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The grand prize is a barbecue gas grill, courtesy of Home Depot.

Tickets are \$30 prepaid (must be 21 or over) and are now available at Gardenviews, Good Time Party Store or the Northville Chamber of Commerce. Tickets have sold out in past years.

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Candidates for township board air views at forum



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Candidates for the Northville Township Board of Trustees squared off in a forum at township hall Wednesday evening. Shown (I to r) are supervisor candidates Ed Kriewall, Robert Nix and Christopher Roosen; treasurer candidate Marjorie Banner; and trustee candidate Marvin Gans. Other candidates not shown include Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Michael Kheibari, Michael Nolta, Fred Shadko and Karen Woodside (who did not attend the forum).

By Julle Brown Staff Writer

Three Northville Township supervisor candidates, six trustee candidates and one treasurer candidate spoke June 27 at the candidate forum presented by the *Northville Record* and League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

Edward Kriewall, Robert Nix and Christopher Roosen, candidates for Northville Township supervisor, touted their experience and community ties.

Kriewall cited his experience as former Novi city manager, saying he has time, experience and knowledge to do the job. "I know just about all there is to know about running a local unit of government," he said. Nix, on the Schoolcraft College Development Authority Board, cited his work as a real estate lawyer and Planning Commission chair. "I'm running because I'm a concerned citizen," he said.

Roosen, a current township trustee with extensive automotive experience, cited his private and public sector work, including consulting for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

The three, who will face off Aug. 7 in the Republican primary, answered questions at the forum.

"They're pretty cold," the LWV's Paula Bowman said of questions posed, provided to candidates just before the forum. "They're tepid."

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Liquor license transferred at Northville Downs

Trotside owners



McCotter, candidates weigh in

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have Red Robins, too

By Lonnle Huhman Correspondent

The burgers at Trotside Restaurant will probably taste a bit familiar for patrons considering the new management also owns 21 Red Robin restaurants.

Last week, the Northville City Council and liquor license review committee approved the liquor license transfer at the Northville Downs restaurant from M.I. Sport Services, Inc. to Lewis G. Ansara of Farmington Hills, who is the sole shareholder of Trotside Restaurant Inc. This was a transfer ownership of the Resort Class C license with Entertainment Permit located at 301 S. Center.

The full-service restaurant can cater to 3,000 patrons. It also provides banquet services for private parties and the concessions around the remainder of the facility.

In addition to the Red Robin restaurants, Ansara owns the Portofino Restaurant in Wyandotte and 2Booli restaurant in Farmington Hills.

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Eric Szczembara pours a drink at the Northville Downs on June 26. The Downs recently transferred its liquor license to the racing complex's Trotside Restaurant, that Szczembara manages, so that all operations are under one roof.

on health care ruling

By Ken Abramczyk Staff Writer

The Supreme Court's ruling upholding a central part of the Affordable Care Act, mandating that everyone must purchase medical insurance by 2014, drew expected mixed reactions, many along political lines, from the incumbent congressman and the congressional candidates in the 11th District.

The ruling drew an expected sharp rebuke from Republicans and praise from Democrats.

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, a longtime opponent of the Affordable Care Act, criticized the decision.

"This errant decision is the bitter fruit of an inverted jurisprudence that no longer inquires what the government can

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Residents

around the

The Garage

restaurant

on Main

Street in

downtown

suggestions for parking

issues to city

council.

Northville have offered

soon-to-open

Residents offer parking solutions for The Garage

By Lonnie Huhman

Correspondent

Rather than griping, residents neighboring The Garage in downtown Northville are offering up some ideas to Northville city officials on how to mitigate any parking and traffic issues that may come with the soon-to-open restaurant.

One of the recommendations is to have permit parking only on High Street, with the exception of emergency vehicles, which would require city council approval. The resident group understands the opening of the restaurant on Main Street, in the former Garden-Views location across from the fire station. will also impact parking for emergency responders. Many firefighters used to park at the location, but would now have to park on the nearby streets.

Downtown Development Director Lori Ward presented the proposal to the DDA board at their last meeting, which was put together by a group of six homeowners residing on High, Main and Dunlap streets. High Street homeowner David Cole was on hand at the meeting as a representative of the group. The DDA is working with the neighborhood group because it already has a parking subcommittee in place exploring downtown parking issues. Ward said The Garage is outside of the DDA boundaries, but its patrons will predominately use DDA area

parking. One big issue the group sees associated with restaurant patrons parking on High Street is public safety. They see the increased traffic and parking intensity in conflict with children riding bikes and playing. Many of the homeowners on these neighboring streets have children.

Other issues include noise, litter and the general inconveniences residents will face with more vehicles on their street.

The residents also put forward the ideas of the restaurant having parking maps available, links to public parking on its website and signage on the exterior of the building directing patrons to public parking and informing them of the left-turn-only on to High Street. In addition, they are asking the city to move forward on improving its parking signage and "way find-



ing" program.

Renovation work is expected to go on at the restaurant for most of the summer, so the real impact will not be known for some time. Until then the neighborhood group will have to wait and see how it works out. However, all parties involved say the Evasics, owners of The Garage, are open to ideas put forth by any concerned resident.





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Garden Walk Country Garden Club puts best foot forward

By Julle Brown Staff Writer

When Judy and Robert Braun moved to condos off Haggerty near Six Mile years ago, she left her garden behind. She was, however, able to bring some plants from their previous home and those now are part of the "Secret Garden" featured in an upcoming Garden Walk of the Country Garden Club of Northville.

"It grew and grew and grew," said fellow club member Ronnie Cambra of the Brauns' garden, put on adjacent unbuildable land. It's also behind two other condos in Country Club Village, covering some two acres with 20 separate beds divided by theme and garden ornamentation.

This year's garden walk will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, and include six gardens.

"We've been doing this for 19 years," said Northville Township resident Cambra, who handles publicity and is one of three charged with picking the gardens for the walk. "We're the original garden walk."

You can find out more at the club website, www. cgcnv@org, and can get tickets for \$10 each. Tickets are also on sale at Gardenviews on Main in downtown Northville up to the day of the event. That day, they will also be available at Mill Race Village, one of the featured gardens.

"This is our largest fundraiser," Cambra



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Judy Braun stops by one of the many features of her and her husband Robert's "secret garden" — it's a ceremonial urn from her grandfather's grave site. She wanted to incorporate it into her Country Club Village backyard garden that will be featured in the Country Garden Club tour of July 11.

said. "All of our money goes back into the community."

The club gives a scholarship to a graduating Northville High School senior who plans to study horticulture, the environment or a related field. The club maintains the Northville District Library as well as Mill Race's, and is starting to do the post office garden. In choosing garden walk sites, "We try and look for a variety," she said. Those include shade, pools, large areas and terraced or sloped land.

They've done condo gardens before. "There are people from all walks of life who love to go to these garden walks," Cambra said. Some don't have large yards or ideal



Part of the Brauns' backyard "secret garden" in the Country Club Village neighborhood.

soil but still want attractive gardens. This year's "Blossoms, Bees & Butterflies" event will feature gardens of: •Diane and Joe Pace, 41280 Lewellyn;

•Judy and Robert Braun, 39424 Oakmont; •Mary Jo and Jim Bla-

sius, 18101 Sheldon; •Judy and Tom Caroselli, 18155 Shadbrook; •Margaret and John Fleming, 18939 Bella Vista Court;

•Dorothy and James Sullivan, 18597 Steep Hollow Court;

•Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Ave. Strollers aren't allowed in the gardens, and restrecome should be used at

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A rare white jack-in-thepulpit blooms in the Braun garden near Six Mile and Haggerty.

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PTO luncheon



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER On June 5, the Moraine PTO held a year-ending luncheon to honor and recognize its volunteers who donated hundreds of hours to the Northville School.



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Snyder supported by Silver Springs parents

Elementary principal's contract expires June 2013

By Lonnie Huhman Correspondent

It's still a year away, but a growing number of concerned parents are not wasting any time in voicing their opinions regarding the school board's decision of not automatically extending Silver Springs Elementary School Principal Scott Snyder's contract when it expires June 2013.

Several parents of students at Silver Springs went before the Northville Board of Education on June 26, with another nearly 50 in attendance, to offer their support of Snyder. Paul Kadesch was one, and he said the board's decision has had a chilling effect in the school's community.

"As taxpayers, and as parents, we have a vested interest this path not be traveled," Kadesch said to the possibility of Snyder being let go.

He said the school just completed a year that may have been the most successful one in Silver Springs' history. Pointing out the Leader in Me program's impact on his children's confidence, the further parental involvement from groups like the Dad's Club, to test results continuing to be among the best in the district. He thinks it would be a black eye if Snyder wasn't the principal in the coming years.

Another parent, Scott Gaynor, stood up during citizen comment and said the board should revisit the decision. Gaynor recently moved to Northville from Canada and said one of the main reasons he came to Northville was because of Silver Springs.

The Snyder decision came in April after of a long, closed-door meeting with the board (except for Trustee Scott Craig) all voting yes on a written recommendation given to them by Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher. Craig has continued to offer his support for Snyder, saying he holds him in high regard and thinks the issues can be worked out.

Board Vice President Ken Roth, chair of the board's human resources committee, responded to the concerns and opinions voiced by parents by saying a lot of consideration went into the decision: "We respect our teachers and administrators too much to go into specific details regarding any personnel or student matter in a public forum."

However, he did go on to say that principals are expected to "maintain a safe and positive learning environment within their buildings. We expect our principals to complete the important work of teacher evaluations in a timely fashion, to ensure that we are in compliance with the state and to ensure that students are receiving quality instruction. We expect school principals to maintain school files in an organized and professional manner. We expect school principals to be respectful and responsive in working with the superintendent and the central office leadership team."

Roth said these are the baseline expectations for district principals. If they are not met, that person will be held accountable. He added, though, that public input and concerns would be seriously considered going forward.

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Catholic leaders react to Supreme Court ruling

By Aileen Wingblad Staff Writer

Claiming that it's "what we are here for, what the government is supposed to do," Pastor Ron Anderson of St. Mary, Our Lady of the Snow Roman Catholic Parish, in Milford said he was pleased with last week's U.S. Supreme Court ruling that upholds the federal Affordable Care Act's individual mandate as constitutional.

"It's very favorable. It means 30 million people are going to be covered (by health insurance)," Anderson said.

Anderson said the Catholic Church is clearly in support of a federal health care program, which goes along with the conviction of "I am my brother's keeper" — regardless of the tax burden it could create.

Using Luxembourg as an example, Anderson said the people there "made a fundamental decision (resulting in) astronomical taxes" for its national health care plan.

"They are secure as a people, happy as a people," he said.

What isn't yet clear, however, is how the U.S. Supreme Court's decision will affect the 40-some lawsuits filed in federal court in May by the Michigan Catholic Conference and others. The lawsuits challenge a portion of the health care act requiring contraception, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs to be offered in employee health care plans — including those offered by religious institutions. The requirement goes against the church's teachings and is therefore considered an assault on religious freedom, church leaders said.

Joe Kohn, director of public relations for the Archdiocese of Detroit, said his initial assumption is "nothing's changed on our end," regarding the church's efforts in the courts.

In reaction to the decision, the Michigan Catholic Conference released the following statement: "We are studying the Supreme Court's decision to determine if it impacts our case. A more detailed statement will be released once we have had sufficient time to review the court's decision and its full impact on the Michigan Catholic Conference lawsuit against the (Health and Human Services) mandate."

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the group maintains its advocacy for comprehensive health care reform "to ensure access to life-affirming health care for all, especially the poorest and most vulnerable." Yet flaws remain in the health care act, the USCCB stated, and the legislation still needs "to fix conscience, abortion funding, immigration problems."

The USCCB stated the Supreme Court decision "neither diminishes the moral imperative to ensure decent health care for all, nor eliminates the need to correct the fundamental flaws described above. We therefore continue to urge Congress to pass, and the Administration to sign, legislation to fix those flaws."

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do, but what the government can't do," McCotter said. "Fortunately, this fall the Supreme Court's error can and will be reversed by the ultimate power in America — her sovereign citizens," stated McCotter, who represents the 11th District which includes the Huron Valley area.

Candidates who are running for the 11th District seat had strong opinions on the ruling. McCotter is not running because he failed to file enough signatures in his paperwork to the Secretary of State office. Duplicate signatures that were turned in are being investigated by the state attorney general's office.

Kerry Bentivolio, Republican candidate in the 11th Congressional District, said the decision was "outrageous."

"I am extremely disappointed in the decision to allow the federal government to force individuals to purchase health insurance," Bentivolio said.

Bentivolio added that he would "fight tooth and nail to repeal 'Obamacare' and other overreaching big-government programs."

Nancy Cassis, a Republican write-in candidate for U.S. Congress in the 11th District, called the decision a travesty. "I am outraged; the Constitution does not give the government authority to force this mandate on the American people," Cassis said. Cassis added that she will fight to repeal the law, making it a top priority. "We are a nation of laws and must continue to be such. 'Obamacare' is in direct violation of the Constitution and we will get it repealed," Cassis said.

Democratic candidate Dr. Syed Taj applauded the Supreme Court's decision. "While not perfect, the Affordable Care Act will result in a stronger, healthier America," Taj said. "As a medical doctor, I have dedicated my life to saving lives.

"The Affordable Care Act is a step in the right direction. I am the only candidate running in the 11th District who will stand with President Obama to improve and expand health care access for all Americans."

Bill Roberts is opposing Taj in the Democratic primary, and said he believed the ruling "could have gone either way,"

"I know the opposition has a strong rugged individualistic approach to the constitutionality of the health care act," Roberts said. "With the health care act, my opposition is much more a question of austerity and the independent payment advisory board."



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Short on Words

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Third place winner Susan Glover, of Westland, with Dr. Demray.



A special award went to Joan Rayford, of Livonia, with Dr. Demray presenting the photo titled "The Little Girl."

Relay for Life





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Mark Galecka walks with his son Mitchell, 11, and Dorie Knox in the June 2 Relay for Life event at Northville's Ford Field. The Galeckas were celebrating the life of Michelle Galecka, Mark's wife and Mitchell's mom who passed away from cancer seven years ago. Knox is Michelle's mom. Relay for Life is an American Cancer Society 24 hour fundraiser for cancer research.

Big Dance The prestigious Mid American Pompon All Star Team has been invited to participate in Big Dance 2012 July 7-15. The event is part of the London 2012 Festival, the finale of the Cultural Olympiad for the Olympic Games. Staged two weeks prior to the Opening Ceremony, Big Dance is the largest international dance festival of its kind with 12,000 events and performances throughout the UK. The All Star team is one of only four selected exceptional dance ensembles which will represent the United States at this unique Olympic countdown performance event. The All Star Team will have 68 girls perform from numerous cities, including Northville and Novi.



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Vangie and Jim Noetzel cut a rug to some tunes played by a D.J. during the Northville Senior Expo Experience on June 6.

Senior expo

Above, Jodi Speck, right, of Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette's "Senior Brigade" talks with Shelly Socola during the June 6 Senior Expo Experience at the Northville Community Senior Center. The day featured lots of health, retirement and residential information for seniors and also a catered lunch and dancing



A great way to end the school year Hillside Middle School students enjoys some sand volleyball action during

their end-of-the-year picnic at Maybury State Park on June 13. Harrison McGovern, center, leaps up for a block.

FORUM

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Roosen noted his three engineering degrees. Kriewall said he served on an ad hoc committee for vacant property at I-96 and Novi Road. It became the Suburban Collection Showplace site and adjacent hotel, which recently opened.

"It's a crown jewel for the state of Michigan," he said of the private property.

Nix reiterated his real estate legal background. "We're living in an uncertain economy, all of us are," he said.

The Five Mile property that houses the closed Scott Prison may go commercial/light industrial, Nix said, a topic candidates for supervisor, treasurer and trustee touched on at the forum.

Nix said legislation to capture revenue and have control over roads is in Lansing. Kriewall said questions of cityhood and merger would be up to citizens.

"The more you can do that, it makes a lot of sense," Kriewall said of savings from shared services.

Roosen said the 35th District Court. serving the Northvilles, Plymouths and Canton, as well as the sewer authority represent shared services already in place. He said Northville Township could even host a dispatch authority, but like other hopefuls is opposed to cityhood due to cost and road obligations.

Candidates were asked about the Seven Mile property near Haggerty, site of the former psychiatric hospital and of an effort several years ago at annexation by Livonia.

"Sometimes you just have to set property aside," Kriewall said of favoring park use. He said another citizen committee may be needed to see the project through.

"The majority of people voted to buy it and we have to respect that," Nix said of the property.

Roosen noted that two smaller buildings on the site are already being torn down. He, too, favors passive recreation use.

Treasurer and trustee

Treasurer candidate Marjorie Banner, a current trustee, was solo in her race with opponent Karen Woodside that evening, as Woodside was absent with a prior commitment.

Four trustee seats are open, with six candidates including incumbents running. The top four will be elected in November. Michael Nolta is running for trustee in the Aug. 7 Democratic primary, the others as Republicans.

Banner is a 28-year resident with 12 years on the Board of Trustees and service on the Zoning Board of Appeals before that. She owns a business and is running touting financial stability in the township.

Incumbent Trustee Marvin Gans has lived in the township since 1967, and served some 30 years on the Planning Commission. He cited expertise in recreation facilities.

Newcomer trustee candidate Symantha Heath is an eight-year resident with three children in Northville schools. She's a 17year business owner and on the Senior Advisory Commission.

"I think my background makes me very suitable to sit on this board," she said.

Incumbent Trustee Mindy Herrmann touted her work as a Marine Corps officer, including in Operation Iraqi Freedom, calling herself competent and

trustworthy.

Trustee hopeful Michael Kheibari cited his master's in engineering, professional background and military service as an Iranian-American.

Campaign on

Democrat Nolta joked briefly about forcing the others to campaign after Aug. 7 as the lone Democrat. He called himself a "fiscal conservative" in citing his career with Ford Motor Co. He's a Michigan State University graduate.

Trustee hopeful Fred Shadko quoted a bumper sticker, "Get involved. The world is run by those who show up." Shadko cited his contributions on the dog park, public safety issues and others on sustaining and improving quality of life.

Treasurer candidate Banner said the township leadership succeeded in avoiding annexation by Livonia of the Seven Mile property, and obtained state funds while developing a master plan for the site.

Gans said his work on Schoolcraft College programs and with township parks enhances his qualifications.

Heath said her business didn't resort to layoffs during the economic downturn, and was able to look at what adds value.

Kheibari told of a military operation requiring service personnel to

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operate without lights and radar, for which they had minimal training. "But we saved a lot of lives," he said.

Nolta spoke of his work at Ford requiring consensus building, and said that skill would serve him as a trustee.

Shadko said, "I jumped in with both feet" to stop Seven Mile annexation. Much of the forum, hosted by the Northville Record at township hall, focused on the Seven Mile property as well as the Scott Prison land on Five Mile.

Banner said the fund balance could raise the bond rating and reduce interest rates. Gans praised township unions for taking furlough days.

Herrmann recommended work on trail and pathway connectivity, if possible. Kheibari said, "The

best thing is less spending." Nolta recommended saving for a rainy day, and said the Five Mile property needs a purchase to maintain jurisdiction. Shadko had similar fiscal views: "I love to have some money in my back pocket in case it comes up," he said, not as specific on the prison propertv.

Herrmann said Northville Youth Assistance, parks and recreation and senior services are already shared between city and township. Candidates agreed on concerns about costs of cityhood with higher taxes and greater road responsibilities.

"It would be extremely expensive to get into the road business," Shadko said.

Clean up property Candidates agreed on the

immediate need to clean up the Seven Mile property and make it a "great placed to come and enjoy the outdoors," Heath said.

Banner said she's proud of the master plan work, with candidates voicing support for park use. Nolta agreed, and added considering some other options to pay off bonds.

Kheibari summed up his candidacy with an explanation of an annual physical in which the doctor offers either medication or lifestyle changes to improve health.

"We are looking for a better lifestyle, better services," Kheibari said.

The LWV's Bowman urged voters to visit www.vote411.org, which includes information on a number of election issues and races.



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Mindy Herrmann seeks second term as township trustee

Northville Township resident Mindy Herrmann is seeking re-election as Northville Township Trustee. Herrmann was first elected in 2008, and was the only new member of the board elected last term. She serves on Parks and Recreation Commis-

sion, the Senior Advisory Commission, and the Pathways and Connectivity Subcommittee.

Herrmann is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland and has served for the past 24 years in the United States

Marine and continues her service to this day as a lieutenant colonel.

"Having served in the Marine Corps as a supply and fiscal officer since 1988, I feel I bring unique qualities to the board," Herrmann says. "Like all members of our Armed Forces in these difficult times, funding is limited, our tasks are great, and we have to be creative in finding ways to accomplish our mission at the lowest possible cost. Similarly, I feel that as a board and as a trustee it is vital that we provide township residents with outstanding services while keeping taxes as low as possible."

Herrmann graduated from a Masters Level Leadership Program in Command and Staff Planning in 2009. Although this was a military based program, she said, "There is a lot of compatibility in military staff planning and leadership at the municipal level. The ability to 'think around the corner,' and anticipate and plan for multiple contingencies is something we need to continue to do at the township lev-

el." Herrmann moved to Northville Township with her husband and two young daughters in 2001. When her children were in elementary school, she served as a Girl Scout Troop leader for several years. "At our initial parents meeting, I would always say that 'the Northville community is a place people choose to move to, not from." Herrmann said, "Northville Township is a wonderful and safe place to live and raise a family, I want to do my part to ensure Northville Township remains a great community for young families, empty-nesters and retirees."

Thus far in her first term, Herrmann was instrumental in a number of key initiatives, all of which involved protecting homeowners and their property values. If reelected, Herrmann said she intends to continue in leading the charge towards better pathway connectivity within the Township. Most importantly, she intends on continuing the work necessary to bring Township residents great services at the lowest possible cost.

Incumbent Gans running for trustee seat again

Marv Gans said he stands on his record of accomplishments to serve the taxpayers of Northville Township by improving the community with minimal funding.

He has been a driving force behind the development and growth of Millennium Park, Community Park, Thayer Corner Nature Area, many

community walking paths, Hillside Recreation Center, and the Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation.

Gans has served on the Northville Planning Commission for over 30 years, the Senior Advisory Commission for 15 years, Marv Gans

the Economic Development Corporation for over 10 years, and as trustee of the township for the past 15 years.

As acting chair of the Land Acquisition Committee, the township added 370 acres between 1997 and 2003. In 2000, Gans was named Citizen of the Year. This past spring he was named "One of the Difference Makers" at Schoolcraft College, his previous workplace.

Gans voluntarily uses his expertise (PhD in planning recreational and athletic facilities) in many ways, not only to help develop and enhance community parks and recreational facilities, but also in saving the township hundreds of thousands of dollars in the process by serving as construction manager, consultant, or as needed.

His stamp is also on many other community facilities -- Fish Hatchery Park, Ford Field and its Playscape, Veteran's Memorial, Sheldon Pocket Park, Ridgewood School, Coldwater Springs Nature Area, and Bob Leighton Trail -- and has overseen five Eagle Scout projects, with another in process.

For the past 20 years, Gans has been chairman of the Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation, (a 501.C.3 organization), which Gans says has provided the Northville Community with an estimated \$1 million worth of improvements, including a recent \$100,000 donation to the Northville Education Foundation for turf and stadium improvements for school and community athletics.

Gans presently oversees the development of Thayer Corner Nature Area and said he's very proud of the just competed picnic shelter that now compliments the acclaimed "Michigan Historic Barn of the Year, 2008".

Gans said he's strongly committed and dedicated to public service, and is privileged and honored to do so. He said he respects, honors, and thanks the many wonderful volunteers with whom he continually works to enjoy improving our Northville Community.

Marv has no fundraisers, but finances his own campaign, asking no one for any monetary donations. For more information, visit Marv's website at www.Marvgans.com.

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community Events

BLOOD DRIVES

Time/Date: 1-6:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 10 Location: Hillside Middle School Time/Date: 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 22 Location: Holy Family Church Time/Date: 1-6:45 p.m.

Time/Date: 1-6:45 p.m. Monday, July 23

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Mindy Herrmann

Location: Northville Township Fire Department

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 24

Location: Busch's Market Time/Date: 1-6:45 p.m. Thursday, July 26 Location: VFW Post 4012

Northville Contact: To make an ap-

pointment, donors can go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter the zip code.

NORTHVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Farmers' Market

Time/Date: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 25 Location: Northville Downs parking lot (northeast corner of 7 Mile and Sheldon roads)

Details: Over 100 stalls of fresh produce, plants, and flowers will be available for purchase. The Market

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also includes incredible Michigan- Made, Michigan-Grown items like honey, bakery goods, fine juried crafters, garden art, soaps, jewelry, furniture, woodworking, and home accessories.

MILL RACE HISTORICAL VILLAGE

Location: 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field

Details: Office open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday-Friday. Archives open Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Village buildings open free to the public 1-4 p.m., Sundays, mid-June to mid-Oct. **Contact:** (248) 348-1845



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BOLOTNIK, MARGARET "PEGGY"

August 2, 1920 ~ June 28, 2012 Age 91 of Howell, Michigan, formerly of Detroit passed on Saturday, June 28, 2012 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Howell, Mi. Margaret was born on August 2, 1920 in Flint, Michigan to Michael and Christina (nee Fleischer) Hesch. She moved at a young age with her family from Flint, Mi to Youngstown, Ohio where she lived until after graduation, then moved to Detroit, Mi. Beloved wife of the late John S. Bolotnik. Loving mother of Kristeen Bolotnik McKinley (Terry) and Susan Bolotnik Espejo (Javier, deceased). Loving grandmother of Susan Smith Forton, Kristeen Espejo Hurtado, Marcela Espejo Proskie, Silvia Margret Espejo, and Marco Eduardo Espejo and step-grandchildren Donald McKinley (Marikaye), Shawn McKinley, and Perry McKinley (Wendy), and seven great grandchildren, Brilee Forton, Adam and Erik McKinley, Brilee Jordan and Justin McKinley, and Taylor and Luke McKinley. Also mourning her loss are nieces, nephews, and many dear friends. Visitation is Thursday, July 5 from 4 - 8pm at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street (10 Mile Rd), South Lyon, Mi. In State Friday, July 6 10am with 11am Funeral Service at Phillips Funeral Home. Interment at South Lyon Cemetery. Charitable donations may be made to the Barbara A Karmanos Cancer Institute, 4100 John R Detroit, Michigan 48201. Margaret first worked in Detroit at Briggs Mfg. during World War II and later worked many years at Michigan National Bank retiring as an assistant bank manager. After moving to Howell, she was employed through OSHA working 20 hours a week until the age of 82 as an assistant for Howell City Hall, Howell Public Library, The American Cancer Foundation, and the American Red Cross. Margaret so loved her family, friends, music, dancing, gardening and flowers, reading, crossword puzzles, and rarely turned down an opportunity to play cards. She is remembered as a warm and wonderful Christian woman who always had a kind and encouraging word for everyone she came in contact with and she will be greatly missed. Online Guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

Home for date and time for visitation and funeral. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

Van ATTA, ALICE E.

Age 87, of Florida, passed away June 30, 2012. She was born on March 2, 1925 to the late Albert and Elizabeth (Weberruss) Scheunemann in Detroit. On October 6, 1951, she married LeRoy VanAtta. Alice was a member of the Cross of Christ Lutheran Church and Zion Lutheran Church of Ft. Myers, FL. She is survived by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband LeRoy VanAtta and her two brothers. Visitation will be held on July 6, Friday, from 4:00-9:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. A funeral service will be held on July 7, Saturday, at 10:00 a.m. with final visitation at 9:15 a.m. at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 24155 Griswold, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church or Zion Lutheran Church of Ft. Myers. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia is hosting its 6th Annual 5K run/walk for Cancer on Sunday, Sept. 9. Nearly 640 people participated in last year's 5K (pictured), raising nearly \$24,000. Proceeds support Cancer Services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. The 5K run/walk is for cancer awareness. It is a celebration of life for cancer survivors, for those who have cancer, and an opportunity for family members and friends to participate to honor or remember a loved one. To register, visit www.stmarymercy.org/ 5Kforcancer. Registration is \$22 on or before Aug. 31; \$27 Aug. 31 through race day. Sponsorship opportunities for the 5K are available. For more information, call (734) 655-1590 or to register for the 5K for Cancer, visit stmarymercy.org/5Kforcancer.

LICENSE

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Gary Goss, Northville city police chief, said the plan of operation indicates a continuation of existing operations and added Ansara has a great deal of experience in both the restaurant business and administering liquor licenses.

The police department conducted a thorough background investigation on Ansara and reviewed the liquor law violations involving his numerous licensed businesses. According to Goss, the violation history — 11 violations over a period of 12 years — is within what would be expected given the number of businesses involved. During that same period of time, 40 sting operations were conducted on these businesses.

Health care study

The City Council authorized city staff to proceed with the Post Retirement Healthcare Funding actuarial study using the services of Tegrit Group in the amount of \$3,900. It also approved an additional \$1,900 if health care changes necessitate the need for another valuation as of June 30, 2013.

According to Sandi Wiktorowski, the city's finance director/ treasurer, addressing the liability for post-retirement health care commitments is a major concern for municipalities. This liability for the City of Northville had grown from \$3.1 million in 1996 to \$8.9 million in 2003.

The last actuarial analysis was performed in 2009 by city staff using the alternative measurement method permitted by the Government Accounting Standards Board for employers in plans with fewer than 100 total plan members. The total liability at that time increased to \$19.1 million.

Wiktorowski said every three years an actuarial study is required to address three issues: calculate the liability, evaluate the impact of funds invested, and comply with accounting and financial reporting rules.

Tegrit was recommended because it is considered to be a national leader in this area and provided the lowest cost. Their municipal references provided include Muskegon Charter Township, City of Muskegon, and Farmington Community Library.



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OPINION

Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

Steering clear Celebrate summer safe, sober, smart

This weeklong Fourth of July holiday has already brought plenty of fun for all — backyard barbecues, swimming, boating, camping and maybe even that crossstate trek to one of Michigan's best tourism towns. And because July 4 fell in the middle of the week — the fun continues through this weekend.

Unfortunately, it's also a time when, each year, we see tragedies happen on our local roadways and state highways because drivers have taken the fun too far by getting behind the wheel while under the influence.

Just last year, during the Fourth of July holiday, eight people were killed in traffic crashes in our state — three of those deaths were alcohol-related.

Law enforcement agencies in 26 counties across the state, including those in Wayne and Oakland counties, are stepping up their drunk driving patrols during this holiday period.

The campaign, called, "Drunk Driving. Over The Limit. Under Arrest," is funded with federal money that's earmarked for traffic safety enforcement and is administered by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. It's a great local, state and federal partnership, but don't forget, it also involves every motorist who chooses to celebrate and socialize with alcohol.

So, when you're at that backyard party or out on that boat this week — and every week — pay extra attention to who will be driving home at the end of that funfilled summer day. Designate a driver in advance or make arrangements for a safe ride home if you've been drinking.

Motorists, this week, will see increased patrols throughout the metro Detroit area. They're on the lookout for impaired drivers.

Like Oakland County Prosecutor Jessica Cooper said this week, it's not worth the risk.

"State law penalties range from 93-day misdemeanors to five-year felonies, and drunk drivers who kill face 15 years in prison, or even, when called for, up to life," said Cooper.

In Michigan, a motorist can be arrested for drunk driving with .08 blood alcohol content or higher. Motorists arrested with a .17 blood alcohol content face increased penalties, including the possible installation of an ignition interlock device preventing the car from starting if the driver has been drinking.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you plan on supporting the Detroit Institute of Arts millage request on the August primary ballot?



"Sure. I think the arts are an important part of our culture. We need to support these positive things."

Richard Sessions



"For sure — I think the arts get cut too much already."

> Wendy Haas Northville Township



"Yes. Once you lose it, it'll never come back." Jeff Randall

Livonia

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"I love the DIA and have an art degree. So, yes, I'll support it." Shelly Farhat Northville

LETTERS

Support for Shadko

I first met Fred Shadko years back when the annexation battle began to rear its ugly head. The Citizens For Northville group was formed, and Fred took the bull by the horns. He worked tirelessly to disseminate the information in a succinct way so the voters could make an informed decision. We worked side by side distributing brochures and making personal phone calls. He never faltered, never complained, never gave up. He was intent on saving the 7 Mile property and retaining its beauty for the Northville Township residents to enjoy.

He became a hero to me when I realized his level of dedication, his commitment, his ability to listen to people, and his neverending enthusiasm. The legacy of a hero is the memory of a great name and the inheritance of a great example. Remember the name of Fred Shadko when you go to the polls to vote for your next Northville Township trustee.

Laurie Marrs

Northville Township

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supervisor position. Bob only wants to move the township, a place he and his family have called home for 30-plus years, forward in a way that benefits its citizens. I have no doubt that Bob will be guided by one overarching principle: that which is in the best interests of the township and its residents. Bob will not be beholden to special interests, political aspirations, party politics, self-interest, monetary gain or any of the other things that we all hate about politicians. Bob doesn't take credit for things he hasn't done or things with which he had little involvement or impact. Bob understands the supervisor position is a privilege and that should he attain the position, he will be working for all of us.

founding of Mill Race Village, site of restored historic Northville homes, church and school).

By these personal values that Fred understands, lives and shares, he embodies the knowledge and personal qualifications essential to be the true steward of our township and our township trustee.

> George Fomin Northville Township

Nix for supervisor

This year we will turn over a number of positions on the Northville Township Board of Trustees. Frankly, in past elections the status quo was sufficient. The township prospered on its own because of location, school system and available land for development. That changed during the last four years. Because of the change in circumstances, we now need a new set of skills in our elected officials. They now have to navigate through severely stressed township budgets, less developable land, and critical decisions on the land that can be developed

Among the critical decisions to be made — and whether

It truly is a matter of life and death.

According to the Criminal Justice Information Center, 319 Michiganders died in alcohol- and/or drug-related traffic crashes in 2011.

Drunk driving, unfortunately, is prevalent. In 2011, there were 37,540 arrests for drunk and impaired driving throughout the state — that's nearly 103 arrests a day.

And, that's not truly reflective of the actual number of drunk drivers there are on the roads — especially considering there are fewer road patrols on the streets these days, due to budget cutbacks.

It's one of the most often committed crimes in the United States, with more than 1.4 million people arrested nationwide in 2010.

Experts say the percentage of fatalities in alcohol-related crashes is eight times higher than in all crashes, and the percentage of the most serious injury level in alcohol-related crashes is almost four times higher.

But, those are just numbers, right? Wrong.

Those are lives that are taken or completely ruined because someone was too intoxicated to drive. It's a reminder that's worth repeating — don't drink and drive; plan for a safe ride home if you've been drinking.

Let's make sure the holiday week ends on a positive note. Make it a fun and a memorable summer by staying safe, sober and responsible. We owe it to ourselves and to everyone else on the road.

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Vote Nix for next supervisor

I am writing to urge the citizens of Northville Township to vote for Bob Nix for township supervisor in the August primary election. Unlike Bob, I am a relative newcomer to the township, having moved here with my family in 2002. I grew up in West Bloomfield and watched that once wonderfully gorgeous community, through faulty planning and poor leadership, devolve into a nightmare of mediocre and unsafe schools. endless traffic, strip malls, neon lights and concrete. I have been privileged to be the president of the Cascades of Northville Homeowners Association for over 10 years. I don't want Northville to become the next West Bloomfield, and neither does Bob.

I have had the pleasure of working with Bob as an attorney at Kerr Russell in Detroit for 21 years, the last 14 as his partner. I know Bob to be extremely hardworking, dedicated, focused, loyal, ethical and congenial. Bob is passionate about his work and is equally passionate about ensuring that Northville Township remains a great place to live despite ever-increasing economic and societal challenges. Bob is an expert in real estate matters, having chaired the Real Estate Section of the State Bar, having been elected by his peers as one of the 10 best attorneys in the state, and having served on the township's Planning Commission for more than a decade, a position he continues to hold. Bob is uniquely situated to lead the township forward and address its many land use and development issues.

Perhaps the best reason, however, to elect Bob for supervisor is that he has no lofty political goals. This distinguishes him from others that aspire to the

Eric Lark

president, Cascades of Northville Homeowners Association

Shadko a true steward of Northville Township

Fred Shadko represents the good heart and spirit of our Northville community by his lifelong personal involvement and special efforts to maintain and improve the quality of our lives here.

Fred has worked at the heart of many community efforts, such as the successful crucial effort to save the extensive woods and nature area along 7 Mile Road from being lost by hostile annexation into

Livonia in 2008. Fred was an organizing leader of the effort, and also a geological guide for our citizens learning the nature and value of the old growth forest remaining on that land.

Fred shares his understanding of the historical values of our community by producing professional video presentations shown to all our citizens by the Northville Township Historic District Commission (such as

the Henry Ford Cottage Industries that were located in our area) and by the Northville Historical Society (such as the you agree with the completion and reasons for the purchase or not — the next Board of Trustees has to determine how to best maximize the value for the township and taxpayers from the psychiatric hospital acreage. The new board will likely have to make similar decisions for the Scott prison property. Additionally, with a shaky economy, and less land available, the board also has fewer arrows in its quiver to try to diversify our tax base.

Bob Nix's skills and gualities as a highly respected real estate attorney are exactly what we need at this time. No other candidate brings that to the ballot. That's why I fully support Bob Nix for township supervisor. I have served with Bob on the Planning Commission for a number of years. He commands the respect of everyone that he deals with, by his quick grasp of the issues, his demeanor as a consensus builder, and his vision for the future. Bob's voice was a loud one that rejected the short-term gain in favor of the long-term vision we share for our wonderful community.

I feel very fortunate that someone like Bob is willing to step up and run for township supervisor. Bob has no further aspirations beyond this office. Bob is running for all the right reasons. Bob saw the need for someone to lead our township down the right path, and decided that rather than hope for someone else to come along, that he'd offer his time and skills for the benefit of the community. I am very thankful and appreciative of Bob's willingness to do so. I think the residents of Northville Township are very fortunate to have someone of his capabilities on the ballot, and hope you will join me in voting for Bob Nix.

> Mike Weaver Northville Township

online at hometownlife.com

Democrats battle in 11th congressional race

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By Ken Abramczyk Staff Writer

Much media attention was focused recently on the Republican side of the ballot in the 11th congressional race.

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia and Kerry Bentivolio of Milford turned in petitions with signatures to declare their candidacies. McCotter's petitions were found to have duplicate signatures, a finding that invalidated them. He declared a write-in candidacy, then withdrew, and announced he was not seeking reelection. A group of prominent Detroit-area Republicans threw their support behind Nancv Cassis of Novi. who is now a write-in candidate.

On the Democrats' side of the ballot, two candidates, Dr. Syed Taj of Canton and Bill Roberts of Redford, are also vying for their party's nomination.

Taj recently retired as chief of medicine of Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, where he worked more than 29 years as a doctor. He still sees patients in his private practice

Taj is ending a fouryear term on the Canton Board of Trustees, deciding not to seek re-election to that board and instead run for Congress.

Roberts has been supporting Lyndon Larouche since 2001, after having been "completely disgusted" with the choices for president in 2000, and "having also witnessed firsthand the complete political impotence of my own generation."

Endorsements, loyalty

Taj has received



trict Democrats. Oakland County Democrats

and every local Democratic Club in the district. Taj calls Roberts an "imposter" running as a Democrat who wants to impeach President Barack Obama, "Don't be fooled by fake Democrats," reads Taj's campaign literature.

Roberts responds that Taj's comments are "cultish."

"The idea that you have to take a loyalty oath to a president no matter what happens and what heinous crimes he commits, it's cultish," Roberts said. He added: "The idea that you have to be an Obama supporter to be a Democrat is ridiculous."

Roberts believes Obama should be impeached for what Roberts called Obama's assassination of Samir Khan and others who were alleged to be connected to Al Qaida and for the National Defense Authorization Act, which allows the detention of American citizens indefinitely.

"You have a complete suspension of due process," Roberts said.

Roberts's campaign website highlights seven counts in which Obama should be impeached, including violations of the Fourth and Fifth Amendments, conspiracy to commit crimes against humanity, conspiracy to violate the separation of powers in the U.S. Constitution, conspiracy to commit the United States to an international geno-



ed States. Taj ran because

he wants changes in Congress.

"Things aren't looking so great in Congress," Taj said. "There's complete gridlock and nothing is being done. Congress needs professionals and not career politicians.'

Roberts said he is running because he loves this country. "We're seeing it destroyed under the last three presidential terms," Roberts said.

Policies of Obama and former President George W. Bush and the bank loans have "choked off credit for private investments" and created continued joblessness. "There's been a collapse of the physical economy in this country," Roberts said.

Health care act

Taj supports the Affordable Health Care Act.

"The bill itself is a path to provide health care to everybody," Taj said. "People just don't realize the good it provides."

Taj points to insurance coverage now provided for children, who are attending school, out of work or cannot get health insurance, up to the age of 26 under their parents' policies.

Before, many Americans with pre-existing conditions were locked or priced out of the health insurance market, getting a bill for cancer treatments or transplants, Taj said.

Insurers are now required to cover a number of recommended preventive services, such as cancer, diabetes and blood pressure screenings, without additional cost sharing such as copays or deductibles. In January 2013, the law provides new funding to state Medicaid programs that choose to cover preventive services for patients at little or no cost, so that more Americans can receive preventive care.

"They want people to have annual physicals," Taj said.

Attorneys general from several states are challenging the Affordable Health Care Act. The U.S. Supreme Court was expected to rule on it this week, after deadline.

Taj believes increased employment can help save Social Security. "Social Security is not in trouble," Taj said. "We have enough money up through 2037." With more workers contributing to the system, the money will continue to grow to fund Social Security and keep it solvent.

Glass-Steagall Act

Roberts supports the reinstatement of the original Glass-Steagall Act of 1933. "The Federal Reserve System is bankrupt, rotten all the way through with the gambling debts of the last 20 years; the attempt to pay this debt is ruining people's lives. Glass-Steagall must be adopted to remove this debt from the books of the U.S. government, ending the bailout of "too big to fail" by separating investment, insurance and commercial banking activities into wholly separate

institutions," according to Roberts' website.

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Taj points to his work on the Canton board as proof he can work with Republicans. Trustees reviewed a proposed 22percent water rate hike or using money in a general fund. reserved for repairs and maintenance. "We had money in our water and sewer general fund," Taj said. "We looked at whether we go with 22 percent or do we help these people, some who were losing their jobs."

The board looked at various figures, but settled on a compromise amount of \$1 million and a smaller, more affordable hike, Taj said.

Roberts called Larouche "a guy who does not pull his punches."

"He says what's true whether or not it's politically pragmatic," Roberts said.

"If you have a connection to our Constitution, you recognize and see a sense of history, and you recognize the dangers of compromise of principles," Roberts said, explaining his support of Larouche.

Taj has a good working relationship with the other six trustees, all Republicans. Most of the time, votes are 7-0, Taj said.

"(The board) could have passed a bill, 6-1, but that never happened. We always have a discussion," Taj said.

Taj said 40 percent of the new 11th District is Gary Peters' old district, in which Peters won in 2008 and 2010, formerly a Republican stronghold and Joe Knollenberg's old district, Taj points out.

Taj believes his experience in day-to-day deal-

ings with patients and familiarity with health policy issues can help the district.

"It is a very professional, well-educated district," Taj said. "It is the most affluent district in the state. It is also a great chance for the Democrats.'

Tai said his role as a congressman is to help everyone in the district, regardless of party affiliation or support.

"If we can get more money to fix our roads, that will help every single person who uses those roads," Taj said.

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Ford and GM retirees:

Rick Bloom

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NORTHVILLE NEWSMAKERS

Aulicino named Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital's Physician of the Year



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Michael Aulicino, M.D. has been chosen as DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital's 2012 Physician of the Year. This honor is awarded annually to a leader recognized for ongoing utilization of the continuous improvement philosophy as well as

Aulicino

unsurpassed personal and professional commitment to the

hospital and the community it serves. Aulicino graduated from University of Michigan Medical School. He completed a residency in anatomic and clinical pathology at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York and a fellowship in oncologic surgical pathology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Aulicino is board certified in anatomic and clinical pathology.

Aulicino has been a member of Huron Valley-Sinai's medical staff since 2002 and chief of pathology since 2004. The award was presented to him at the annual Resident/Intern Graduation and Medical Staff Dinner held June 9.

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 apply for disability benefits.

Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear personally at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.



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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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We Love Detroit



PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLES

It was perfect weather at the VIP Detroit Rooftop Party to benefit The Parade Company. The event, which was aptly themed We Love Detroit, sold out far in advance this year. Held on top of the Miller Parking Garage, adjacent to the Renaissance Center, guests had prime dining and viewing for the 54th Annual Target Fireworks, which was created and produced by The Parade Company. The Hob Nobble Gobble and the VIP Rooftop Party are the two major fundraisers each year to support the Parade Company and America's Thanksgiving Parade. Shown: Serving up a great time: (From left) Shelly Cury, Shannon Antushevich, Joe Paglino of Grosse Pointe, Stephen Rosinski of Northville and Maureen Antushevich.



Four-year old twins Nicholas and Natalie Terrill of Northville hung out with Apples the Clown (aka Nancy Apples).



The VIP Detroit Rooftop Party was a homerun for Detroit Tigers' Mascot, Paws, and Northville resident Keith Morency.

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To the qualified Electors of the Township of Northville, County of Wayne, notice is hereby given that Monday, July 9, 2012 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2012.

You may register to vote at any Secretary of State Branch Office or county Clerk's office during their normal business hours or at the Township Clerk's office; Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Electors may also register to vote by mail by completing a Michigan Mail-In Voter Registration Application, (forms are available at the local Clerk's office or the Secretary of State's website: www.michigan.gov/sos).

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The full text and a "sample" of the Primary ballot is available at the Northville Township's Clerk's department and on the township's website: <u>www.twp.northville.mi.us</u>.

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Jimmy Roberts (from left), holding Sasha Roberts, Lemonade Day Detroit Stand Proprietor Alexis Roberts, 9; Busch's Plymouth/Northville Manager Gary Winters, and Jada Roberts in front of Alicia Roberts.

Busch's helps turn lemons into lemonade

Alicia Roberts of Northville and her daughter, Alexis, were having trouble finding a place to set up shop to allow Alexis to take part in the second annual Lemonade Day Detroit.

Children from all over metro Detroit had lemonade stands for the second annual Lemonade Day Detroit, a free, community-wide program dedicated to teaching children business skills through the simple, time-honored act of building and running a lemonade stand.

And 9-year-old Alexis couldn't find a place to sell her wares. Then Gary Winters, the manager for the Plymouth/ Northville Busch's Market, heard about tomers in the store that we were selling lemonade for Lemonade Day Detroit.

Winters, Alicia said, donated additional lemonade to Alicia's supply, brought water out to fight the hot sun regularly, and consistently checked on them to "make sure we were OK at our stand and to hear hourly sales," she said.

Alexis earned \$705 in revenue. She plans to donate one-third to the Greg K. Monroe Foundation, a charity that provides scholarships for underprivileged children in Detroit. One-third will go into her bank account, and the last third will be spent on something special on her summer vacation to California.

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Retail sales show continued strength

Retail sales showed continued strength across Michigan in May, according to the Michigan Retail Index, a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

The 100-point Index rose more than nine points to 61.9, the highest level since January's 63.8. Michigan retailers' threemonth forecasts also rose, by more than eight points to 77.5, also best since January's 78.0.

"The results were stronger than expected, given a small rise in the state and national unemployment rates and falling retail sales across the nation in April and May," said MRA President and CEO James P. Hallan. "Michigan consumers appeared more resilient as our state continued its comeback from longer and more severe economic problems than those in other states."

The Michigan Retail Index for May found that 56 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 23 percent recorded declines and 21 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 61.9, up from 52.6 in

April. A year ago May it was 53.5.

The Index gauges the performance of the state's overall retail industry, based on monthly surveys conducted by MRA and the Federal Reserve. Index values above 50 generally indicate positive activity; the higher the number, the stronger the activity.

Looking forward, 66 percent of retailers expect sales during June–August to increase over the same period last year, while 11 percent project a decrease and 23 percent no change. That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 77.5, up from 69.2 in April. A

year ago May it was 60.5.

National retail sales declined 0.2 percent in both May and April, according to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Oakland County business leaders endorse 25 X 2025 ballot initiative

The Michigan Energy Michigan Jobs campaign has announced the support of more than 120 business leaders from across the state who are backing the proposal to create jobs and stimulate the economy, including the following local businesses:

• Alan Croll; Cogeneration Consultants; Walled Lake

• Mark Hagerty; Michigan Solar & Wind Power Solutions; Commerce

• Anand Gangadharan; NOVI Energy; Novi

• Marc Russell; Russell Design, Inc.; Northville

• Prasad Gullapalli; SRI Energy, LLC; Novi

These business leaders on the front line of job creation in Michigan represent both large and small area companies.

Adam Duke, president of Go Green Energy Consulting in Southfield, said he supports increasing Michigan's renewable energy standard because it will make Michigan more competitive in today's energy economy. Increasing Michigan's renewable energy standard will also encourage young entrepreneurs and innovators to stay in Michigan, leveraging the state's manufacturing and research base to compete in today's energy economy.

"Nearly 30 other states have renewable energy standards similar to or stronger than Michigan's – and those states are attracting the talent, the innovation, the investments and the jobs," said Duke. "For Michigan, this proposal is our opportunity to compete with other states and for young people, it sends a message that Michigan is serious about becoming an energy leader and looking to the future."

Independent of the ballot initiative, the renewable energy manufacturing sector is already creating tens of thousands of jobs and driving economic development in Michigan. According to an independent study by the Energy Innovation Business Council, advanced energy manufacturing in Michigan today supports more than 20,700 jobs and generates nearly \$5 billion in economic activity a year. If passed, the ballot proposal will create more than 56,000 jobs across Michigan, and generate \$10 billion in new economic investment.

The Michigan Energy Michigan Jobs campaign is collecting petition signatures to put the 25 percent by 2025 renewable energy standard before voters this November. That would require that 25 percent of Michigan's electricity come from wind, solar, hydropower or biomass. You can learn more about the campaign by visiting our website – www.MIEnergyMIJobs.com.



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the plight and stepped in with a solution.

Winters, who had never heard of Lemonade Day Detroit, had Alicia bring Alexis in for a "business meeting," and the two hammered out the deal.

"Gary treated us absolutely superbly, even to the point of purchasing flowers for Alexis at the start of her stand," Alicia Roberts said. "We were set up outside of the grocery store, and he made announcements every hour to all cus-

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Michigan Republicans open Romney office in Livonia

LOCAL NEWS

By Ken Abramczyk Staff Writer

Now that the presidential primary season has wrapped up and Mitt Romney has sewn up the Republican nomination, Michigan Republicans and the Republican National Committee have opened a campaign office in Livonia with hopes of pushing their candidates to victories in national, state and county offices.

Located in Wonderland Village at Middlebelt and Plymouth roads, the "Victory Office" will staff campaign workers and volunteers in support of Mitt Romney and the GOP ticket in state and local elections.

Chairman of the Michigan Republican Party Bobby Schostak said the location in Livonia was "ground zero" for Mitt



Volunteers are mobilized to help Mitt Romney and other Republicans get elected.

Romney to win the White House.

Republicans apparently used the same location two years ago in electing Rick Snyder governor, and helped state lawmakers such as John Walsh of Livonia and Kurt Heise of Plymouth to their respective state representative seats, Schostak noted. "You got our Republicans elected in 2010 and got our state back on track," Schostak said, noting that lawmakers were going through "every line item of the state budget. "What took place in Michigan over the last 18 months is what needs to happen in Washington and we're going to make it happen," Schostak said.

Schostak said Mitt Romney "will help Michigan prosper."

Schostak said later the Livonia location was chosen for its broad population, easy access and a "safe and secure" community for the campaign's volunteers. "We're seeing the state's

conservatives and tea party activists coming together and building a strong allegiance to Mitt Romney," Schostak said.

When asked about the 11th congressional race, Schostak said Kerry Bentivolio of Milford has an "opportunity to get the vote out" to support him, and Nancy Cassis of Novi, a write-in candidate, had a good record in Lansing, but has "a lot of work to do" for her writein campaign.

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter "made a terrible mistake" with the duplicated signatures in his paperwork to file for his candidacy, Schostak said.

Despite that snafu, Schostak wasn't worried about losing to the Democrats in that race.

"It will not go to the Democrats," Schostak said. "It's a strong Republican district. At the end of the day, it will stay that way."

Volunteers appear ready to help Mitt Romney and the GOP this summer and fall with phone calls and spending time to get their candidates elected.

Volunteer Carl Berry of Plymouth Township said Romney "knows what he's doing" with his business and political background. "He knows how to fix problems," Berry said. "He's been doing it for years."

Berry said he believes Romney will help fix the economy and bring more jobs.

Joe Xuereb, chair of the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee, said the location will help keep a Republican legislature and state Supreme Court and the Michigan Republican majority in Congress.

Xuereb said voters aren't happy with President Barack Obama.

"Polls don't reflect the level of discontent in this country," Xuereb said. "The numbers are going to reflect that discontent when people get out and vote."



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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Victorian Fest accepting vendor applications

Northville's Victorian Festival returns the weekend of Sept. 21-23. Registration is now open for non-profit groups and crafters to apply to be a part of the festival, celebrating its 24th year. Founded in the early 1800's, Northville came of age during the Victorian era of history. The festival, sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, celebrates Northville special heritage with a fall festival that includes a parade, entertainment, food, history and crafter market.

Non-profit groups, including school clubs, scouts, churches, service organizations and others, are invited to fundraise by selling food and/or

Victorian-themed games. Booth fee is \$100 for the entire weekend. Festival hours for the nonprofit booths are:

Friday, Sept. 21, 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 23, noon 4 p.m.

Crafters may join the Victorian Festival as well by participating in the Craft Market on Saturday and Sunday of the festival. Craft Market booth fee is \$130, along with a \$10 jury fee for new crafters.

Application forms for both non-profit and craft vendors are available on the chamber's website at www.northville.org.

For further information regarding the Victorian Festival, contact the chamber at (248) 349-7640 or chamber@northville.org

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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Drunken driving

1 In the last two weeks, the North-ville Township Police have arrested two drivers for their second operating while intoxicated offense.

One arrest occurred on June 22 in the 19000 block of W. Harbour Village Drive. A patrol vehicle was behind two other vehicles going westbound on 7 Mile Road when the reporting officer observed both turn into Harbour Village with the lead car failing to signal, nearly hitting the curb and then going into the exit lane. The second also went through the exit lane.

The officer attempted to stop both, but the lead car failed to stop. The officer then pursued and finally got it to stop. Another patrol car was directed to the other car, but when they arrived it was no longer occupied and was parked.

The driver of the lead car was a 33year-old Westland woman. She struggled with the field sobriety tests and initially refused the breathalyzer, but eventually did it after being arrested on OWI. Her reported blood-alcohol was .19 percent.

The second incident occurred on

June 19 at Northville and 7 Mile roads. It involved two 22-year-old Northville women being arrested, one for drunken driving and the other for having an open intoxicant in the vehicle.

Stolen catalytic converters

2^{On} June 19, a Northville man went to police to report that his catalytic converter had been taken sometime during the previous two days.

The 31-year-old man lives in the 17000 block of Hidden Lake Way and had parked his vehicle in the parking lot in front if his residence. There were no witnesses. The police report said the thief would have needed a floor jack to get to it and probably used a saw to cut it off.

Another similar incident occurred on June 18 and happened in the 42000 block of E. Northville Place drive. A 30-yearold Northville man told police he left his car parked outside his apartment and later found it with its exhaust system sitting on the ground. The theft of the converter was attempted, but unsuccessful in this case.

Compiled by correspondent Lonnie Huhman



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Northville's Weber kicks through the competition

By Chris Jackett Correspondent

Northville senior forward Mallory Weber has been a threat to local soccer teams for years, but she outdid herself this spring. Behind an astounding 28 goals and 19 assists, this Dream Team and three-time All-State First-Teamer blew through the competition while helping the Mustangs finish the regular season ranked No. 1 in Division I. In the process, she earned the All-Area Player of the Year honor.

"Mal was our team leader on and off the field," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "She was recognized for her yearly and high school career achievements by both her peers, her opposing coaches and her competitors."

Weber is a two-time team MVP and won the Northville High School Female Athlete of the Year award this year while also earning Michigan Miss Soccer and Gatorade Michigan Player of the Year consideration. The three-time scholar athlete will take her talents to Penn State University's squad in the fall.

First team Natalie Krygier (Novi Jr. M)

With the Novi offense often hinging on the runs made by junior midfielder Natalie Krygier, opponents couldn't keep up with her long strides, allowing the Wildcats to squeak out countless close victories throughout the season. Krygier earned first-team All-State honors as she added three goals and seven assists to a high school career that now tallies 17 goals and 16 assists heading into her senior season. With a 3.7 grade point average, she's committed to play at the University of Connecticut.

ALL-AREA SOCCER

PLAYER OF THE YEAR Mallory Weber, North-

ville FIRST TEAM

Natalie Krygier, Novi Megan Buckingham, Northville Jamie Cheslik, Northville Kelli Timar, Novi Sam Pavlika, Novi Emily Bush, Northville Kiki Hilmer, Northville Kaylin Hoomaian, Novi Andrea Pesch, South Lyon

Lauren Stancato, South Lyon Megan Kalanik, Lake-

land

SECOND TEAM Jessica Jarvis, Novi Morgan Kroezen, Lakeland

Jacqui Kozlowski, Novi Katie Rudzinski, Novi Mary Jacobs, Lakeland Rachel Hay, South Lyon Sam Cook, South Lyon East Lora Palushaj, South Lyon East Rachel Jankowiak, South Lyon East Lauren Webster, South Lyon East Heather Emke, South Lyon East HonorABLE MENTION

Lakeland – Lexi Walker (Sr. CM) Novi – Kendall Kramer (So. F), Taylor Pavlika (So. M) South Lyon – Cortney Horaney (Jr. F/GK)

"Natalie is very smooth with the ball, she is difficult to dispossess once she has the ball at her feet," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "She also is a great passer, with both feet on short distance and playing balls deep over the defense. She also has the ability to shoot from distance with either foot."



It's kind of funny to try and imag-

on it or the shimmering from all those plaques and trophies would be blinding. Weber, who will be headed to

Weber ends high school career in style

Northville standout soccer player earns recognition across the board

ow her for the entire contest and then shake her hand after the game when she bests their defensive strategy.



Megan Buckingham (Northville So. M/F) With the offensive end

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ine what a shelf full of soccer awards at recent Northville High School graduate Mallory Weber's house must look like.

First and foremost, it has to be made with sturdy construction and likely reinforced simply to hold all the weight of the numerous awards, trophies and recognitions. Second, it would have to pretty darn large. Third, it probably can't have direct light shining Penn State to play forward for the Nittany Lions at the end of the summer, has been a household name for Michigan high school soccer fans for quite some time. And why not? The Mustangs standout has earned a ton of recognition from her coaches, her teammates, her opponents and her peers. Foes adjust their defense to account for her. Coaches assign their best player — or two — to simply shadThe accolades alone speak for the player Weber is: Three time selections to the All-State First-Team, the KLAA All-Conference squad, the All-Area team and a three-time KLAA Scholar Athlete. She's been All-District, All-Region and was named to the 2012 All-State Dream Team. She's been a team captain twice, voted by her fellow Mus-

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Mustang pitcher Matt Stojkov pitches in a home game against Canton.

Stojkov, Regnier and West team earn win in All-Star game

Northville and Novi standouts help dominate in victory over East team

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

It was strange to see when the East and West Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star rosters were announced: Northville and Novi were chosen to play for the West.

One didn't have to look long at a map to get confused as to why the line that separated the east side of Michigan with the West was drawn through northern Metro Detroit. But for Northville's Matt Stojkov and Novi's Logan Regnier, that decision ended up being just fine.

Last Tuesday at Comerica Park, the best graduating seniors in high school baseball throughout the state met up for the 31st Annual East-West All-Star game. It wasn't much of a game, however, as the West put up a dominating performance to earn a 16-6 victory. Three players from Metro Detroit ended up on the West squad with Stojkov, Regnier and Walled Lake Central's Zac Leimbach all representing the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. Other players from the West team hailed from Mt. Pleasant and Kalamazoo, among other locations.

Stojkov had a standout performance as he pitched two

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Novi's Pavlika throws to the top

By Jeff Theisen Staff Writer

Novi girls track and field totalled 30 points to placed seventh with 30 points at the Division 1 State Finals. Thrower Sam Pavlika was responsible for 15 of those points with a State Title in the shot put with a launch of 40-0 and a fourth-place

7). The senior was regional champion, conference champion, All-County and won the State Title in the shot put. She also won the KLAA title in the shot put with a heave of 38-8.25.

finish in the discus (115-

Pavilka is the 2012 All-Area Track and Field Athlete of the Year.

"Great competitor, won the state meet in the shot put and was fourth in the discus," said coach Marsha Reid.

First team

Rachel Barrett, Milford The Maverick sophomore reached the podium at the State Finals with an eighth-place finish in the 1,600 in 4:57.8 to set a new school record. Barrett was also regional champ in the 1,600 and KLAA Lakes Conference champion in the 1,600 and 3,200. She also helped the 4x400 team qualify for state.

"Rachel had an outstanding season this year," said coach Andy Hincka. "She was our leader on the track and her level of performance this year as a sophomore was truly inspiring to everyone that was able to witness her races."

Reighan Fisher, Lakeland

The Eagle junior earned All-State honors with an eighth-place finish in the 800 meters at the Division 1 State Finals, finishing in 2:13.5. She was the regional champion in the same event, second at

ALL-AREA GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR Sam Pavlika, Novi

FIRST TEAM Rachel Barrett, Milford Reighan Fisher, Lakeland Alex Moynes, Northville Taylor Pavlika, Novi Jasmine Ward, Novi Kerri McMahan, Novi Kelly McCloskey, Novi Janee Hood, Novi D'Mya Davis, Novi Mariah Smith, Novi Rhiannon Pavlinac, South Lyon East Brady Covert, South Lyon SECOND TEAM Lauren Rodriguez, Northville Alexa Abbott, Northville Lina Davis, Novi Jackie Mullins, Novi Carlie Fernandez, South Lyon Abby Sigler, South Lyon

Madison Swiatlowski, South Lyon

the KLAA Lakes Conference meet in the 400 and third in the 400 at Oakland County with a 58.3. Her 800 and 400 times are school records. She also helped the 4x200 team qualify for states.

"Reighan is as dedicated as any runner I have coached in 40 years," said coach John Kababik. "She is a fierce competitor who also is one of the most caring and friendly persons in all her relationships with teammates and opponents."

Alex Moynes, Northville

The Mustang senior cleared 5-4 at the Division 1 State Finals to claim fourth place and All-State honors. She set a school record by clearing 5-5.25 this year and also competed in throws. She finished second in the high jump with another 5-4 leap at the KLAA championships.

Taylor Pavlika, Novi The sophomore is the Melanie Sprinkle, South Lvon Megan Siemiantkowski, Milford Whitney Mergens, Milford Daniella Allen, Milford Morgan Bridgewater,

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HONORABLE MENTION Milford: Taryn Rogers (jr), Claire Slaughter (sr), Kat Slaughter (sr), Meg Stando (sr), Hannah Wikaryasz (sr) Northville: Gracie Goble (fr), Rachel Coleman (so) Novi: Karla Ayala-Talaverez (sr), Collin Berenguer (jr), McKenna Burr (jr) South Lyon: Christina Swain (sr), Miranda Spencer (sr), Jessica Fredericks (so), Katie Beaber (jr) South Lyon East: Solana Gillis (jr) Lakeland: Lena Tiedeman (fr), Jessica Erickson (fr), Mackenzie Gross (fr)

younger sister of Sam and also a top-notch thrower. She placed fifth at the State Finals in the discus (115-7), one spot behind her sister. Along the way, she earned All-Region, All-Conference, All-County and All-State honors.

"As only a sophomore she showed great leadership and commitment," said Reid. "Stepped up when needed.'

Jasmine Ward, Novi The senior sprinter earned All-State honors on both the 4x100 (3rd-48.66) and 4x400 (6th-4:01.4) teams at the State Finals. Ward earned All-Region, All-Conference, All-County and All-state honors.

"Senior captain and leader of this area," said Reid. "Constantly called upon for the relays."

Kerri McMahan, Novi The sophomore Wildcat showed tremendous versatility in a pair of All-State performances.



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Novi goalie Sam Pavlika makes a punch-save against Northville. She also starred on the track and field squad, winning a State Title in the shot put. She is the 2012 All-Area Track Athlete of the Year.

She tied for eight in the high jump (5-4) and was part of the 4x400 to finish sixth at state. McMahan earned All-Region, All-Conference, All-County and All-State honors. "As only a sophomore she showed great leadership," said Reid. "Regional Champion in the high jump."

championships. Brady Covert, South Lyon

The sophomore finished strong with a fifth-place finish at the Division 1 State Finals by clearing

ed on the 4x100 and 4x400 relays as well as the long jump.

Abby Sigler, South Lyon

The junior captain helped the 4x200 team





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Kelly McCloskey, Novi The senior also turned in a pair of All-State performances by grabbing

seventh in the 300 hurdles (46.73) and was part of the 4x400 to place sixth. McCloskey earned All-Region, All-Conference, All-County and All-State honors. "Came back from injury for a good part of the season to be all of the above in the 300 hurdles," said Reid.

Janee Hood, Novi

The Wildcat junior returned to the podium at the State Finals with a third-place showing in the 4x100. She earned All-Region, All-Conference, All-County and All-State honors.

"As a junior helped win the 4x100 last year and was third this year at the state," said Reid.

D'Mya Davis, Novi The junior was part of the 4x100 team to finish third and also qualified for the 100 meters at the State Finals.

Davis earned All-Region, All-Conference, All-County and All-State honors.

Mariah Smith, Novi The senior captain helped the 4x100 team to a third-place finish at the State Finals. She racked up All-Region, All-Conference, All-County and All-State honors in her final year as a Wildcat.

"Hardest worker on the 4 x 100 team. Always leads by example," said Reid.

Rhiannon Pavlinac, South Lyon East

The Cougar junior earned Division 2 All-State honors with a chuck of 113-2 at the finals. She was third at regionals and seventh at the KLAA

5-4 in the high jump. She set a new school record with a 5-5 jump. She was the regional champ and Trojan Relays champ. Covert led the Lions in points scored.

"Runs both hurdles and qualified in Oakland County Championships in the 300 LH," said coach Rance Teeple. "Has run on a couple of relays (4x400 and 4x200). Brady gave track and field a try during one of our clinics and then continued in the high jump under the mentor of coach Sonita Harris right through high school."

Second team Lauren Rodriguez, Northville

The Mustang freshman qualified for the Division 1 State Finals in both the 100 and 300 hurdles. She was the only freshman to qualify for the 100 hurdles.

Alexa Abbott, Northville

The junior qualified for the State Finals by winning the 400 at regionals. Lina Davis, Novi

The junior qualified for state in the 300 hurdles. She earned All-Region and All-Conference honors

Jackie Mullins, Novi

The Wildcat junior led the distance crew, finishing her season by qualifying for the State Finals in both the 1,600 and 3,200. She finished second at the KLAA championships and earned All-Region and All-Conference honors. Carlie Fernandez, South Lyon

The Lion freshman helped the 4x200 team win the regional title and qualify for the State Finals. She also won the Sunshine Invite 200 meters and was sixth at the KLAA Conference meet. She also compet-

win a regional title and qualify for states. She showed versatility throughout the year, competing in the 100, 200 and 400 meters as well as relays. Sigler finished second on the team in points earned.

Madison Swiatlowski, South Lyon

The freshman Lion also helped the 4x200 team qualify for states. She competed in everything from sprints to the mile. She was third in the 400 at regionals.

Melanie Sprinkle, South Lyon

The sophomore was another part of the extremely young 4x200 regional winning team. She competed in sprints and the long jump.

Megan Siemiantkowski, Milford

The junior qualified for the State Finals and had a season-best jump of 10-0. She also competed on the 4x100 relay for the Mavs.

Whitney Mergens, Milford

The Milford freshman qualified for the State Finals and had a seasonbest leap of 5-4 in the high jump. Mergens also reached the State Finals in the long jump. She won the conference title in the high jump.

Daniella Allen, Milford

The sophomore led the Mays in the sprints and helped the 4x400 team qualify for the Division 1 State Finals. She had a season-best time of 12.7 in the 100 and 26.6 in the 200

Morgan Bridgewater, Lakeland

The Eagle senior capped off her high school career with a third trip to the State Finals in the 800. She had a best time of 2:17.7 in the 800.

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of the midfield flowing through Northville sophomore Megan Buckingham, the young Mustang earned second-team All-State honors while generating 15 goals and eight assists. Like her Player of the Year teammate, Buckingham earned a Gatorade Michigan Player of the Year nomination. She's verbally committed to play at University of North Carolina in fall 2014.

"Megan organized our midfield," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "She brought control and patience to our transition game. She scored the game-winning goal to knock the defending champs, Novi, out of the playoffs."

Jamie Cheslik (Northville So. F)

She tied for the most assists on her team with 19 and was second in goals with 19, but Northville sophomore forward Jamie Cheslik earned second-team All-State honors as part of a lethal Mustangs offensive line.

"Jamie was the second leading scorer on Northville behind Dream Teamer Mallory Weber," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "Her 19 assists were best on the team. Jamie used her speed and fantastic foot skills to generate scoring opportunities not only for herself but or her teammates as well."

Kelli Timar (Novi Sr. M) After losing several key All-State student-athletes from back-to-back Division I championship squads, the future of Novi's team was safe this spring as senior midfielder Kelli Timar returned to orchestrate the midfield. Moving to defensive center mid this season, the second-team All-State star played a different role, but was a key player in most of the Wildcats' games, still managing five goals and one assist. She finished a four-year varsity career with 20 goals and 27 assists while helping the team to the two state titles and a 71-8-4 record

front line, converting 16 goals and five assists while earning All-State honorable mention. She has verbally committed to play at Grand Valley State University in fall 2013.

"Emily was the third leading scorer on our team with 16 goals," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "Her ability to find space for clean header in the opposing box made her a scoring threat on corners and deep crosses."

Ki̇́ki Hilmer (Northville Jr. GK)

An All-District standout, junior goalkeeper Kiki Hilmer was a big reason why Northville was ranked No. 1 in Division I throughout much of the year en route to a KLAA title. She allowed 12 goals in 18 games while posting 12 shutouts. She has verbally committed to playing at the University of Rhode Island in fall 2013.

"Kiki helped to post a 2-0-1 record against archrival and defending state champs Novi in which two of those were shutouts," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "She is 18 shutouts away from being the all-time shutout leader for Northville."

Kaylin Hoomaian (Novi Jr. D)

Novi junior Kaylin Hoomaian has plenty to look forward to. The All-District defender has a 3.94 grade point average and a verbal commitment to play at Central Michigan University in fall 2013, but she's currently shutting down opponents with the Wildcats, who allowed just nine goals in 19 games this spring.

"Kaylin was our leader on defense. She always marked the other team's best player and is one of the best lockdown defenders I have ever coached at Novi High School," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "She was one of the main reasons that, in our 18 regular season games, we only gave up six goals."

Andrea Pesch (South Lyon Jr. M)

A two-time team MVP for the Lions, South Lyon junior midfielder Andrea Pesch earned All-State honorable mention in Division II after taking on six goals and eight assists to her career total. "Teams that play South Lyon game plan against her knowing she can score at any time," South Lyon coach Tracee Senter said. "She has 25 goals and 26 assists in her career with her senior year to go. She is being looked at by several D1 colleges."

on going, powering Novi's offense forward with five goals and three assists. With a 4.0 grade point average and 60-5-9 record in her three years on varsity, not to mention 24 goals and 14 assists, this All-District Wildcat was voted the hardest working player on the team by her teammates for the second-straight year. She'll take her talents to Bowling Green University in the fall.

Morgan Kroezen (Lakeland Jr. CM)

An All-District center midfielder, White Lake Lakeland junior Morgan Kroezen was the Eagles' leading scorer with eight goals and seven assists thanks to strong midfield vision and set pieces pairing with her focused first touch.

Jacqui Kozlowski (Novi So. D)

Stepping into a major defensive role, Novi sophomore Jacqui Kozlowski answered the call and helped anchor the Wildcat defense. The 'Cats allowed just nine goals in 19 games this spring, and six through the 18 regular season contests.

Katie Rudzinski (Novi Sr. D)

A leader on the strong defensive line of the Wildcats, Novi senior Katie Rudzinski was also a vital piece to the offense, making runs up the side and sending balls into the box off set pieces. She was a major reason Novi was only scored on nine times in 19 games.

Mary Jacobs (Lakeland Sr. D)

Known as a sliding specialist among her teammates, White Lake Lakeland senior defender Mary Jacobs earned All-District honors while captaining the Eagles with calm transitional play under pressure.

Rachel Hay (South Lyon Jr. D)

Voted as her team's Defensive MVP, South Lyon junior Rachel Hay was the only returning defender for the Lions and consequently played nearly every minute of their season. She also managed to score twice and set up two assists from the back line while

Northville grad Sorensen retires from baseball

After five years, former pitching ace heads to law school

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Mark Sorensen told himself as he worked his way up through the high school ranks at Northville and into college at Michigan State University that he would keep playing baseball as long as there was progress toward the ultimate goal of playing in the Majors.

Last month, after having a few tough starts against some top-quality opponents in the Detroit Tigers minor league system, Sorensen decided it was time to call it quits. He spent five years playing professional baseball after being drafted by Detroit in the 32nd round in 2008.

"I have always told myself that I would keep playing as long as I was moving up the ladder, toward the ultimate goal of making it to the big leagues," said Sorensen. "This year it seemed like I had stopped making progress and that my window of opportunity to make it to Detroit had passed."

Throughout his career that found him playing for the Oneonta Tigers, the West Michigan WhiteCaps, the Lakeland Flying Tigers and the Eerie Seawolves, Sorensen went 33-33, playing in 95 games and collecting a 4.6 ERA. He finished with 502.1 innings pitched, striking out 313 batters while earning a 1.407 WHIP.

"Playing professional baseball was a great opportunity, and one that I never took for granted," said Sorensen, who is the son of former MLB All-Star Lary Sorensen. "I was lucky to get paid to play a game that I love. I was able to travel around the country, play in some great ballparks, and meet a lot talented people. I made a good run at it and I am glad that I did. The whole Detroit Tigers organization is first class and I can't thank them enough for giving me a chance."

While Sorensen has a lot of great memories from his time in the organization — like seven wins in a row as a starting pitcher for the WhiteCaps —



Former Northville Mustang Mark Sorensen is retiring from baseball.

one memory in particular will always stand to the forefront.

Sorensen said his favorite memory was the day he heard his name called in the draft.

"To hear your name called and know that you are going to get a chance to play professional baseball is an incredible feeling," he said. "I was lucky to be able to celebrate with family and friends and it's a day that I will never forget."

Sorensen left baseball with a solid plan in place. The Michigan State University graduate took the LSAT exam last winter while prepping for the upcoming baseball season and passed. He'll be attending law school in the fall in New York.

"Obviously you can't play baseball forever and I did not want to be stuck with nothing to look forward to once I was finished," he said. "I'm looking forward to the new challenge and seeing what life is like in the city."



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during her tenure. With a 3.9 grade point average, she will be following in her sister's footsteps by playing for Michigan State University in the fall.

"Kelli has done so much for us in her four years," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "She has scored many clutch goals during the state tournament, including five game winners in four years of state tournament play. She can play any role on the team, including attacking center mid, holding center mid or she can match up against the other team's best mid and play a shutdown role. She is a complete player that does everything well."

Sam Pavlika (Novi Sr. GK)

Transferring to Novi from Temperence Bedford, senior Sam Pavlika had no problem stepping in between the pipes for a two-time defending state championship team. Allowing just nine goals in 19 games, Pavlika had 12 shutouts, a 0.47 goals against average and earned third-team All-State honors while balancing a track and field career that earned her a shot put state title. She will play soccer for Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne next fall.

"Sam had an outstanding senior year, she had the rare quality of being able to win us some games (or preserve ties) by coming up with multiple clutch saves toward the end of games," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "Without Sam, our record never would have been 11-3-5."

Emily Bush (Northville Jr. F)

Feeding off her teammates, junior forward was one of several threats on Northville's

Lauren Stancato (South Lyon So. F)

She may be one of the newer additions to South Lyon's team, but sophomore forward Lauren Stancato will be at the top of the list in their record books after scoring 16 goals and earning All-District honors. She was also voted team Offensive MVP.

"Lauren had a breakout year for the Lions breaking the single season scoring record with 16 goals," South Lyon coach Tracee Senter said. "She already has 19 goals and nine assists in her first two years. She had several multi-goal games this season."

Megan Kalanik (Lakeland Jr. F)

Sixteen goals and three assists allowed junior forward Megan Kalanik to leave her mark on the White Lake Lakeland soccer program this season.

"Goal scoring machine, incredible ball control on top, one of the best in air trapping the ball, fakes and turns and strikes," Lakeland coach Robert Kroezen said.

Second team Jessica Jarvis (Novi Sr. F)

Her offensive production wasn't what it was last year, but Novi senior forward Jessica Jarvis had an engine that kept earning All-District honors.

Sam Cook (South Lyon East Jr. GK)

It was sometimes like she was facing a firing squad, but South Lyon East junior netminder saved 186 of 225 shots (82.7 percent) taken on her this season. Although she allowed 39 goals, largely due to Division I ranked teams on the schedule, Cook also mustered eight shutouts.

Lora Palushaj (South Lyon East Jr. M)

Junior midfielder Lora Palushaj held the South Lyon East offense together. Her positioning and passing skills kept the Cougars in games as she notched five goals and eight assists this spring.

Rachel Jankowiak (South Lyon East So. M)

A utility player for the Cougars, sophomore midfielder Rachel Jankowiak's endurance and ability to play all the field positions helped her rack up seven goals and seven assists for South Lyon East.

Lauren Webster (South Lyon East So. D)

Defending against some of the top players in the state from Northville and Novi, sophomore defender Lauren Webster was able to use her speed to chase them down and keep South Lyon East in the game.

Heather Emke (South Lyon East So. M/F)

A young spark for the Cougars, sophomore midfielder/forward Heather Emke racked up 10 goals and three assists to give the South Lyon East program a few more victories this season than in those past.

Editor's note: Milford soccer did not respond to several attempts for information.

Northville Pom Pon brings home numerous awards

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The Northville varsity and JV pom pon teams recently attended Mid-American pom camp at Davenport University in Grand Rapids from June 20-24.

This year it was Northville varsity captain Leigh Fitzpatrick who earned the highest individual award, "Smile, Sparkle and Shine" from the group of over 300 pommers in attendance. This highly coveted award is awarded each year to one pommer as the best overall individual, based on teamwork, pom technique and leadership.

In addition to Fitzpatrick, captains Elizabeth Boshoven and Alex Dimtrievski led the varsity pom team to the coveted Grand Champion Award. The team earned excellent ratings in the original routine, speed learning and high kick categories to achieve this distinguished award. Varsity had a record high camp score for Northville pom of 97.5 out 100 on their original routine.

Northville's JV pom pon team brought home the Peppy Pom award for showing the most enthusiasm and spirit of any JV team at camp. JV additionally received an excellent in the categories of original routine and high kick.

The 2012-13 varsity team





members include: Taylor Bastianelli, Elizabeth Boshoven, Chandler Brown, Megan Carroll, Amber Carson, Susie Crawford, Alexandra Dimitrievski, Alexandra DiTommaso, Anna Fillar, Leigh Fitzpatrick, Ally Green, Emily Herring, Maddy Holloway, Faith Horbatch, Isabel Inchaustegui, Taylor Jones, Mikenna Jones, Marissa Lozser, Liz Maier, Bridget Michaels, Emily Mikels, Carley Olender, Tatiana Ray, Nicole Rister, Hannah Smith, Samantha Sneed, Torrey Tassic, Jocelyn Tucker, Vivian Zhong. Ashley Oleszkowicz is the new head coach for Northville varsity.

JV team members pictured are: Mia Chiesa, Katheryne Chiesa, Isabella Corsi, Anny Dazy, Maria Demos, Bianca Dimitievski, Nicole Dufault, Lauren Heiser, Olivia Hoffman, Marla Halboth, Hannah Karam, Gabby Kwasny, Julia Rosinski, Megan Schoenberger, Lauren Scott, Leah Tappan, Abbey Tassic, Amanda Valle, Quinn Van Riper, Bailey Vollmar, Calista Zbiegein. JV is coached by head coach Malory Mossoian.

For more information regarding Northville Pom Pon please visit: http://northvillepompon.webs.com.



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tangs as the best forward on the squad four years in a row and team MVP three times. She is a MHSSCA Scholar Athlete, Northville High School's Female Athlete of the Year and a Gatorade Michigan Player of the Year nominee. She was also in the running for Miss Soccer this year.

But what says the most about Weber, who also played varsity basketball for Northville, isn't the staggering amount of awards she's earned or the way opponents react to having her on the field against them. It's the way none of it has gone to her head.

"Mallory is a great example of trying to do the most for her team every game, all 80 minutes," said Northville coach Eric Brucker. "The players around her feed off her energy."

He said she's never let the drive to succeed personally overcome her desire to do what's best for her teammates.

"For all the accolades, she is still a better person than a player," Brucker said in Weber's All-Area nomination this year.

Weber started playing soccer when she was seven years old. She said she was drawn to the sport because she liked to run and because of the competitive nature of the game.

To an extent, that competitive part of soccer is what has kept her going so strong even to this day.

"My favorite part of the game today is figuring out how to score goals at the highest level and against the best defenders," she said. "It keeps the game exciting and

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innings of the game, giving up three hits while striking out two batters. Regnier and Leimbach each added to the West's

each added to the West's 18 hits. Regnier went 1for-4 and scored a run it's what makes it fun for me."

Her desire to challenge herself brought her to the always-competitive club team, the Michigan Hawks. There she joined up with many of the state's best players in her age group and pushed herself to be the absolute best she could be something that paid off just recently as Weber experienced her favorite moment in all of her career.

"My best memory so far just happened yesterday," she said July 1. "My club team, Michigan Hawks, won the ECNL National Championship. I scored a hat trick in the national final and it was the best way to end my season before we all went off to college!"

In addition to the Hawks, Weber has also been a part of the Regional Olympic Development Program for three years.

Weber is the kind of player others can look up to and strive to be like, and she realizes that. It's one of the reasons she's always worked so hard and suggests that other players who hope to have an impact on their team do the same.

"Make sure that you always have goals and aspirations that you are working toward because it helps keep you motivated every day," she said. "(You should try to) Work harder than everyone around you because not only does it help you, but that will push the other to be better as well, especially your own team."

But the most important piece of advice Weber could give, and one she'll most definitely take with her to Pennsylvania?

"Make sure you always have fun with whatever you are doing," she said.

in the fourth for an 8-4 advantage.

The East picked up two more runs in the fifth to cut the lead to 8-6 but the West cranked out seven hits and scored eight times in the sixth for a 16-6 win.

The West has won three of the last four games and has averaged 13 runs in its three victories. Starting pitchers in the game were Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett senior Alex Darr (16-1 in 2012 with a 0.50 ERA) for the East and Holt High's Justin Allemam (8-0, 0.40 ERA) for the West. The two were named co-Mr. Baseball prior to the game.





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while Leimbach had a RBI single.

The East squad managed 10 hits in the contest as well as they jumped out to a 4-2 lead in the top of the third inning. That lead only lasted as long as it took for the West to get back to the plate in the bottom of the inning where they scored five times and then again





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Report: Realtor incomes beginning to climb

By Julie Brown O&E Staff Writer

Making a living in real estate got challenging in metro Detroit these past few years. The 2012 National Association of Realtors Member Profile showed, however, that Realtor income/business is growing after years of decline.

The median income reported was \$34,900, a 2.3 percent gain, the first overall gain in nine years. Realtors with experience who have lived through the cyclical nature of the real estate market tend to earn more, according to the NAR. Those who've been in the business 16 years or more reported a median income of \$50,200. Realtors working 60 hours a week or more earned \$80,900. and 17 percent of NAR members earned a six-figure income

Repeat business accounted for a median 19 percent of real estate activity in 2011 and is higher for those

with more experience - for NAR members with 16 years or more in the business, the number rises to 38 percent.

Phyllis Pulty is a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel in Northville. "I think especially this year there have been some changes. Houses have been selling faster," she said.

"The good houses go fast." The last three I had sold within two to five days." That's true in all price ranges. "I think this year is going to be really good for listing agents. They're going over the list price."

One buyer of hers has been challenged to find a house. 'I'm very busy with buyers. I think this year there's a lot of potential for making a lot more money," Pulty said.

She has over 20 years in the real estate field. "It's very, very important to keep in touch with past clients. I have gotten a lot of referrals to cli-



ents' children."

"The prices will take a little while," she said of the current market. "It's certainly helping the neighborhood." People are putting in extra money to make the appraised price.

If a \$600,000 house is appraised at \$550,000, she finds sellers can put in the extra \$50,000 "because they wanted the house. The appraisals are still low and it's going to take awhile for prices to come back up."

Pulty has advice for younger agents starting their carers. "Being thorough, keeping

in touch with your clients and having a positive attitude at all times," she said. "You have to know what you're doing, you have to have experience.'

"Yes, income is fine," she said. "I would say learn and talk to experienced agents. We have several new people in our office. They're doing open houses for experienced agents."

Some newer people at her office are doing well, Pulty said. "You have to learn from the experienced agents and always talk to your manager." Her firm has a lot of resources and training for new agents.

"Do what they do. If we have too many listings, we always ask a new person. Hit the experienced agents," Pulty advised.

Tony Schippa is a Coldwell **Banker Preferred of Plymouth** Realtor and president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors. He's been in the field since 2001.

"I'm hearing from our membership the market is starting to improve. When they (homes) sell, agents get paid," Schippa said.

Well-established agents "have definitely weathered the storm. You're just starting to see that activity increase." He finds word of mouth combined with newer avenues like Facebook help to reach customers.

'Your sphere of influence and past clients definitely help you get through this," Schippa said. "It is the referrals from your past clients that keep you afloat."

"You need to write a business plan. You are an indepen-dent business," he said. "Try to get your name out," including using social media, he said.

"Do nice communications with your sphere of influence. You should be on your way to being successful. Keep a positive attitude. Try to stay away from negative people."

Schippa remained upbeat through the challenges of recent years in the housing market. "It's just a matter of how you look at it. We can make things happen, and they do happen," he said. "Just work on good communication skills."

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'Sunshine law' not for condos

By Robert Meisner **Guest Columnist**

Q: We have a board that has stayed in power for seven years since we can't get a quorum at the meetings. They do not answer our questions, are not properly maintaining the community, keep hiring their favorite contractors, and do not allow us to go to the meetings of the board. Is there a sunshine law in Michigan? Do we have a right to go to the meetings of the board?

A: I have abbreviated your questions concerning the operation of your association, but what you need is a good association lawyer to pursue the board for what appears to be a breach of their fiduciary duties. There is no "sunshine law" in



Michigan, and the Open Meetings Act does not apply to condominium associations. So, you have no absolute right to

attend board meetings.

Nevertheless, the board's fiduciary duties include keeping the co-owners reasonably informed of the administration and operation of the Association. In addition, the Michigan Condominium Act does give coowners an absolute right to inspect the association's books, records and contracts, and requires the books and records to be audited by independent accountants once a year. What your board is doing or not doing sounds to be improper and you should seek to remove the board in . accordance with the bylaws or Michigan **Non-Profit Corporation** Act.

Q: I am a tenant in a condominium. I understand that the association has insurance with me as a coinsured and therefore, I cannot be sued by the insurer that pays a claim. Is that correct? A: Yes. In a recent case out of Washington State, a condominium's declaration required the board to obtain and maintain fire insurance in an amount equal to the full insurable replacement value of the building for the benefit of the board and the owners. But after the insurer paid the claim, it sued the tenants, claiming they negligently caused the fire. In that case, the court found for the tenants on the basis that they were co-insureds under the insurance contract and thus were not liable to the insurer on the basis of subrogation. The appellate court in that case held that the law presumes that a tenant is a coinsured on a landlord's insurance policy unless there is an express agreement to the contrary.

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Don't give these answers during your interview

Justin Thompson, CareerBullder Writer

After receiving a call from an employer inviting you in for an interview, it's common to feel simultaneously ecstatic, relieved and nervous. One of the best ways to calm those nerves is to be prepared for the interview. To do so, try and anticipate what questions the employer might ask. While at times questions can get tricky, for the most part employers ask straightforward questions that help them get to know your personality as well as your ability to think on your feet.

Yet even if a job seeker is prepared, nerves can still cause stumbles. To help, here are four of the most common interview questions and tips on how you should -- and shouldn't -- answer them.

1. "So, tell me a little about yourself."

When answering this question, don't go off on a tangent. Prepare your two to three minute career summary and rehearse it out loud. "Make sure that whatever you share is relevant and makes sense given the job you're interviewing for," says career counselor and author Roy Cohen. "Too much information will be lost in translation and your interviewer will tune you out."

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2. "Why do you want to leave your current job?"

This question can be a double-edged sword. On one hand, if you say you're looking for a new opportunity, the interviewer may take that to mean you were bored at your current job and wanted out. Instead, you could be more specific: There were changes in management; the company's direction didn't align with your personal goals; or recent changes made you concerned about the stability of the company and your role. "It's better to have more reasons for making a move

than just one. It suggests that the decision is multilayered and, hopefully, some of what you say will resonate with theinterviewer," Cohen says.

3. "What are your biggest strengths and weaknesses? "

Stop saying, "I'm a perfectionist." It's trite and overdone. Name a strength that makes you stand out for the position to which you are applying. When naming a weakness, pick something that's realistic, and acknowledge that you're constantly working on improving in that area. Ensure that your weakness isn't directly associated with one of the prospective job responsibilities, but do be honest.

4. "Let's talk about salary. What are your expectations?"

If possible, avoid addressing compensation until toward the end of the hiring process. When it comes time to discuss, provide a range with which you're comfortable. Going into the conversation, decide what the lowest acceptable salary is that will allow you to enjoy the lifestyle with which you're most comfortable. From there, incrementally increase that salary by 5, 10 or 15 percent. Once you get to the negotiation process. you'll be in a better position to give and take on salary and other benefits.

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