta Kappa at the spring honors convocation April 13.

Pick and Pen is a junior honorary emphasizing leadership, service and scholarship.

Ivy Ring is a junior women's service honorary. Members are chosen on the basis of their contributions to the Wittenberg campus and to the community through the quality of their academic work and their participation in extracurricular activities.

Omicron Delta Kappa is a national senior leadership honor society recognizing leadership in scholarship, athletics, university publications, cultural life and student affairs.

Northwood University

Northville's George J. Wellmer was named to the spring 2012 Dean's List. In order to achieve the status, students must have earned a minimum grade point average of 3.25 for the term.



Adamowicz will also pursue an engi-

laude, National Merit Finalist, department awards in mathematics, science, social studies, English and Spanish. He received the President's Award for Educational Excellence, is in the National Honor Society, and is a U.S. Presidential Scholar candidate.

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Above, Moraine students Reagan Kearney, left — at wheelbarrow, Janie DeGroot, center, and other kids of teacher Mary Beth Connolly help out with the school's May 21 Garden Day effort.

Moraine garden day

At right, Joe Beeson, a Moraine Elementary School third grader, helps out at the school's May 21 Garden Day activity. Students and parents from the school got together that day and later in the week for an effort to spruce up the exterior of the school with new plants, mulch and flowers.

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Animal encounter

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A representative of Farmington's Exotic Zoo shows a European hedgehog to a May 22 gathering at the Northville District Library. The zoo brought along a bunch of furry and scaly creatures that visitors to the library got to take an up-close look at.

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community **Events**

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Location: Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro, E. Main, Northville Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, June 16 Details: "From Glory Days:

Successful Transitions of Professional Detroit Athletes" by author Kurt A. David. Former Red Wing John Ogrodnick will be there.

BLOOD DRIVES

Time/Date: 1-6:45 p.m. Thursday, June 14 Location: Northville Senior Center, W. Main

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More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at www. hometownlife.com.

Thursday, June 14 ville

Monday, June 18 Location: Novi Library, 10

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that is continuing.

On May 29, McCotter announced he was going to run as a write-in, but June 2, McCotter decided to end his write-in candidacy and his five terms in Congress, which left Kerry Bentivolio of Milford as the only Republican candidate on the ballot.

GOP backing

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. one of those Republicans involved in the interviews with Cassis, said he never met Bentivolio, but added that he did not agree with Bentivolio's views outlined on his campaign website. GOP leaders inter-

viewed Cassis last Thursday, along with four other prominent Republicans. Cassis emerged as the unanimous choice of the group that day to be supported as a write-in candidate.

For Cassis, the campaign represents a move back into politics, which ended in December 2010 after eight years in the state Senate, six years in the state House of Representatives and nine years on the Novi City Council. She also worked as a school psychologist for the Novi Community School District until she was elected to the state House in 1996.

Cassis didn't consider a congressional run until she was approached by leaders within the last several days.

"The 11th District was thrown into disarray at a very crucial time," Cassis said. "It became apparent that people started to come forward and the party sought me out at that time."

As a fiscal conservative, Cassis accepted the writein candidacy to continue to serve the Republican Party. She called the unanimous support of GOP leaders "very, very gratifying" for her.

Challenging process

She knows she has a challenge ahead of her. Not only do voters need to support her, they need to check a box and write her name in on the ballot.

"It's a two-step process, and we'll be educating people to do that," she said.

Cassis said she and her campaign will be checking with the Secretary of State's office on whether voters can use stickers on the ballot.

Cassis believes her 14 years as a state lawmaker give her strong name recognition in one-third of the district. The 11th District covers her hometown of Novi and communities of her former district of Highland, Milford, White Lake, South Lyon and others, extending eastward to Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Troy, and south into the city of Farmington and the western Wayne County communities of Canton Township, Livonia, Northville and Northville Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Cassis and her husband, Vic, have decided to spend up to \$200,000 of their own money on the campaign.

"I believe that if you put vour own money in it, that you've made that investment, similar to a student going to college," she said. "If that student pays for that tuition, they are more likely to be determined and committed to their goals."

When asked about money from the Michigan Republican Party or the Republican National Committee, Cassis said the

campaign will be looking at fundraising "at all levels." On Monday, she had not yet set up a campaign website.

"The last 72 hours have really been a whirlwind," she said. "The good part of all this is I've been a seasoned campaigner at a grass-roots level."

Why her?

Cassis said she is up to the challenge of a write-in campaign.

"Over the years I've been known as a fiscal hawk, tax-cutter and principled conservative," she said. That experience gives her a platform and a record to send her to Washington.

The election isn't about her, but families, children and grandchildren, and "restoring economic prosperity, ensuring a strong military defense, reducing government intervention in our lives, supporting private enterprise and small business," she said.

Cassis said her experience in education and in Lansing qualifies her to serve. She points to her lead in opposing the Michigan film credits and supporting more transparency in government.

"I've taken a strong stance against these giveaways," Cassis said of the film credits. "I respect our governor (Rick Snyder) for taking a strong stance and limiting these giveaways and funds for Hollywood."

Cassis said she does not know Bentivolio very well. She expects she will run her campaign on her legislative record.

"He doesn't have the experience that I do as an elected official," Cassis said. "You have to have the respect and trust from constituents."

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Family ties

Father's Day is special, living arrangement ideal for this family

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

It meant a lot to Arnetta Mae Whitehouse to have her father walk her down the aisle at her wedding to Bill Wilson.

That's something dads often do, but Whitehouse, 65, married Wilson, 83, May 2, 2011 — with dad Oliver Hatton, almost 98, there to give her away.

"I just remember hugging a lot," said Hatton, a Ford Motor Co. retiree who was a tool engineer and draftsman.

"It's pretty special to have your dad there the second time," said Whitehouse, who ran a tax return business and others with her first husband, an attorney, from their Farmington Hills home.

Whitehouse and Wilson met through their involvement in the Farmington Community Chorus. She'd been widowed in 2009, and Wilson's first wife had died in 1993.

He lived in Livonia and at first wasn't too excited about moving to Novi's Fox Run retirement community. "Bill wanted no part of it," she said. They came for a lunch and liked what they saw.

"It seemed like a really good time to get him in a continuing care place," she said of her dad.

The couple married May 2, 2011, after moving to Fox Run the previous September.

"We just discovered we had a lot in common and really liked each other," she said. He didn't mind her then-three, now-two cats.

"You still have one



Oliver Hatton, 98, Fox Run resident.

in 2005.

Their floor plan at Fox Run, the Lansing, is ideal, with two bedrooms separated by the living space. "It works out really well," she said. They share the kitchen.

Whitehouse recalled her dad being under great stress when his wife became ill. "We would have lost him," she said of that stress. "No fun," Hatton added.

Her dad was able to be independent in the inlaw suite. Their family includes Bill Wilson's four kids, three of whom are local, and his five



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Arnetta Whitehouse, center, lives at Novi's Fox Run with her husband Bill Wilson, left, and her dad Oliver Hatton. Here the trio stroll down the corridor of Fox Run's Bellemont clubhouse.

grandchildren. His oldest granddaughter just finished college in nursing and plans to become a physician.

Whitehouse has two kids, with four grandkids on her daughter's side. "It goes without saying we don't plan to have children," Wilson said with a smile. He worked as an audiologist at Henry Ford Hospital.

"Communication and compromise" is what's needed in family life today, she said. "And willingness to give each other space," she added, noting they have separate activities.

They're in the Dearborn Summer Chorus and looking forward to performing in a concert ranging from The Beatles to Vivaldi. For Father's Day, their children and grandchildren will be around. Wilson's daughter is the organizer on that side.

There's a brunch at Fox Run Hatton will enjoy, and then the others will go out, possibly for Indian food. "They'll tell us what we're doing," she said.

"His kids have adopted me and they love me," she said. "I really love them."

She hasn't found her second husband's age an issue. "Not to me. It was to him at first. Age is just a number," Whitehouse said, noting she lost her first husband at 64.

'For the long haul'

"We're in it for the long haul," she said. "He thought I was a nice girl, I guess."

Wilson will get his favorite chocolate covered raisins for Father's Day, which his wife must hide and ration, along with some Cabernet Sauvignon. She'd put a smaller stash of raisins atop the refrigerator.

"I forgot, excuse me," he joked of going to find the raisins.

Whitehouse kept her first husband's name in part due to length of adding "Wilson," as well as having children named Whitehouse. She appreciates her husband playing pool daily with her dad, and putting in his eyedrops.

She recently had cause for pride, returning from six games of Senior Olympics bowling in Rochester. She did well, although "All of us got gold medals" she said of the three women bowlers she competed with. "It's been a good life," Hatton said.

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father," quipped Hatton.

Back to Michigan

He'd been in Arizona with his late wife, who developed Alzheimer's. Whitehouse and her first husband built an in-law suite on their home here to help her parents in 1995, and her mom died



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Northville music store showcases local talent

Members of Unusual Symphony celebrate their 2012 Talent for the Title win June 1. Performing their original song Anyway, the all-girl band competed against 23 other acts to win the fourth annual competition. Pictured (I to r) are eighth graders Kaley Ross (electric guitar) and Nicole DeCapite (bass) of Plymouth; 11th grader Brittany Wenzel (drums) of Northville; instructor Justin Lee of Plymouth; and seventh graders Carly Bins (vocals and acoustic guitar) and Emily Peck (keyboard) of Northville. The duo May King finished second overall; Nathan Hrivnak finished third. Primary sponsors of the 2012 Talent for the Title were Broughton Music & Art Center, 'Starring' the Gallery and Center Stage Dance Co. Aubree's Pizzeria was the Award Sponsor.



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Show featured sound of music

By Julle Brown Staff Writer

There's plenty of talent in our community, as seen at Broughton Music & Art Center's "Talent for the Title" on June 1.

"Anyone's welcome," said music store manager Lynn Bielecki of the store at Dunlap and Center in downtown Northville. "It's a music and dance competition."

This was the fourth annual event, with prizes of \$1,500 for the top winner, \$250 for second place, and \$100 for third. This year's top winner was a junior band of five girls, Unusual Symphony. They performed "Anyway.'

Second place honors went to the May King group, with solo performer Nathan Hrivnak taking third. The second and third place winners were nonstudents of Broughton Music.

Laurie Jarski, Broughton Music owner, is cosponsor with Mary Starring of Starring the Gallery in Northville. Category winners also received trophies, in addition to the monetary awards.

Senior performers were age 18 and up, younger ones juniors. Preliminary competition was held the week before, with performers divided by group size and by those who did covers vs. their own songs.

There were no dancers this year, Bielecki said.

"We had a few older, 40 and above," she said of performers.

Junior category winners were: Brooklyn Stack, junior music solo; Ben Baxter and Leah Dixon, junior music duo/ trio; Unusual Symphony, junior music band; and Leah Dixon, junior music singer/songwriter.

Senior category winners were: May King, senior music solo/duo/ trio; and Nathan Hrivnak, senior singer/songwriter.

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MORE PERFORMANCES

If you missed the June 1 event, there's another chance to see some of the performers showcased. May King, Nathan Hrivnak and others will perform free of charge 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 15, at Northville's Town Square on Main Street in a faculty showcase.



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LONNIE HUHMAN | CORRESPONDENT Doris Close, 93, comes to Northville Physical Rehabilitation almost daily to exercise.

Northville woman a poster child for surgery rehab workout

By Lonnie Huhman Correspondent

Two knee replacements and a shoulder surgery in three years is a lot to endure at any age, but don't tell that to Northville resident Doris Close. She wouldn't listen anyway -- she's too busy exercising.

The 93-year-old woman has been at the Northville Physical Rehabilitation Cady Street location almost every day as she works her way back into normal shape. She doesn't see it as work though, more like fun.

"I'm happy when I come in here," Doris said. "Everyone is great and it feels good to get moving.'

Her favorite machine is the elliptical, and she's not afraid to break a sweat on it. The staff at Northville Physical Rehabilitation say Doris is an inspiration to others working their way back into shape as well. Owner Dennis Engerer said

she's a perfect example of what they are trying to accomplish.

"She's impressive," Engerer said. "There are a lot people in their older age who believe in staying active and she is one of them... she's the poster child."

Judy Wilson, a staffer at the facility, said Doris is one of her favorite people, and it makes her happy to see Doris come through the door to exercise. She said there are many times when Doris puts the younger people to shame.

"Everything is attitude," Doris said of her outlook on staying in shape despite the major surgeries. "A lot of people say they are retiring from something, but I think retiring to something is better.'

She said of rehabbing a surgery that, "you may limp in here, but when you leave you will be jumping."

She gives much thanks to Northville Physical

Rehabilitation and said the set-up they have is just perfect for anyone needing to rehabilitate an injury. Her motivation is a poster on the wall near the arm bike machine that reads: "Accept your limitations...and go beyond them."

For over 20 years, Northville Physical Rehabilitation has been helping a lot of people do just that. Engerer said it's their mission to provide high-quality, affordable and convenient physical rehabilitation services. He credits the longevity to his great staff and their use of leading edge treatment techniques and equipment -- and, most importantly, giving patients the time, attention and care they need.

Doris is a testament that physical rehabilitation works and she'll let you know the next time you see her on the treadmill. Try to keep up with her.

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Paraphernalia arrest

An 18-year-old Westland female was arrested for possessing a marijuana pipe and two grinders after she was stopped for speeding by Northville City Police.

On June 2, the police spotted a vehicle going 40 in a 25 mph zone and pulled it over at Rayson and N. Center streets. She was driving without a driver's license as well. There were three other passengers in the car and they were released at the scene.

When asked whether or not there were any drugs in the car, the female admitted to the items and said there was also two unopened bottles of liquor in the car.

Larceny

2^A Northville man's baggage went missing while he was saying goodbye to his girlfriend outside of his residence on 111 W. Main Street.

The 36-year-old man told police that he was arriving back at home from a weekend stay at his girlfriend's home when he stacked his items, which included a laptop computer and clothing, at his door. Upon returning he found the items missing.

The computer is valued at \$600 and some of his prescription pills were missing as well.

Retail Theft Attempt

3 A Livonia man was arrested for trying to steal power saw accessories from the 7 Mile Road Home Depot.

On June 1, Northville Township police responded to the store after a call from the loss prevention employee who stated the 29-year-old man concealed merchandise and attempted to leave the store without paying. When confronted the man attempted to run, but fell and was apprehended.

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A knocked over mailbox and crash into a ditch led to the arrest of a Plymouth woman for drunken driving.

On May 31, police responded to a caller's report of a car crashed into a ditch in the 15000 block of Park Lane. Upon arrival police found a Cadillac STS in a ditch while a mailbox was lying in the road. The car had tire damage.

The woman said to police she had drank "more than I should have. I think." She had troubles with the field sobriety tests and was therefore given a breathalyzer. It registered.164 percent blood-alcohol content.

Compiled by correspondent Lonnie Huhman

Pot sale and knife bring suspensions at Hillside

Two Hillside Middle School students were suspended after incidents involving marijuana and a knife on June 7.

According to a Jim Cracraft, principal, after "a careful and thorough investigation, the administration found that a student has sold another student 1.5 grams of marijuana" at the school.

During a locker search, it was discovered that a student has brought a knife with a 2.5 inch blade into the school and gave it to another student. Administration recovered the marijuana, knife, and money and Northville Police intervened in this case. Both students involved are suspended and will be disciplined in accordance to the Student Coda of Conduct. The student who brought the knife to school was also suspended.

"As your principal I want to assure you that any threat to the safety and wellbeing of our students will be taken seriously," said Cracraft. "If students

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are suspected of engaging any activity contrary to our Student Code of Conduct, we will investigate and intervene as necessary. In the case of any illegal activity, including illegal drug possession, we will work collaboratively with law enforcement to intervene as appropriate."

The principal asked parents to please to discuss with their children the potential dangers of substance abuse and illegal drugs.

"I also encourage you to remind your student that not only does the Code of Conduct apply in our school, violations of the law are reported to the authorities," he said. "As principal, I take any threat to our student's safety and learning very seriously and will not tolerate behavior of this type in our school. I look forward to continuing to partner with parents, teachers, and our students to promote positive choices and behaviors that keep our students safe."





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BALGORSKY, ALVIN

Age 74, passed away June 5, 2012. A private family service was held. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME.

BRANTON, MARY E.

Age 90, passed away June 10, 2012. She was born on December 28, 1921 in Tennessee, daughter of the late Isaac and Gracie Jolley. She is survived her daughter, Tracy (Ron) Wise, one grandchild and four great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband John in 1984. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 14 at 11:00am at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Friends may visit from 10:00am until the time of the service. She will be laid to rest in Grandlawn Cemetery. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

COLTON, **GARRETT JAY**

Aug. 16, 1987 – June 3, 2012 Online condolences www.obrien sullivanfuneralhome.com

EVANS, RICHARD

Age 54, of South Lyon, passed away June 5, 2012. He was born on March 31, 1958, in Flint, son of Donald and Mildred Evans. He loved being outdoors, especially with his family. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. Richard was a former assistant coach with Panthers Football and was a former coach with South Lyon Recreation basketball. He will always be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father, son and brother. He is survived by his beloved wife of 26 years, Kathie; his loving children: Dylan, Brendan and Cailyn; his mother Mildred Evans, his brother Mark Evans, his sister Carla (Robert) Gorney and his best friend. Darrell Lucas. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and loving friends. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 16th at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Friends may visit from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Finn Foundation, c/o Evans Family, 122 W. Lake St. South Lyon, MI 48178 Online Guestbook at:

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GALETTO, **JAMES PAUL** A longtime resident of Milford,

passed away peacefully on June 10, 2012 with his wife and daughters beside him. He was 78 years old. He was born July 20, 1933 in Laurium, Michigan to James and Rose (nee Peteri), the youngest in a family of seven. His father began the first bus line originally for the miners in the Calumet area, and his family owned and operated The Cozy Garden. After his graduation from Calumet high School in 1953, he attended Milwaukee School of Engineering for one year. Jim then joined the Air Force as there was no work in the Upper Peninsula. After his discharge, he moved down state and stayed for awhile with his sister Mary, then with his sister Betty in Allen Park. In 1959 Jim was hired by General Motors as a test driver for Cadillac at the Proving Grounds in Milford. At the time of his retirement in 1999, he was a driver instructor. Jim met Patricia Morisette in 1960 on a blind date set up by his nephew and her cousin, who were then dating. They were married on May 12, 1962 and made their home in Detroit. In 1966 he built his home in Milford and he, Pat and baby Lisa moved there in October of 1966. He later built their cottage at Rabbit Bay in the Upper Peninsula, a bay of Lake Superior. He is survived by his wife Patricia, their daughters Lisa (David) Perkins, Victoria (Barry) Ridenour, Audra (Kent) Shoemaker, Lorna (Thomas R., II) Brooks; grandchildren, Alysse, Wayne, Whitney and Zachary Perkins, Emily (Christopher) Frohriep, Tyler and Carly Tyler and Carly Rachel and Ian Ridenour, Shoemaker, Cole and Joshua Brooks; sisters, Joyce (Gordon) Trione, Betty (the late Adam) Katakowski, Grace (George) Langen and many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends. Funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary Catholic Church, 1955 E Commerce Rd., Milford, Friday, June 15 at 11 am. Fr. Ron Anderson to officiate. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E Liberty, Milford, Thursday 2-9 PM, Rosary 7 PM. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society or St. Mary's Parish. For further information please

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LANG, RUTH C.

Of McBain formerly of South Lyon passed away June 10, 2012 at Mercy Hospital in Cadillac. She was 91. Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at the Rehoboth Reformed Church in McBain with Reverend Dave Sterk officiating. Burial will be at the Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit. Friends may meet the family from 10:00 AM until services at the church on Wednesday. Arrangements were made by the Burkholder Funeral Home in McBain. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

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local government (Northville Township or Wayne County) has 60 days to enter into a purchase agreement and 120 days to close it. This countdown started on May 23 when the state officially presented the offer to the township.

"Many, many uncertainties associated," said Abbo. "Whether this would be a good transaction for the township or not, we don't have the answer for that yet."

Demolition costs and cleanup are the major concerns.

The board believes the location is a prime spot and cited the proximity it has to the freeway and neighboring cities as reasons of its attractiveness to businesses and companies. It could also add to the push along that corridor for technology firms.

Abbo said the evaluation process will also include thinking about what

the township wants to do with the remainder of its properties west of Beck Road, which includes the former Detroit House of Corrections property of 150 acres and 30 acres at the corner of Ridge and Five Mile roads.

The township has maintained that the 35-acre property should be used in a way that would benefit the surrounding community with commercial, retail or residential development and no longer be used as a prison.

"This board does not take this responsibility lightly, but we do have a fiduciary responsibility to evaluate the issue and determine what's the best interest of the township," Abbo said, "and that's what we are doing."

If Northville Township doesn't enter into a full agreement with the state, Wayne County could step in and purchase it for the same price, and the county would direct its future.

CRASH

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Pascoe said he believed Wojan likely died from the impact of the engine rather than from burns.

Police were unsure what caused the accident. They did, however, find a bag of medication on the front seat of the car that was traveling west on 8 Mile. Wojan drove left across the center line into the oncoming lane and hit the oak tree on the south side of the road. Witnesses said the car gradually crossed over the rod without signs of braking without skid marks to indicate the driver tried to slow down.

"We don't know if he had a medical condition to see if he went unconscious," Pascoe said.

Efforts to identify the driver were difficult, because the car was leased.

Wojan was alone in the car and

no one else was injured. Salem fire response teams were assisted by rescue teams in neighboring communities, including South Lyon and Lyon Township.

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HVA responded to the scene at 1:38 p.m. Paramedics did not detect a pulse when they arrived, according to police. Wojan was trapped inside the vehicle due to the impact. The car caught fire shortly after the crash. Numerous attempts by witnesses to pull Wojan from the burning wreckage failed, police said.

The accident forced public safety officials to close a section of 8 Mile Road Monday afternoon.

Katrina Roberts, who lives on 8 Mile west of the accident, said she heard "two loud booms."

"We thought, 'What would that be?" said Roberts, 15. "The booms were two minutes apart."

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OPINION

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OUR VIEWS

It's Flag Day — show you're proud

At the end of the Vietnam War, the United States was in a funk. Our psyche was bruised and battered by the politics of war and the antiwar protests. Waving a flag was the last thing on our minds. But in the 1980s, a miracle happened at Lake Placid, N.Y. The U.S. Olympic hockey team beat the Russians. We had something to be proud of and we waved the American flag with gusto.

It was the turning point we needed to reinvigorate our patriotism. We rallied around



the flag as we sent our troops off to fight in the Persian Gulf War in the 1990s. And in the aftermath of 9/11, we couldn't get enough of the red, white and blue. Everywhere you

looked there were flags, flown to show that even in the face of a great tragedy, we stood united.

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress decided our flag would have 13 red and white stripes and 13 stars on a field of blue. Two hundred and thirty-five years later, that flag represents 50 states joined together in the belief that we are "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Today is Flag Day, a day to fly the flag and reaffirm our belief in liberty and justice and to observe our nation's unity. Today is the day to look at our flag and see what it embodies - truth, freedom, honor and justice.

It represents the United States of America, it represents us.

Today is Flag Day. Display the flag proudly and show your dedication and commitment to our country. Stand up and be proud to say, "I am an American."

Celebrating dear old dad and all he does

Let's face it, dads don't always get the attention that mothers do. And that's OK, because dads don't necessarily need a bouquet of flow ers or a greeting card to let them know how much they are loved and appreciated. For most fathers, a simple hug and heartfelt "thank you" is enough. On Sunday, we will be celebrating Father's Day and all that fathers do — both for individual families and society as a whole. And dads sure do a lot. When many of us think of dear old dad, we associate him with teaching us how to throw a ball, catch a fish, drive a car, write our first check, and a thousand other little (and big) things that have stuck with us for a lifetime. Fathers are one-half of an important foundation from which most people learn how to become productive members of society. If you want to realize how truly important dads are, simply take a look at the households where there is no father, which is not hard to do, because in today's America there are way too many families where the father is missing. In fact, the number of children growing up in this country with no father present is roughly 19 million. And the statistics associated with such a scenario are alarming. For example, some studies indicate nearly 40 percent of those children are living in poverty. They are also at a dramatically greater risk of drug and alcohol abuse. Sexual activity and teen pregnancy are also more likely among children with no father around. And fatherless children are twice as likely to drop out of school, and have a far higher probability of getting in trouble with the law. Men who abandon their families have become a serious problem for our nation. At the same time, we also realize there are many families out there missing a father and it isn't by choice. Perhaps an accident or illness took the father from them. In some cases, another strong male figure has stepped in to provide a good example and love like a father can. Those men should also be celebrated Sunday. We know Father's Day is perceived by many as one of those greeting card holidays. Whether you buy a card or the proverbial tie for your dad isn't really important. Celebrating him and all the fathers out there for everything they do is — not only on Father's Day, but every day of the year.

COMMUNITY VOICE

of your father?



"Rockin' out to Guns 'N' Roses in his truck when he was dropping me off to school."

> Ashiey Morin City of Northville



Father's Day is Sunday — What's your favorite memory

"The first time he took me on a motorcycle ride. I was 12 years old." Lindsay Dunn

Lindsay Dunn Dearborn



"A Cubs game at Wrigley Field. I think I was 8. My grandfather went, too." Kelly Biers City of Northville



"Being out in nature with my dad — going on walks, fishing, ice skating. Just spending time with him."

Karen Maroid City of Northville

LETTERS

No more Obama

During the past few months, a number of letters have appeared here supporting President Obama, obviously part of a well-organized campaign of letter writing. These letters have two things in common: 1) None of them even remotely attempt to defend the president's dismal record — it's impossible to defend; and 2) The letters are full of half-truths, propaganda, and outright lies.

The biggest lie is that the Republican Party hates women. Since at least half of the people who call themselves Republicans ARE women, this is obviously not true.

Propaganda? A recent letter cites "the Republican myth of an out-of-control spending spree." Obama has spent more money in his three years as president than Presidents Carter, Reagan, Bush No. 1, Clinton, and Bush No. 2 did in any three years of their presidencies. It's not a "myth." The writers also cite tax cuts "for the rich," a favorite propaganda term by the Democrats. Since the Bush tax cuts were for all income levels, I guess that makes us all "rich."

Half-truths? These writers have mentioned "Bush's wars." The war in Afghanistan came after an attack on our country and was a bipartisan decision with full Democratic support, and the Iraq war was also bipartisan. Nancy Pelosi, Harry Reid, Hillary Clinton, John Kerry, and Teddy Kennedy all supported our involvement in Iraq. This upcoming election is the most critical election in the history of this nation. It is not about electing Mitt Romney. It's about removing the worst president in U.S. history from office (and removing Debbie Stabenow who mindlessly supported him). We have a clear choice this year. We can either vote to restore our place as the world's most prosperous nation and leader of the free world or continue down Obama's slippery slide to socialist mediocrity. It's up to you. Remember this: It's a recession when your neighbor loses his job. It's a depression when you lose your job. It's a recovery when Obama loses his job.

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 formats.

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gles the government in the affairs of religion in a way that's never happened before. All Americans should be very concerned about this.

I would suggest that Mr. Lawrence

Fred was a part of every important township issue that commanded my attention. It was reassuring to know that he was always present, already involved, caring and working toward creating a positive outcome that would benefit us all.

Fred's a really smart guy who can successfully sustain Northville Township's sound fiscal standing, quality of life and the security and community services we all enjoy here while still moving us ahead.

He has a bachelor's degree in engineering, an M.B.A. from U-M, and the time, energy and experience to work for you and me, plus an impressive track-record to prove it. You can prove how much you want this area to continue to thrive by voting for Fred Shadko for Northville Township trustee on Aug. 7.

Joanne Bandoni

Northville Township Northville Art House Exhibit Committee member

Nix for supervisor

We strongly urge Northville Township voters to support Bob Nix for township supervisor in the Aug. 7 primary and final election on Nov. 8. Bob has impressive qualifications



Cal Stone, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor **Grace Perry,** Director of Advertising John Colling Northville

Religion debate

Regarding the letter from Mr. Steve Lawrence in your June 7, 2012, edition, I was appalled by the lack of his grasp of the issue with the HHS mandate on abortion-inducing drugs, sterilization and contraception. The Catholic Church has repeatedly said their intention is not to dictate that others must abide by their beliefs on contraception. These services are freely available and nothing prevents the government itself from making them more widely available.

The point is that this mandate forces the Catholic Church and other religious organizations to provide and pay for services which they morally object to based on their faith. The issue is about the right of all religions to determine their way of life and to live according to their consciences as guaranteed in our constitution. This mandate entanstudy the issue more thoroughly before expressing his inaccurate and biased opinions.

> Ernie McLaughiin Northville

It's dog-gone time for Shadko

Although Northville Township resident Fred Shadko is finally running for a township trustee position, he's already been working for you and me as a highly effective citizen's leader and relentless community volunteer for many years — all while holding down a demanding position as an information technology manager/executive for Chrysler, as part of his 39-year career in the automotive industry (which he recently retired from).

Been to the dog park lately? Thank Fred for that. He was instrumental in getting this wonderful, leash-free Northville Dog Park developed so all of our canine companions can playfully run and romp to their delight.

Enjoyed any of our community's many historic district offerings? Thank Fred for being the secretary of the Historic District Commission and helping produce popular events such as October's Cemetery Walk.

Excited about the cool, new master park plan for the former state hospital property? Thank Fred for that, too. He was a leader of the successful campaign to stop the annexation of 414 acres of our township's land to Livonia, which could have brought us a mall the size of Novi's 12 Oaks, way overdeveloping our beautiful community.

I met Fred five years ago at a Citizens for Northville meeting, another impactful group he founded. I was immediately impressed by his sincerity, knowledge of the situation, leadership qualities, and his ability to quickly put a smart, strategic plan into action. Fred knows how to get things done — with honesty, integrity, organization and hard work. From then on, it seemed like for this position and will provide excellent leadership for our community.

> Richard and Margie Sievert Northville

Roosen for supervisor

I have known Chris Roosen for 28 years, and I am writing to urge you to vote for him for township supervisor on Aug. 7. Chris is the only candidate in the race with the right combination of private-sector problem-solving experience and actual experience on the Board of Trustees. He is a not a career politician, and has a full-time job in the auto industry.

I have always found him to be open, honest, accountable and a person of strong integrity. He is uniquely qualified to lead our community.

Please join me in voting for Chris Roosen for Northville Township supervisor on Aug. 7.

> Biase Casillas Northville

Fighting synthetic drugs

Kudos to the Novi Police Department and Chief David Molloy for being proactive in our battle against K2 and other synthetic drugs.

Last week, Novi police officers visited every retail outlet in Novi, including gas stations and party stores, and found that no one sells K2 or any variation of that nasty stuff in our great city.

Kudos to our city administration, and especially City Manager Clay Pearson, for being on top of this dilemma. If any citizen sees or hears about this trash being sold in our city, I urge you to call the police immediately. Although it's not a crime to sell it yet, I know that our Michigan Legislature is working diligently to make it illegal to sell or possess.

Let's all work together to keep Novi the safe, wonderful community that it is.

> **Bob Gatt** City of Novi mayor

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Food distribution

Income guidelines have been adjusted to allow more individuals and families to be served by **TEFAP**. The Emergency Food Assistance Program provides low-income Plymouth and Northville residents with canned and non-perishable items.

The distribution takes place the third Thursday (June 21) at St. Kenneth Catholic Church (14951 North Haggerty Road).

All recipients must be pre-registered.

This is a supplemental food program so it may be used in addition to other assistance programs. Bridge Card holders automatically quality, but need to pre-register. Recipients not currently on governmental assistance (food stamps, ADC and general) need to provide documentation including proof of income and residency before receiving food on distribution days.

Distributions continue the third Thursday of each month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at St. Kenneth Catholic Church. Call Plymouth Community United Way at (734) 453-6879, ext. 7.

Summer of Giving

For the third year, Seedlings Braille Books for Children is partnering

with Fleming's Prime Steakhouse for their Summer of Giving program. Join Seedlings for a casual night of mingling at Fleming's Steakhouse from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday June 22. Tickets are \$50 each with 80 percent of the proceeds going to help make braille books for blind children. Only 60 tickets are available. Fleming's will provide an

Northville Beautification Commission.

Children is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization based in Livonia dedicated to increasing the opportunity for literacy by providing high quali-

Collareno and Molly Kirkland. Rotary Interact is a student-led community service

group that works to solve problems and improve the quality of life of people in

Arbor Day by the Northville Township Beautification Commission and the City of

the local community. The seedling give-away is an annual event co-sponsored each

ty children's literature in braille. To order tickets, contact Seedlings at (734) 427-8552, ext. 301 or email seedlink7@ameritech.net.

Pitch in for a **Summer Solstice** Cleanup

Join the Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail for a trail work day from 6:309 p.m. Thursday, June 21. The vegetation has grown rapidly along the trail this spring, so the group will be beating back the brush on the section just north of 8 Mile.

Meet on the trail or in the Meijer parking lot on the southwest corner of 8 Mile and Haggerty. Bring clippers, pruners, loppers, scythes/sickles, rakes, brooms and anything else that would be helpful for trimming the brush. Make sure to wear protective eye wear, work gloves, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt; poison ivy is always a concern. Water and light snacks will be provided.

For more information call Dave Duffield at (248) 994-3074 or visit the Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail on Facebook.

Pottery painting at Creatopia

New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering an evening at Creatopia in downtown Plymouth on June 26. This event is for children who are interested in painting a pottery piece in memory of someone who has died. Dinner will be at Subway (next to Creatopia) starting at 6:15 p.m. After some brief instructions, painting will begin at 7 p.m. and will conclude at 8:30. The event is free, but

space is limited. Please call New Hope at (248) 348-0115 to register.

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Heise invites residents to coffee hours

State Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth) is sponsoring coffee hours to give residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him locally.

Heise will talk with residents from 7:30-9 a.m. on Friday, June 15 at Panera Bread, located at 20140 Haggerty Road, just south of 8 Mile, in Northville. No appointment is necessary.

Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office. Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REP-KURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

Arts & Acts volunteers needed

Organizers of the annual Arts & Acts Festival in downtown Northville are seeking volunteers for the June 22-24 event. Most shifts are approximately three hours long, and volunteers are needed each day. If interested, contact Sue Taylor at stavlor3@comcast.net or (248) 449-8361.

Residents: Join our election reader panel

In August, Northville Township voters will elect candidates to move on to the November general election.

As part of our mission to inform the community, the Record interviews candidates, and attends public meetings and forums to report on the positions and ideas of candidates. Based on our coverage, individual interviews and knowledge of each race, we offer our opinion in the form of a recommendation to readers

This election we will contin-

ue that practice -- but we also want our readers to join in the experience. The Record is seeking a reader panel for the township board of trustee races.

We are looking for readers who want to find out more about the candidates -- not residents who have an ax to grind or those who have already made up their minds. We want readers who have the interest and the community concern about election issues. Our fivemember resident panels will interview all the candidates

and make their endorsements on these two races prior to the Aug. 7 primary election. We will publish our reader panel recommendations along side of our recommendations.

We are looking for voters that represent a wide range of ages and experiences in the community. Are you a firsttime voter or a local college student? If so, we invite you to apply. Are you married with children, a single mom or dad, a senior citizen, a new resident? We are looking for you, too.

We don't want people working for any candidate or appointed by any of the incumbents to any board or commission.

To be eligible for the panel, you must be registered to vote, available to attend one group orientation meeting in the next two weeks and be available to attend face-to-face endorsement interviews (three-hour commitment) in July. You must agree to attend at least one candidate forum sponsored by any local group, The Northville Record's candidate forum will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 27 at township hall.

Email your name, address and a daytime phone number if you are interested in receiving a short application to cstone@ hometownlife.com.

Reader panel members will be photographed and profiled in the Record and receive a \$25 gift card to either Speedway, Meijer, Kohl's or Target.

The Aug. 7 election decisions will directly impact each resident. If you are interested in making a difference, apply for the Record reader panel.



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Scout's honor Foursome from Troop 755 attain Eagle rank

By Juiie Brown Staff Writer

A number of young men from Boy Scout Troop 755 at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville recently achieved Eagle Scout status, the highest award in Scouting.

Tom Dixon and Daniel Ondrus had their Court of Honor on May 20, Eric Karinen and Ben Thomas on May 19. The Scouts are required to complete an extensive project to attain Eagle status.

"I gathered personal hygiene products like shampoo for (Northville) Civic Concern," said Karinen, 18, a senior at Northville High School and son of Mark and Holly. He's been in Boy Scouts seven years and was a Cub Scout before that.

Others from his troop helped. "It wasn't terrible work. It was kind of fun," said Karinen, who's on the high school Frisbee team. He's headed to Michigan Technological University for pharmaceutical chemistry studies.

"It's kind of cool," he added of the recognition, noting only 2 percent attain Eagle status but many from his troop have this year.

Ondrus, 17, is a junior at Northville High and son of Lisa and Dan.

"I remodeled the front foyer of the American Legion hall" in Northville, said Ondrus, a Scout since first grade. "I got some help from others."

His dad and other adult volunteers were the main helpers on the American Legion site. Ondrus has another year of high school but likely will start studies at Schoolcraft College.



Tom Dixon



Daniel Ondrus

quite a bit," Ondrus said. "It's the highest rank and not many people achieve it. It's a really big deal."

Dixon, 19, is finishing his freshman year at Kettering University in Flint in chemical engineering. He's a Novi resident and 2011 Novi High School graduate.

"I did a food drive for Northville Civic Concern," said Dixon, son of Michael and Susan and brother to Daniel, 16. He collected with others' help nonperishable food during two weeks in February 2011.

"I had a bunch of volunteers helping me." Dixon just made the age requirement of 18 for Eagle status.

"I learned a lot of skills from my troop," he said. "Eagle's kind of the culmination of those skills." He appreciates the opportunities Scouting has given.





in Michigan: "It depends where the jobs go."

Ben Thomas, 18, is also a graduating senior at Northville High School and the son of Andy and Joan. His brothers are Zack, 21, and Alex, 14.

"I'm going to be going to Wayne State," said Thomas, who'll start in general studies there but hopes to enroll in the School of Music for jazz guitar. At NHS, he was in the jazz band and played snare drum on the drum line.

"I did a food drive for Northville Civic Concern," Thomas said of his Eagle project in December 2011, for which he got help from Troop 755, neighbors and friends.

"It's definitely taught me leadership things," he said of reaching Eagle status. He relies on the Scout motto of "Be Prepared."

"You're always more

Wish You Were Here



Northville residents Nick, Lauren and Andy Maiz were on vacation this spring in Florida's The Villages — the largest retirement community in the nation.

Wish You Were Here



Kevin Schrot of Northville probably wishes he was still at Ponce Inlet, Fla., where he was for spring break. The lighthouse is near Daytona Beach.

BIRTH

Lucas Robert Deacon

Lucas Robert Deacon was born at 8:56 a.m. May 11, 2012 at Valley Medical Center in Renton, Wash.

He weighed 9 pounds 6 ounces and measured 21 inches long.

Proud parents are Christine and Andy Deacon of Covington, Wash, formerly of



"After that, I'm really not sure," he said. He's on the rowing/crew team at school, and also proud to be an Eagle. "It definitely means Dixon works in co-op settings, right now for an engineering company, through Kettering. He hopes to get hired after graduation, and may stay ready to face challenges," Thomas said, adding he's learned "how to handle tough things."

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Northville. Lucas' siblings are Daniel, 4, Nicholas, 2, and Alexander, 2.

Grandparents are Mary and Jim Mattis of Maple Valley, Wash., formerly of Northville, and Bill and Chris Deacon of Northville.



Great-grandparents are Frank and Florence Mattis of Dearborn Heights and Marjory Deacon of Livonia.





JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Carolyn O'Neil entertains a gathering at the Northville Senior Community Center on May 23 for a pre-Memorial Day patriotic song review. The afternoon of organ music and sing-along songs was sponsored by Evola Music and featured their musical instruments.



A good-sized crowd turns up for the May 23 patriotic songs gathering at the Northville Senior Community Center.



Tunes together

Louis Ryan's efforts on an Evola organ are applauded by attendees of the May 23 pre-Memorial Day patriotic song gathering at the Northville Senior Community Center.



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Philip Kukulski, second from left, dashes back and forth in the water to chase fish into a net held by other volunteers during the May 31 net-survey of Johnson Creek, a Rouge River tributary in Northville.

Tracking down an elusive minnow

College interns find endangered redside dace in Rouge River watershed

By Kurt Kuban Staff Writer

Most college students spend their time researching a project surrounded by books in a library or in front of a computer screen — not waste deep in a river chasing fish. But that's where University of Michigan-Dearborn students Bob Muller and Kristina Blott found themselves May 31, as they were doing a fish survey in Northville's Johnson Creek. The students were surveying two sites that Thursday — in Fish Hatchery Park and a little downstream near Seven Mile and Hines Drive. The day was the culmination of eight separate days of doing fish surveys in the Rouge River watershed, as part of an internship the two are doing with Friends of the Rouge, an organization that promotes all aspects of the river. The main goal of their efforts has been to determine the status of fish populations in the Rouge watershed, and in particular to find the presence of a small minnow called the redside dace, which has traditionally been found in Rouge tributaries but is now an endangered species in Michigan. The project has been a huge success. With the help of other Friends of the Rouge volunteers, Muller and Blott found the colorful redside dace at four different locations: in Minnow Pond Creek, Seeley Creek, and the Upper Branch of the Rouge - all in Farmington Hills - and in Johnson Creek near Five Mile and Ridge roads in Northville Township. The presence of the fish, which hadn't been documented in the Rouge watershed since 2005, is something to cheer because the fish requires cold, clean water to survive and is a good indicator of good water quality - something not usually associated with the Rouge River. "We've found them at quite a few sites, which is exciting because they haven't been found for several years." said Blott, a 26-year-old Northville resident, who hopes to become a fisheries biologist after graduating later this year. "They're not found in the nearby Clinton or Huron rivers. They're found specifically in the Rouge watershed. So we were quite thrilled to find them." And the redside dace isn't the only fish they've found. During their various survey locations, the team has found and documented nearly 20 different species of fish. In Fish Hatchery Park, alone, they found numerous species, including blacknose dace, white sucker, bluegill, green sunfish, creek chubb, sculpin (another very sensitive fish), and more than a dozen brown trout, one of which that measured about 12 inches. You might say it was a good day on the river, and the team was in a celebratory mood after collecting such a diversity of fish. Jeff Braunscheidel, senior fisheries biologist for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, came out to Fish Hatchery Park to check on the team



A team of students and volunteers net-survey the Johnson Drain in Northville on May 31. The group worked on cataloging species

found in the tributary of the Rouge at Seven and Sheldon Roads in Northville. From left are: Bob Muller, Kristina Blatt, Nick Lavigne, and Philip Kukulski.



Sally Petrella of Friends of the Rouge takes a look at one of the many crayfish the netsurvey team found last week in Northville's Johnson Creek.



One of the colorful redside dace the team was able to document. The rare fish grows up to about 4.7 inches long.

Thursday. He was also happy to see the presence of pollution-intolerant species including the trout and sculpin, and he was thrilled to know the team had found the redside dace at the other locations. He said the data the team is putting together is important because it helps the DNR know where threatened species are present, which impacts how the department grant permits to developers in surrounding areas.

"It ensures a higher level of protection," he said.

At 64 years old, Muller, a Royal Oak resident, isn't your typical grad student. Yet, you would be hard-pressed to find anyone more passionate about fish, particularly the various minnow species found in Michigan. In fact, as happy as everyone else was about finding the trout at Fish Hatchery Park, Muller was a bit disappointed not finding any redside dace at the location. He thinks there is simple reason — the trout, which are stocked by the DNR, eat smaller minnows.

Still, Muller labeled their project a success.

"I've been incredibly pleased," he said. "I am astounded with the diversity we've found."

Now that the students are finished

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The fish survey team checks their net for a sample on Johnson Creek recently. From left are Nick Lavigne, Sally Petrella, Deborah Hochberg, Kristina Blott, and Philip Kukulski (at bottom).

with their field work, Muller and Blott will add up all the data and put together a paper of their work, which will not only help them graduate from college but also be used by Friends of the Rouge and the DNR. Muller said once he graduates, he may even try to do a more comprehensive fish study of the Rouge River, which hasn't been done since 1995.

"I would like to extend this to cover the entire Rouge watershed, so in 20 from now if the water quality improves we can say, 'Wow, look how far we've come.' Or, if things get worse, we can see exactly where," Muller said. "If you don't stick your head under the water, you just don't know what's down there."

The Rouge River covers 466 square miles in three counties and 42 communities in the metropolitan Detroit area. To learn more about the Friends of the Rouge, visit www.therouge.org.

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Mustangs claim first regional crown

Northville nips Mercy in softball championship game, 1-0

By Dan O'Meara Observer Staff Writer

Pitcher Laura Pond and the other six seniors on the Northville varsity softball team led the Mustangs to one of the greatest achievements in the history of the program Saturday.

A veteran Northville team edged a young Farmington Hills Mercy, 1-0, and won the school's first regional championship in the Division 1 tournament at Novi.

Pond pitched a one-hitter in the final game, and she also threw a 5-0 shutout against Walled Lake Northern in a morning semifinal.

Pond, center fielder Jen Buckingham and shortstop Meredith Williams were freshmen on the varsity three years ago when Northville beat Mercy to win its last district title.

All seven seniors are defensive starters this year. The others are Maggie Stewart, Ellie Asher, Rachel Deacon and Carly Oosten.

"If you look at this team and how many games they've played together, this is absolutely Northville's season to do this," coach Kary Couchman said. "There's still talent coming up, but this was the year.

"These girls have been playing together since they were 10. They've worked for this for eight years, and now they get to celebrate this."

The Mustangs had three hits off opposing pitcher Kayce Nieto, the lone senior on the Mercy team. Pond struck out 11 batters, Nieto nine; nei-



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville High School varsity softball players join in on a joyous scrum after they defeated Farmington Hills Mercy on June 9 for their first ever Region 8, Div. 1 championship. Novi won the game 1-0 and will now advance further in the MHSAA playoffs and play on June 12 in East Lansing. The Mustangs surround their pitcher Laura Pond who pitched a complete game, two-hitter shutout.

going to be a blowout. No one thought we were going to score a lot of runs, and it was exactly what I expected it to be." She added Pond was

extremely focused and has done a fantastic job of leading the Mustangs (28-11) from the circle.

"She's good; she had a great game," Couchman said. "She's worked so hard, in season and out of season."

The game was scoreless until the bottom of the sixth inning when Stewart, the No. 9 batter, started the winning rally with a one-out single through the middle.

Buckingham put down a bunt in front of the plate against a drawn-



Base runner Jen Buckingham has her helmet taking off by a Mercy shortstop while trying to get back to second. Buckingham was ruled out on a close play.

With two out, sophomore Allie Chapekis singled through the left side of the infield, scoring

small ball; we'll do those little things. We have an extremely quick team, so we use our speed to our the little things to make it happen.

"My girls were committed to it. They wanted to win this so bad. We weren't going to come off with a loss; they were going fight to the end."

Tough defense

While the Marlins (26-9) played an error-free game, the Mustangs made four errors that allowed batters to reach base. They were able to overcome each miscue, however.

"My girls were tough on defense," Couchman said. "We made a couple errors, and we didn't let it hurt us. (The Mustangs) were focused and recovered from everything, and they fought the whole way." "Both teams played well defensively," Mercy coach Ed Ketelhut said. "They had a couple errors; we played sound like we typically do. It just came down to the offensive side of the ball. That's where we need to get better.

"But our youth did show. We start two freshmen, three sophomores, three juniors and one senior. I just think it's their time, and ours is yet to come. We're going to keep working and striving for that."

Play at the plate

Mercy threatened to score in the second inning when junior Jackie Murphy reached on an overthrow at first base, enabling her to go to third on the play.

She tried to score on junior Megan Tarrance's fly out to left field, but Asher's throw to the plate was in time for catcher Chapekis to make the inning-ending putout.

"If she's off a foot, left or right, with the crosswind, we're safe," Ketelhut said. "She just made a great throw. No, I don't second-guess that at all.

"Plus, we weren't getting a whole lot of production below her, so I thought we had to push the envelope and try to get a run across."

"Ellie Asher threw the ball exactly like she should," Couchman said. "The runner was coming in hard, and she made a great throw. When the pressure was on, she stepped up and did it."

Nieto doubled in the fourth inning for the lone Mercy hit but was left stranded there. Buckingham had a bunt single to start the game for the first of Northville's three hits.

ther issued a walk. "We knew it was going to be a pitchers duel," Couchman said. "Nobody thought this game was in infield. Third baseman Alex Sobczak tried to get the forceout at second, but Stewart beat the throw. Stewart with the lone run. "That's what we've done all season — manufacture runs," Couch-

man said. "We'll play

advantage.

"We know Nieto is a fantastic pitcher and shut people down all year long, and it was going to take

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Northville lacrosse season ends in style

Squad puts up one heck of a fight against Seaholm

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

It was a season of historical firsts for the Northville Mustangs boys lacrosse team, which beat Detroit Catholic Central to earn a chance to play in the regional final last week.

There, the squad ran into perennial powerhouse Birmingham Seaholm and ultimately fell, 15-12. Of course, that doesn't mean they

didn't have Seaholm more than a little bit worried for a large portion of the contest.

"The boys really came to play," said coach Greg Durham. "I am really proud of our guys and the strides that we made over the entire season. We had lots of surprises from guys that we never expected to contribute."

And everyone, including opposing coaches, took note. That's why the Mustangs ended up with three first-team All-State players, one thirdteam All-Stater and two honorable mention All-State selections. What's more is Northville has 12 All-Academic KLAA players.

The largest honor was handed down to senior Jakob Kippola, however, as he earned All-American status thanks to his performance this year, which included 113 total

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NORTHVILLE LACROSSE

Nick Melucci works his way up the field in the final game for the Northville Mustangs boys lacrosse team.



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Mustang second baseman Scott Matthews tags out the leaping Brighton Bulldog Shane Dokey during the teams' June 9 playoff game at Novi High. Brighton beat Northville 3-1 to advance to play Birmingham Brother Rice later that day.

Northville baseball season closes

Record-setting year outshines final loss

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

correspondent

"I am very proud of this group's accomplishments and how our seniors went out on such a positive note," said coach John Kostrzewa. "The season was outstanding."

Indeed it was. So much so that a 3-1 loss in the regional tournament to Brighton barely even registers.

That game was the epitome of quality high school baseball though. Matt Stojkov was marvel-

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The Northville Mustangs baseball team lost last week. The truth is, nobody cares. They're still too busy talking about what a great team the Mustangs were in 2012. The Central Division, Kensington Conference and KLAA titles are still on the tip of everyone's tongue, as is the singleseason record of 32 victories. Hometown Weeklies | Thursday, June 14, 2012

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Controversial call

The game ended with some controversy in the Mercy half of the seventh inning.

With one out, Murphy reached on an infield error, and Jordan Ewald hit a pop fly over first base. The ball was dropped in foul territory.

The plate umpire ruled Murphy was out for obstructing the first baseman and awarded first base to Ewald. The next batter hit a fly ball to short for the third out.

"The fly ball was right at first base on the bag, and he said our runner has to make an attempt to get out of the way," Ketelhut said. "I've never heard that rule in my life. Do I think it cost us? No, but it is not a rule. It's just one of those fluky things that got out of hand.

"That's a seniorheavy team over there. They've been there; they've been through the wars together, and they played a great game. And it was a great game - two good pitchers going and it was 1-0. But (the controversial out) isn't the reason why we're here now."

Couchman had a dif-



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The Northville High School varsity softball team poses with their first ever Div 1, region 8 championship trophy at Novi High on June 9.

ferent perspective on the play and opinion about the call.

"My player was going after the ball," she said. "The runner has to give her an opportunity to get the ball and she didn't. That seventh inning, when the game is what is, it was a tough call.

"Of course, I think it was the right call. I've seen obstruction calls like that. The umpiring crews we had are extremely experienced, so you count on them to make the right call. Of course, I think

they did. If you ask the Mercy coaches, I'm sure they would disagree on that."

Where to stand?

With the runner entitled to first base, where is she supposed to go on a play like that?

"That's the thing; you don't want to jump off," Ketelhut said. "He said the runner has to duck or move out of the way. I've never heard of that. Once you're on the bag, you can stay there straight up and down. They have to play

around you.

"He said she had to keep her foot in contact, but she had to move. I guess we'll check that rule later; I've never seen that. It's always in these big games like this; something weird happens.

"It kinda did spoil (a potential rally) a little bit but, like I said, it didn't cost us. We just didn't execute at the plate like we should have. But, again, Pond pitched well."

Team moves on

Northville advanced to the quarterfinal round of the tournament Tuesday to play defending state champion Mattawan at Michigan State University.



A key play in Northville's June 9 victory over Farmington Mercy occurred with one out in the 7th. A Mercy batter popped the ball up toward Northville 1st baseman (Micaela Petrucci No. 8 here) who was unable to catch the ball that was in play. The umpire ruled that Mercy's base runner, seen behind Petrucci) interfered with the play, pushing the first baseman and not getting out of the way. The runner was called out and Mercy was down to its last out.









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Mustang Maggie Stewart was ruled safe at second after beating the throw from the catcher after teammate Jen Buckingham laid down a bunt during the 7th inning. Stewart went on to score Northville's only run later that inning on a base hit up the middle.



Mustang pitcher Laura Pond pitched a complete game two-hitter shutout against Mercy.



Mustang Jen Buckingham bunts in the 7th inning to advance base runner Maggie Stewart.





PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Connor Smith takes a swing against Brighton on June 9.

Catholic Central heads to finals

Golf team clears regional hurdle to play for state title

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

It just wouldn't be a sports season if the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks didn't have representatives in the highest levels of the MHSAA playoffs.

This spring, it's the golf team that earned a right to compete for the ultimate trophy as they cleared the field of tough regional competition and will play in the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Division I state finals this weekend at the Meadows golf course at Grand Valley State University.

The Shamrocks, coached by Bill Hayes, earned a team regional score of 312 to plow the way to the finals. Leading the team was the out-

standing play of Charlie Green, who shot a 75 to help propel his team into the biggest tournament of the year. Just one stroke behind was Corey Szmadzinski, who has been saving his best golf of the year for the postseason, while Joey Hanba shot an 80, Patrick Luther shot an 81 and Dominic Scapone carded an 88 in the regional qualifier.

The Shamrocks will see plenty of familiar faces at the finals as local teams like Birmingham Brother Rice, Canton, University of Detroit Jesuit, Pinckney and Plymouth all earned the cut for the finals.

Northville's individual representative in the regional golf tournament, Andrew Sarokin, missed qualifying for the finals.

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just glad I got to be a part

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athletics has to offer," she

said. "It will be an experi-

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Her high school track

coach, Vince Tyle, said

that it was a great way

for Moynes to end her

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ous on the mound despite the loss, striking out 13 of the Brighton batters while walking none and giving up just four hits.

Unfortunately for Northville, two of those hits happened to be home runs for Brighton, which scored twice in the top of the second inning on a double and a homer and then one in the fifth on a solo shot out of the field.

"Credit the Brighton pitcher in keeping us off balance all game," said Kostrzewa. "We never really got much going offensively."

Brett MacDonald, Jeff Gertley, Billy Mitchell and Scott Matthews ended their high school careers with hits.

But, in the end, no one will remember the number of strikeouts or the number of hits. They'll just remember that from now on that the Northville team of 2012 was one of the best ever fielded for the orange and black — and that's something to be proud of.



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A Mustang third baseman tries desperately to tag out Brighton's Robert Hopman during the teams' baseball regional semifinal on June 9. Hopman was safe at third and the Bulldogs went on to beat Northville 3-1.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

Project name:

BECK ROAD BOOSTER STATION DISTRICT WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS Charter Township of Northville

Project owner: Project location: Northville Township, Michigan Contract number: N/A

Project description:

Bids are solicited on a unit price basis. Work under this Contract consists of the installation of 8-inch, 12-inch, and 16-inch water main (or equivalent sized HDPE water main) including approximately 7,600 feet by directional drill and 750 feet by open cut construction. The work also includes the installation of water main appurtenances including 13 gate valve in wells, 5 butterfly valve in wells, 18 fire hydrants, and related restoration work

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Link to bid documents:

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Deposit information

Deposit: 5% of bid amount

Wages: This project requires compliance with the Davis Bacon Act and adherence to the current U.S. Department of Labor Wage Decision.

Additional information

Comments:

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Northville standout takes sixth

By Sam Eggleston

Correspondent

Alex Moynes is a competitor in every facet of the word. She, quite simply, doesn't expect to turn in any performance other than her best and is never satisfied unless she knows that she did.

This is why Moynes was the perfect representative for Northville High School in the Midwest Tournament of Champions track and field meet last weekend.

Moynes took sixth place with a jump of 5-feet-2inches against some of the best athletes in the country. While she wasn't thrilled with her top-10 performance, she was happy to have had the

experience. "I met some really good

NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

Northville triathlon team competes at Island Lake

The Northville Triathlon Team had their first major meet on May 26 since its creation in April.

The team had spectacular finishes in both the Sprint distance and the Olympic distance. For individuals in the sprint race, Sarah Cullen, Madison Schulz, Grace Lafreniere (juniors), and Mathew Schafer (freshman) placed 46th, 291st, 113th, and 51st, respectively.

Northville's relays for the sprint triathlon finished third and fourth. The triathletes who participated in the third place relay were Rachel Mazzara, John Michalowski and Carly Stone. The participants in the fourth place relay were Dennis Kim, Gabe Gach and Renee O'Connell.

In the Olympic portion of the race, the founder of the team, Nick DuFresne (sophomore), placed seventeenth with a time of 2:19:36. Also, Jason Lerner, a senior, placed fifty-first with a time of 2:31:36. Meanwhile, the Olympic relay comprised of Catherine Cui, Trever Lerner and Drew Kanya, finished first for the Olympic relays with a final time of 2:14:35. Overall, this was a great day for the team and they are all looking forward to more excellent races.

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- 1. Demolition of existing piping, valves and fittings as indicated in the drawings.
- 2. Migration of station control to a new PLC.
- 3. Furnishing and installing three (3) pumps with motors and VFDs; process piping, valves and fittings; instrumentation and controls and all other equipment and appurtenances as indicated in the plans.
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MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING: on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 11:00 AM, local time at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168 followed by a tour of the existing Beck Road Booster Station. The Pre-Bid Meeting is mandatory for all contractors planning to bid on the project.

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Tell Scoop how you and your Dad have fun... you could win Great Prizes!

Mail to:

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Deadline for submissions:

All entries need to he received at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers by close of the business day on June 28th. Winners to be announced in the July's Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.

in Scood's Birthday Club Name: Address: City: Zip: Date of Birth: Boy or Girl Email: Phone: *Parent's Printed Name: *Parent's Signature Fill out the form and have your parent's fill in their name and signature. Clip and mail, it's that easy! * Required for Birthday Club

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Submit a picture of you and your dad doing something fun, along with a brief description

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Scoop's Craft Corner

Let dad know how much you love and appreciate him by giving him a one of a kind trophy decorated with love. It's super simple to make and a lot of fun too.

Items needed:

2 paper cups Masking tape Construction paper or card stock paper Gold paint (or any color of your chose) Scissors

Create Dad a cherished keepsake!

Have FUN with DAD!

Youth Name:

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Do you write, draw, make crafts, take photographs, or do something else that you would like others to know about? Share your



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Eiizabeth Ho is the winner of the Mother's Day contest. She won \$20 Kohi's Gift Certificate for her mom.

That Light

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At the end

Is my mother. Thank you.

-Elizabeth Ho

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Elizabeth Ho and her Mom.

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Directions:

Tape 2 paper cups together at the bottom with masking tape to create the body of the trophy.

Paint both cups with gold paint (or other color).
 To make handles cut out two D shapes from the construction paper making sure to make the flat part of the D a little thicker so you can fold it against the trophy.

Paint the D shapes the same color as the trophy.

Once paint dries, glue the handles to the trophy.

Decorate your trophy with personalized message, to Dad.

Optional:

To really make your trophy stand out, paint a small box gold for a base and glue the trophy on top. Add a personal message on box.

Source: easypreschoolcraft.blogspot.com

School is almost out for the summer making it a good time to talk about safety. Scoop wants all of his friends to be safe at all times.

TIPS TO REMEMBER

If you are on the computer, never give out your personal information or send pictures of yourself without your parent's permission. Remember some people on-line may not be who they say that they are.

Make sure that your parents know where you are at all times.

Stay away from strangers.

If you become lost from your parents in a store, ask someone who works there to help you.

If you do ever need to defend yourself from a stranger, run for help and yell out "Help, this is not my parent!"

 Stay away from weapons like guns and knives in the home. Don't even touch it!
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NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

Hole-in-one

online at hometownlife.com

Andrew Schubert, of Northville, received a standing ovation at Angela Hospice's annual charity golf outing. The reason: he was the hole-in-one winner. "As soon as I hit the ball I knew it was a really good shot," said Schubert, "and I knew it would at least be close to the pin." Moments later, he saw the ball land and roll in. The 18-year-old MSU student has been golfing for as long as he could remember, but this was his first hole-inone. "It was super exciting," Schubert said. "And it was even cooler because both my dad and grandpa were there to see it. They were both jumping up and down, just as excited as I was." Schubert scored his hole-in-one at Fox Hills' Fox Classic course in Plymouth, on Woodlands hole five. It was a prize hole too, so he won an amusement park getaway for his accomplishment. "We're all so proud of our hole-inone winner!" said Angela Hospice's Events Coordinator Barb Iovan. "Everyone was thrilled to share in the celebration of his achievement!" Pictured, Andrew Schubert (second from left) scored a hole-in-one at the Angela Hospice Golf Outing. He is pictured with teammate Mark DeRaud of West Bloomfield, his father Chuck Schubert of Northville, and grandfather Art Prochnow of Howell.

Michigan Warriors bring new crop of rising stars to Flint via NAHL entry draft

Flint-based hockey team selects several talented players from Michigan Several new talented student athletes - including Northville's Nicholas Laburn -- will compete to take the ice at Perani Arena and Event Center in Flint this fall

as members of the Michigan Warriors hockey team. The Flint-based North American Hockey League (NAHL) team selected five forwards and three defensemen in the NAHL Entry Draft.

These athletes, ranging in age for 17 to 19, join a team just one year removed from a run to the Robertson Cup Finals. Coached by 12-year NHL veteran and former U.S. Olympian Moe Mantha, the Warriors will look to replicate that success this season. The team will open its season in September.

"The young men we drafted are talented hockey players with great character who are hungry for an opportunity to show off their skills in front of college scouts," Mantha said. "We're returning a good group from last season, so they know they'll need to work hard to earn a spot on the roster. We expect some fierce competition that will help us put a great product on the ice for our fans this fall."

Warriors alumni who will play for NCAA Division I programs this fall include forward Justin Hoomaian (Michigan State University), defenseman Michael Szuma (University of Michigan), goaltender Robert Tadazak (Army), defenseman Ryan Trenz (Northern Michigan University) and defenseman A.J. White (UMass Lowell). A number of additional players have committed to other college hockey programs.

The Warriors will host initial open tryout camps at Iceland Arena in Flint from June 15-17 and from July 13-15 as the team looks for talented young players to don the Warriors sweater for the 2012-13 season. The team's main camp will be July 16-18, also at Iceland. For tryout information, visit http://www. mywarriors.co/tryouts.

LACROSSE

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points despite the focus put on him by opposing defenses. In the regional final game — the farthest any Northville lacrosse team has ever made it – Kippola had four goals and two assists.

That was one of the main reasons why Northville led, 6-3, after the first quarter of play before Seaholm came back in the second to score three straight and tie the contest before the Mustangs took a one-goal lead heading into halftime off the stick of Kippola for a 7-6 advantage.

Birmingham took advantage of some frustrating calls by the officials to stay in the game

in the third quarter and then took the lead for good in the fourth. Seaholm's JD Hess scored five goals and three assists in the game.

Northville's other point scorers were Joe Chase, who had three goals and an assists, while Nick Melucci had three assists. John Cooke added two goals in the loss, as did Connor Smith, while Max Grezlik added a single goal.

Joe Kim had 17 saves on the day in goal as Northville ended the season with an 11-9 record.

"You really have to commend Birmingham," said Durham. "They played really well and took the game over in the fourth. We made some runs late, but they were not enough to come back

and win."

The loss was tough, personally, for Durham as he began his coaching career at Birmingham and is a middle school teacher for the past 13 years in the district.

But that doesn't change his outlook of his own team.

"It was an amazing season, and we are really looking forward to next season," he said.

Northville will have four players definitely on teams in the collegiate ranks next season. Melucci is the team's first-ever Division I recruit and will play at the University of Detroit Mercy while Kippola will play at Grand Valley State University. Smith will play for Hope College and Garrett Glowacki will play at Albion.

Rec champs



The Mambas captured the Northville Spring Rec League Basketball Championship (10th-12th grades). Pictured (from left, front) are Jeff Hewlett, Evan Swoish, Jeff Sims, Nick Lowe, Kyle Brenner, Bradley Merlo, Joel Kish and Sean Conway; (back) Matt Trumbore, Austin Rogers, and coach Dennis Merlo. Assistant coach Mark Merlo is not shown.

4-0 start



The 15U Northville Broncos started their season off strong over the June 1 weekend by going 4-0, taking first place in the Total Sports JV State Tournament. Shown (from left, back) Coach Borthwick, Freddie Manske, Troy Youmans, Robbie Jones, JP Basford, Aaron Huggins, Connor Walters, Coach Zalewski (front) Ian Borthwick, Jake Skillman, Jack Ernst, Nick Zalewski, Dugan Darnell and Tyler Lowe. Not pictured are Coach Youmans and Kevin Bak.



INVITATION FOR BIDS City of Northville

2012 SIDEWALK PROGRAM

Sealed bids will be received in the City of Northville Council Chambers, City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 until 2:30 p.m. local time on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 for the City's 2012 Sidewalk Program.

This project includes, but is not limited to the removal and replacement of existing concrete sidewalk which has been damaged by tree roots, utility settlement, and general degradation of pavement. Contract documents and bid proposals can be obtained by contacting the Northville Department of Public Works at (248) 449-9930.

The City of Northville, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Sub Title A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration of an award.

The City of Northville reserves the right to waive any irregularity or informality in bids, to reject any and/or all bids, in whole or in part, or to award any contract to other than the low bidder, should it be deemed in its best interest to do so.

James P. Gallogly Director of Public Works Dianne Massa City Clerk

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2012 PERMANENT UTILITY CUT REPAIR PROJECT

Sealed bids will be received in the City of Northville Council Chambers, City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 until 2:30 p.m. local time on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 for the City's 2012 Permanent Utility Cut Repair Project.

This project calls for the saw cutting and removal of temporary gravel or cold patch material and the placement of properly compact hot mix asphalt in roadways in areas where recent utility repairs have taken place,. Contract documents and bid proposals can be obtained by contacting the Northville Department of Public Works at (248) 449-9930

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The Former "Wooly Bully's" location in the Highland Lakes Plaza will soon be a daycare facility.

Former Wooly Bully's to become daycare/ learning center

By Lonnie Huhman Correspondent

A locally-owned daycare/learning center is planning to bring some life back into the former Wooly Bully's building.

The Northville Township Planning Commission approved the site plan for IXL Learning Center, which is owned by resident Jenifer Moss. The location at 43333 7 Mile Road has been vacant for at least 10 years.

Moss went before the planning commission on June 5 to answer questions and take recommendations in order to get her plan moving forward. She also got approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

After the unanimous vote Moss said she was happy and would now look to finalize the buying of the location. She owns other IXL locations in Howell, Hamburg and Birmingham.

As a lifelong community member Moss told the commission she has driven by that location many times in the last several years and thought something positive could be done there. That's now her plan.

IXL Learning Center is a fully licensed and state certified Child care Center. Moss said they provide stimulating programs which encourage learning through experience. Children are encouraged at IXL to explore their creativity, independence, problem solving skills, muscle development and self help skills.

The age range of IXL participants is 6 weeks up to 12-year-olds.

The main discussion for the planning commission was about setbacks -- landscaping plots constructed to separate parking areas - with five feet being the decided upon length.

Once the sale is closed the renovations should soon begin there that will include improving the exterior look with new landscaping and construction of new brick siding.

TECH SAVVY

Testing the new iPad

By Jon Gunnells Guest Columnist

ven if you watch very little TV, vou've likely seen dozens of Apple commercials boasting the new retina display and capabili-

ties of the new iPad with 4G networking speeds.

Earlier this month, I tested the third-generation Apple product courtesy of Verizon Wireless which is selling the iPad 4G in stores and online.



new iPad, I can say, the multitude of commer-

cials don't do the HD screen on the new iPad justice. Whether you are streaming Netflix movies, tweeting or playing online games, the screen provided a picture as good as any I have seen before.

Even more impressive was the iPad's battery life and after streaming episode after episode of TV shows there was still plenty of juice left.

The iPad can surf the web or stream music for up to 10 hours on a full charge. However, the tablet takes a lot longer to charge than a cell phone and as charging is concerned - is similar to a laptop.

With the 4G network connection provided by Verizon there was no lag either. Not once did I have to wait for streaming content to buffer or for pages to load.

The only drawbacks to the unit were small ones. Like other Apple products the new iPad does not support flash. So when I used the Domino's app to order one of those new artisan pizzas (fancy, I know), I couldn't experience the entire app because it was flashed-based. (I have the same problem on my iPhone).

I found myself mostly using the iPhone for personal use because the setup is too difficult to type work documents efficiently. For those using the iPad for work use I recommend buying a case with a stand so your iPad can sit upright as you type. Keyboard accessories are also available for all generations of the iPad, however, they are a bit smaller than a traditional keyboard and may take some getting used to.

A variety of iPad accessories can be purchased at ABC Warehouse.

As I used the test iPad more and more, I noticed it began replacing other electronics I already owned. For example, if I was streaming Netflix on my TV or if I was gaming it was instead of doing so on my iPhone or PS3.

Because I already have a functioning laptop and am constantly connected to my iPhone I don't know that I needed a third device to use each day. However, if I needed a new computer I could see the iPad filling that void.

It is fast, functional, fun and has a nice camera, video camera capabilities, and of course being wire free doesn't hurt - especially when streaming video or using Skype.

The Apple iPad 4G features a 9.7 inch screen, retails from \$499 (16GB) and can be purchased in black or white. A 32GB version can be purchased for \$599 and a 64GB version can also be purchased for \$699.

Each model comes with a power adapter, USB cable and limited warranty but additional warranties can be purchased through Apple Care which I highly recommend.

The unit comes in at a sleek 1.46 pounds, supports multiple languages and is bluetooth enabled.

For more information on the new iPad, visit Apple.com.

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NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Pilarz knows a lot about latte

Northville resident Teresa Pilarz has a knack for drink mixology. For the second year in a row, she has walked away with a first-place

win at the Motown Throwdown Latte Competi-

tion. "Our Plymouth. The competition took place during the Michigan Coffee Conference in Ann Arbor on May 10-11. The annual event, which attracted participants from across the state,

was organized by wholesale roaster Tom Isaia, owner of Coffee Express, also in Plymouth.

gardenia flower. The espresso we're using is our new peachy-toned Ethiopia Illubabor Baaroo single-origin. The flavor is sublime.'

Espresso Elevado roasts beans fresh onsite several times per week at 606 S. Main St., just one block South of Kellogg Park on the corner of Main & Wing. It specializes in respon-



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drinks Teresa Pilarz are handcrafted with real.

and imaginative ingredients, so they just taste better," said Pilarz, who owns Espresso Elevado, an artisan coffee roaster & brew bar in downtown

Pilarz, who enjoys exploring the sensory side of coffee, said, "This year's winning drink, the Gardenia Latte, was the result of intense experimentation so we could introduce our Spring Floral Series of drinks. It has a unique buttery, sweet aroma & flavor evoking the island

sibly-sourced & organic coffees. All drinks are made to order, many with syrups prepared in-house. For upcoming workshops, in-store roasting events, cuppings, and other happenings you can visit their Facebook page or website at www.espressoelevado.com.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who

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Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the

subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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Qualifications Versus Duties: Why Knowing The Difference Matters

Justin Thompson, CareerBuilder Writer

Some job seekers have problems selling their skills. They list their basic duties, which most job seekers have in common. You can stand out in a job search by positioning those skills so they set you apart.

Think of how a salesperson sells a car. He doesn't tout the fact that the car has four wheels, windows and functioning lights, because you'd expect that from every car. Instead, he sells the unique points of the car -design, safety, mileage -- all of which make the car appealing to a potential buyer.

Job seekers need to do the same when selling their qualifications. Instead of saying you've used Microsoft Excel, tell the employer how you've solved problems or increased efficiency by creating a basic accounting process through Microsoft Excel.

Kyra Mancine, a professional copywriter with a career development background, says a list of job responsibilities is her biggest résume pet peeve. "The key is to take a simple job duty and expand it to match the [job posting] with quantitative evidence of accomplishments," Mancine says. "It may take some thought and creativity, but it can be done for any job, no matter what the level. I don't care if you're a sanitation worker, CEO or seamstress; anyone can do this."

By adding numbers, statistics and adjectives applicable to the posting, job seekers can set themselves apart from others who have submitted more generic résumes.

How to quantify accomplishments

To give an example, here's a real job posting from a bank looking for a call-center representative:

- Serves as first-line response for incoming customer calls?
- Accurately and expediently answers inquiries from customers on all types of new and existing products and services, drawing on a detailed knowledge base of bank products, services, policies and procedures.?
- Sells and cross-sells bank products and services to new and existing customers who have contacted the bank by telephone.? Efficiently performs routine
- follow-up work and initiates requests for detailed followup work.?
- Relies on excellent verbal and written communication skills to fulfill customer requests and to ensure customer satisfaction.?

If you're applying for this job and all you've listed on your résume is that you answered phone calls in a call center, you probably won't get an interview, Mancine says.



Instead, she suggests rewriting your résumé to match the bullets listed in the job posting, quantifying your successes. Mancine shares this example of how an applicant could restructure her résumé to address the posting above:

Primary call-center contact for a high volume of customer service inquiries, ranging from orders to returns.

Successfully handled hundreds of incoming consumer calls daily from across the country. Received recognition for product upsells, resulting in a 5 percent increase in weekly sales. Tapped into strong base of

product knowledge on thousands of product stockkeeping units, quickly and courteously relaying product information to existing and new customers.

- Consistently acknowledged for speed, accuracy to details and follow-through on catalog requests, Web order processing, batches and data entry.
- Committed to going above and beyond to ensure customer satisfaction, resulting in being named Employee of the Month for June 2011.

Here's another test that can help determine if you've listed qualifications or just duties: Look at each bullet point on your resume and ask yourself, "So what?" If you're not impressed, why would a recruiter be?

Don't neglect the cover letter

"Cover letters are most often left out or even sent as generic notes with resumes," says Tiffani Murray, a résumé writer and career coach . She says that the cover letter is a great place to sell your personality and breathe life into your application.

"If a job posting specifically asks for a cover letter, this is a great opportunity to match up your skills and experiences with the requirements of the job," Murray says. "Make sure to detail how you can perform the tasks of the job you are applying for, but also add to the company, team or overall business with your knowledge and success in similar roles."

Justin Thompson is a writer and blogger for CareerBuilder.com and its job blog, The Work Buzz. He researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.



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Red Cross offers tips for water, grilling safety

In summer, there are many things to remember - packing, grilling, and heading to the pool. But, it is also important to remember to be safe. At the Red Cross, officials are always looking out for your safety.

Learning to swim is one of the best steps someone can take to be comfortable and safe around water. People can contact their local aquatic facilities to get information about Red Cross swimming classes. Home Pool Essentials <http://www. homepoolessentials.org> (homepoolessentials.org <http://www.homepoolessentials.org>) is an online safety course for pool and hot tub owners. Other safety tips include:

· Swim only in designated areas supervised by lifeguards. Always swim with a buddy; do not allow anyone to swim alone.

 Prevent unsupervised access to the water. Install and use barriers around your home pool or hot tub.

 Maintain constant supervision. Always stay within arm's reach of young children even when lifeguards are present.

• Know what to do in an emergency. If a child is missing, check the water first. Know how and when to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number.

 Have appropriate rescue equipment, a phone, life jackets and a first aid kit near the pool.

The onset of grilling season often results in injuries and fires due to careless cooking practices. The Red Cross offers steps people can follow to help stay safe while enjoying those tasty cook-

out treats: Never grill indoors. • Always supervise a grill when in use, and make sure everyone, including pets, stays away from the grill.



• Keep the grill out in the open, away from the house, the deck, tree branches, or anything that could catch fire.

 Use the long-handled tools especially made for cooking on the grill.

 Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals have already been ignit• Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when using grills. • Be ready to close the lid and turn off the grill to cut off the fuel if nec-

essarv • Keep a fireproof pan under the grill to catch any falling ash or grease.

For full information on how to be prepared and to help stay safe this summer, visit redcross.org <http://www.redcross. org>.

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ACURA TARGETS GENY-ERS WITH NEW ILX SEDAN, CAMPAIGN

By Dale Buss

Automakers are spending a lot of time these days wringing their hands about

whether economically beleaguered and automotively disinterested twentysomethings will



Dale Buss ever be willing -

or able - to buy enough cars from them. So Acura has decided to bypass the angst and appeal mainly to the part of Generation Y that still has some financial wherewithal: consumers in their early 30s.

They're the target for the brand's new sedan, ILX. At prices beginning at \$25,900 Acura is calling the compact ILX a "gateway" to the luxury segment for those who want and can afford to get on that track.

The ILX launch is important

Acura is counting on the new ILX to engage young buyers.

for Acura because the brand is still trying to recover its bearings after last year's earthquake and tsunami in Japan crushed the sales momentum it had begun to build in the U.S. market. And, according to Acura brand executives, they're still trying to capture a measure of respect. "Even with restricted

inventories, we still sold more cars last year than Lincoln and Cadillac and Volvo and Audi," Mike Accavitti, Acura's U.S. CMO, told me. "Audi gets all these accolades but we sell more cars than them. We're fourth [in U.S. luxury sales volumes] this year even before high volumes of our two new products, ILX and [a new version of the RDX utility vehicle], have gotten onto dealer lots."

Indeed, sales of the Honda premium brand are up by 11 percent for this year through May. But the comparison is against a weak year-earlier period. And



A glimpse of the new TV ad for ILX depicts' Millennials' 'parallel lives.'

Acura has some work to do to secure a wider long-term berth in the entry end of the U.S. luxury market.

"The brand has been struggling with what it is over the last half-dozen years," said Doug Scott, senior vice president of GfK Automotive, a brandconsulting firm in Southfield. "The problem is that competitors like BMW and Audi, who already are younger and aspirational, are moving more into the more affordable area of the marketplace."

The new TV-advertising campaign for the car depicts an ILX owner with his life proceeding separately on two tracks, which literally are occurring in parallel on a split screen in the ads. In one spot, a track shows him in a corporate office, the other at play at hip nightclubs, and they meet when he gets into his ILX.

"Life should be equal parts responsibility and fun," goes the tagline in both spots. "Move up, without settling down."

"Our target is older Gen Y and young Gen X-ers, so we wanted to get them doing both things," said Susie Rossick, Acura brand manager.

Accavitti explained that ILX "was specifically designed for these people because of what they've gone through," Accavitti said. Growing up, "they've seen and experienced and touched luxury and wealth. So their expectations are there - but the realities of today's postrecessionary economy are that this generation may be the first that actually ends up earning less than the previous one."

While that message seems less inspirational or even aspirational than sobering, Accavitti said Acura is positioning the car as "a special vehicle, with the feeling associated with that kind of car, but it doesn't cost you an arm and a leg to get into it. It's designed for our target at this economic [time]. It's smart luxurv."

Some criticize ILX as simply an up-market version of the Honda Civic, with which it shares a mechanical platform. But Accavitti noted some of the upscale touches for ILX alone. For example, ILX has a voice-to-text system built into its infotainment capabilities that includes the capability for issuing preprogrammed responses - such as, Accavitti quipped, "Hey, I'm driving right now!"

Accavitti is confident that ILX will help the brand get fully back on track; meanwhile, sales of MDX, its highest-volume vehicle, are about flat with a year ago, but the new version of the RDX, launched a couple of months ago, is 36 percent ahead of 2011 sales.

"We were on a roll prior to the natural disaster" last year in Japan as well as flooding in Thailand last fall that further complicated Acura's supply lines. "We had 13 months of doubledigit [year-over-year] sales increases. But once the inventory was so impacted, it was difficult to [sell] at that level."

Rossick believes Acura can obtain a second look from many of its target buyers. "We're new and fresh and who these people are looking for," she said. "We're confident that we're talking to this target."



