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Booster vacancies

The Northville High School Boosters Board is looking to fill two very important positions at NHS.

The first open position is concessions chair for the 2013-14 school year. The job would consist of buying and stocking the concessions stand in advance of sporting events held at Tom Holzer Field, the NHS soccer field and at the NHS gymnasium. Each team would be responsible for scheduling the volunteers for the respective games.

The second open position is chair of the 2013 NHS Boosters Golf Outing and Silent Auction, which will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24 at the Links of Novi. While there are already volunteers in place to assist with the event, a chairperson is still needed.

If you or someone you know might be interested in either position, or for more information send an e-mail Sue Baldwin, president of the NHS Boosters, at baldwins@huronvalley.k12.mi.us.

Game Show

The Northville High School Drama Club will present a student-run production of "Game Show" later this month at Northville High School.

Show dates are at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, and at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26.

A full-length comedy written by Lew Riley, "Game Show" follows the back stage and on-camera adventures of the show staff responsible for producing King of the Mountain, and this week's five wacky game show contestants vying for the \$1 million grand prize. It is a comical look at a TV game show/soap opera.

General admission tickets, which are \$5, will be on sale at the Northville High School Box Office on the following dates: from 10:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21; from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Jan. 22-24; and one hour prior to each performance.

For more information on the Northville High School Drama Club and the 2012-2013 season, visit www.nhstheatre.com.

LaRiche says 25th auto show is big, exciting

Meet Northville's Scott LaRiche — DADA president

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Northville resident Scott LaRiche said he'll be running on fumes and drinking lots of coffee the next two weeks.

The vice president/executive manager at Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth Township is president of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, the group responsible for oversight of one of the world's most important auto shows — the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Cen-

ter in Detroit.

He described this show as one of the most thrilling.

"Last year's auto show, the big theme was 'we're back,'" he said. "And now, it has taken off to a whole new level with the excitement."

Attendance numbers dropped in recent years, but a significant rebound is expected this year, LaRiche said. He's hoping to see between 800,000 and 850,000 people come through Cobo Center this January, up from the 770,000 last year.

"I think we're going to have 850,000, weather permitting," he said. "It's a big number."

Several indicators point to a recovery by the auto show for LaRiche, including the number of new media members attending this week, as well as the attendance figures for the charity gala, taking place Friday night.

LaRiche said numbers have increased 25 percent from last year's gala, which benefits more than just the auto show.

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Scott LaRiche, of Plymouth's Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, talks with O&E Media reporter David Veselenak during Media Day of the North American international Auto Show in Detroit. LaRiche is president of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association and a member of the executive committee.

Fill 'er up?

Asher's has been trusted service station for more than six decades

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Neighborly service and personalized care has made Asher's Citgo and Auto Repair a mainstay in Northville for 62 years. Through good times and bad, it has always been a reliable spot.

"Honesty and trust is what my father taught me was important when he was owner, and that's what we have continued to do," Rick Asher said of their customer-centered approach.

Located at the corner of S. Rogers and Seven Mile Road, Asher's is one of the few remaining full service stations in metro Detroit. Previously when Rick's father Bill first opened it in 1951, the station was situated at the northeast corner of Main and Wing streets. They moved to Rogers in '57.

Rick took over ownership in 1987 and along with his wife Janine has maintained it as the go to for many Northville residents.

"There's a difference here that makes us the place to go to for a lot of longtime Northville residents looking for a repair," Janine said.

It's a classic full service facility with up to date know how. The crew at Asher's can do wheel alignments, brake repairs and electrical system repairs. They service



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Asher's Citgo owner Rick Asher exits station's office to assist a customer at the pumps. Asher's, located at Seven Mile and Rogers, has been in business for more than 60 years, and still pumps the gas for customers.

personal, fleet and business vehicles.

There are customers who have been bringing their own vehicles there for decades and then there is the work Asher's does for area postal offices, including Northville. Each week you will find a postal truck inside the

shop either having tire work done or having an engine replaced.

The shop is a historical place with many memories, but it's equipped to do modern day work as well. Janine said many people new to the com-

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PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE JOCHMANS

This King penguin was very curious about Steve Jochmans' camera and got unbelievably close. "I was giddy with excitement," Jochmans said.

Adventure travelers inside INSPIRE

Steve and Jody Jochmans of Northville are featured in today's INSPIRE section cover story on Antarctica.

The Jochmans have been adventure traveling throughout the world and all seven continents for the past 10 years.

"Our travel focus is on companies that emphasize frontier adventures, environmental fragile areas and wildlife," said Steve.

A few of their past trips have included the Arctic Circle, hiking New Zealand south island, Africa, hiking Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania and kayaking the Belize coastal barrier reef.

Trips for 2013 will include kayaking in Baja, Mexico; kayaking with the Orcas off Vancouver Island and hiking to Mount Everest base camp in Nepal.

"Five of these past trips have been with Lindblad/National Geographic where several staff photographers

are assigned to each trip," explained Steve.

"They help clients one-on-one with photo techniques and conduct seminars during the trip to review individual photos and provide valuable insight for better photography."

The Jochmans have lived in Northville Township for more than 20 years. Steve grew up in St. Joseph, Mich., and graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N.Y. After that, he joined the Navy flight program and retired after 20 years as a commander and P-3 Orion aviator. He joined Northwest Airlines and retired (five years ago) after 16 years as captain.

Jody and Steve have been married for 21 years. When they're not traveling or researching future trips, the couple volunteer time at Forgotten Harvest, First Door Ministries food distribution and drive for Meals on Wheels.



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Former hospital property beginning to taking shape

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Anyone driving by Seven Mile and Haggerty knows plans are starting to take shape on at least a portion of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property. It's hard to miss the clearing that has taken place as developer REIS begins the process of building on the corner portion of the old hospital property.

The developer is ready to start construction on a 100,000-square-foot building to lease to the University of Michigan Health System for a medical facility that will provide primary and specialty care for both children and adults. It is just the first piece of what REIS (Real Estate Investment Group-Schostak) hopes will be a vibrant, multi-use development called Northville Park Place on the 82 acres it owns. The developer



An artist's rendering of Northville Park Place, which will include a University of Michigan medical facility. Developer REIS hopes to have a mixed-use site with retail and more.

expects to begin construction this spring, and the plan is to have patients at the facility in 2014.

The majority of the former hospital property, however, is owned by Northville Township. Not much is happening there. The more than 300 acres owned by the township contains all of the former hospital facilities, as well as a grow-

ing forest. The township, with public input, developed a master plan for the property, which includes many recreational amenities and facilities. Yet those plans are most likely years away, as township officials try to come up with a plan to demolish the buildings, which are becoming a public hazard and nuisance. Township officials cre-

ated a brownfield redevelopment authority that will be able to capture tax dollars on the entirety of the property as it increases in value through a TIF (tax increment financing). This authority should begin capturing taxes in 2014 after the medical facility opens and perhaps REIS gets some more tenants. Once that happens, the brown-

field authority will be able to purchase bonds to pay demolition costs.

Township officials are estimating the authority could capture more than \$80 million over 30 years. Estimates for all of the demolition, asbestos abatement and site preparation is about \$28 million.

But as Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix told fellow board members at a study session on the matter last week, it is difficult to estimate costs for such a large demolition project.

"When it comes to environmental cleanups, it's like going to a Ouija board. It's tough to estimate," Nix said. "All of our estimates just deal with clearing the first level — the buildings. Not the foundations or the tunnels. We may have to do this in phases."

In essence, the township has two avenues in front of it. Township officials can purchase bonds that the township can pay back over time, so it can clear the buildings sooner. Or basically pay as you go — doing the demolition piece by piece, and only as fast as it can afford as tax dollars are collected through the TIF.

As an example of what can go wrong with such a large cleanup, look no further than the effort to demolish the old power house last summer. The township was able to get a \$350,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency to do the work. Officials put the project out to bid, and a contractor began the work in August. It didn't take long, however, for the contractor to determine that the power house's three massive boilers contained large amounts of asbestos, which doubled the cost of the project. The township didn't have the extra money, and most of the power house is still on the site, covered in heavy plastic.

And there are other environmental dangers on the property. Many of the buildings, according to Tom Casari, director of Public Services for the township, contain barrels and paint cans. Township officials have no idea what's in some of the barrels, so they can only assume they are dangerous to the public.

Add it all up and you can see why the township can't let anyone on its portion of the property.

But, of course, that isn't stopping people from trespassing, which has become

a major concern for the township, particularly its public safety officials.

According to Public Safety Director John Werth, the old hospital buildings and underground tunnel system have become an "attractive nuisance" to people. In 2012, township police officers arrested nearly 200 people trespassing on the property, and were called out there roughly 600 times. With the help of the township's finance director, Marina Neumaier, Werth estimated the property cost the township about \$150,000 last year — more than the previous year. Coupled with that, vandalism of the buildings is a regular occurrence.

"I'm an advocate of getting those buildings down and getting these people out of there," Werth said, referring to the trespassers.

Fortunately for the township, the REIS development is kick-starting the debate on the subject. With the property in dispute for so many years, township officials are finally starting to see the site's future come to fruition. The developer is certainly optimistic about the positive impact the project will have on the community, particularly when it comes to job creation.

"On the U-M project alone, we'll be creating the equivalent of 90-100 full-time tradesman jobs for one year and we will employ approximately 300 different on-site skilled trade workers. This will create approximately 400 spinoff jobs off site," David Schostak of REIS said.

In lieu of those rosy projections, however, most of the township board members are of the opinion that the township needs to do something whether or not REIS's grand vision for its development comes to fruition or not. Clerk Sue Hillebrand summed up the opinion of most of her colleagues on the board when she advocated getting the demolition done sooner, rather than later.

"That demolition needs to take place," she said. "Regardless of what happens with the development, we have to take those buildings down."

The question that the township board will be figuring out in the coming year or two is how it will pay for it.

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"We're going to see a big, big change," he said. "And the bonus for that is, you have about \$3 million for children's charities last year. This year, it's going to be closer to \$4 million."

Many local dealers are offering auto show specials on cars this month, and LaRiche hopes the specials will increase consumer visits to showrooms afterward.

His hope is that the buzz created in Detroit this month will continue throughout the year.

"It's going to bring people here, of course, and then bring people into the showroom," he said. "Some of the consumers were waiting until all the auto show bonus money was announced. This week, it's all coming in."

The highlights that he's seen so far this week include the 2014 Chevrolet Corvette, one of the most anticipated releases during the auto show. In addition, the naming of the Cadillac ATS — another General Motors brand — as Car of the Year signified to LaRiche that the show will be good to GM.

"It's a real big hit for GM," he said. "This will be a big show for us."

But other makes have stepped up their displays

as well, LaRiche said. More than 500 cars are on display this year.

"I really haven't had a chance to walk the whole floor, but I know that Mercedes has a brand-new display," he said. "They really spent a lot of time and money to get that happening."

And his favorite car at the show? He didn't even have to think about it.

"It has to be the Corvette," he said. "It is gorgeous."

LaRiche, a third-generation dealer, has been part of the family business with his father, Lou, and brothers, John and Robert, for more than 30 years (all of whom are active in day-to-day operations at various locations).

Lou LaRiche Chevrolet on Plymouth Road was established in 1970 by his father, Lou.

Scott LaRiche has served as a DADA board member for six years, beginning with his position as Dealer Line Group chairman for Chevrolet. He served as DADA treasurer/secretary and vice president prior to his election as president in December 2012.

Joining LaRiche on the NAIS Executive Committee are chairman Jim Seavitt, owner of Village Ford in Dearborn, and vice chairman Bob Shuman, owner of Shuman Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in Walled Lake.



Oakmont Northville residents (from right) George Kalangian, Ruth Franson, Theresa Ugic, and Leatha Litsenberger all celebrated their 100 — or more — birthdays on Jan. 8 at the assisted living facility.

Looking back

Northville woman, 103, reflects on century-plus of life

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Leatha Litsenberger, 103, was a career woman long before it became fashionable.

"I was a salesgirl," said Litsenberger of Northville Township on her birthday, Thursday, Jan. 10. "I was a buyer and head salesgirl at a dress shop in Plymouth."

The longtime Northville resident worked many years at Cassady's, owned by Norma Cassady in downtown Plymouth.

"I had regular steady ones," she recalled of customers. "I had my little book on their sizes. I knew their taste and just what they wanted."

When she'd go to lunch on work days, "Mrs. Cassady would say, 'She'll be back in a little while.'" Only Litsenberger could wait on those Cassady's customers.

She agreed life in general has improved over her century-plus.

"I think so. More things to do. We had to make up our own things to do," she said.

She went to high school in Maine and followed her sister to Northville.

"I was 33 years old when I came here, I came to visit my sister and stayed."

Litsenberger married Robert, a Northville native, and built a life here. She hadn't seen her sister since high school, as travel was more difficult, so that was good. Her older sister came here alone and then married.

She recalled men who shopped for their wives at Cassady's, and how she would pick those gifts and wrap them: "They didn't know what was in it until she opened it," Litsenberger said.

During World War II, the shop stayed open later on Fridays to accommodate women working for Kelsey-Hayes.

There was also Plymouth's Dunning's dress shop, later Minerva-Dunning's, and Litsenberger was good friends with a woman who staffed it. "I wasn't mad at her."

She remembers the



Oakmont Northville resident Leatha Litsenberger receives a greeting from a well-wisher on Jan. 8 as she celebrated her 103rd birthday two days early at the Northville assisted living community. Litsenberger was born on Jan. 10 in 1910. To her right are two other 100-year-olds, Theresa Ugic and Ruth Franson (right).



Oakmont residents celebrate their birthdays on Jan. 8. Frank Selinsky, Hazel Pickles (center) and Kate Dusek will all eclipse the 100 year mark in 2013.

Mayflower Hotel in downtown Plymouth. "I used to go there for my lunch at noon. I had a lot of meals at the Mayflower."

Her niece may take her to Plymouth soon, and Litsenberger wondered if people would recognize her.

"A lot of changes. I didn't have white hair."

She doesn't have big secrets to longevity.

"I didn't expect to live this long. Get up in the morning and go to bed at night, that's it." She lives now at Oakmont Northville.

"I've had fun here too," she said of Oakmont. "I know a lot of people. I like it."

Litsenberger helps Marie Rumbley, also of Northville Township, who's the Oakmont activities director. Rumbley had three children

go through Northville schools.

Litsenberger agreed friendship is important for older people: "The more you have the better. That helps a lot."

Her sister was younger when she passed. "I don't think if my sister was living she'd believe it either. She was only 75 when she died," she said.

Litsenberger had measles, smallpox, whooping cough and mumps when young.

Oakmont's Rumbley agreed friendship boosts longevity.

"I think volunteering and friends," the staffer said. Frank Selinsk of Oakmont is turning 100 this year, and is their resident farmer.

"He can hardly wait to get his tomatoes in," Litsenberger said of Selinsk. He's a friend with whom

she and others exercise daily.

George Kalangian of Oakmont is 100, and others who'll be 100 there this year are Kate Dusek, Terry Ugic, Ruth Franson, Hazel Pickles and Selinsk.

There was a party at Oakmont Jan. 8 for the birthday clan, and Litsenberger's niece on her husband's side also had plans for her aunt's celebration.

Litsenberger also eats well.

"I don't like liver, that's the one thing I don't like," Litsenberger said. "My husband didn't like it either."

She's seen a lot of changes. "Oh, boy. Just me getting older. Good changes, though, they've been good ones."

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Asher Citgo mechanics Austin Pickard (left) and Jeff Herren take a look at a truck's brakes at the Northville service station and repair shop.

ASHERS

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munity don't know it's a repair shop. But it is and can do fixes on everything from steering and suspension to tire rotations and repair.

They also have the routine maintenance down. From oil, filter and lube changes to heating and cooling system repairs, and flushes, which includes radiator, transmission, power steering and brake fluid. It also does new tire sales.

"We have a great team that provides personalized auto care," Janine said. "Our goal is to provide the same type of service we would want ourselves."

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District looking to tap sinking funds to repair leaky roofs

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

A faulty roof design has led to faltering shingles and a lot of water leaks at Thornton Creek Elementary School. As a result the school district will be looking to replace the roof in the coming year with the help of sinking funds.

Another leaking situation is occurring at Ridge Wood Elementary. However, this will be addressed on a smaller scale and not through a complete replacement.

The two plans were discussed at the last Northville Public Schools Board of Education Committee of the Whole meeting on Jan. 8. It was agreed the replacement at Thornton Creek and some repair work at Ridge Wood should go forward. The school board was scheduled to vote on the Thornton Creek project at its Jan. 15 meeting.

The board was expected to approve the design and project administration for the Thornton Creek project. If approved, the contracted firm would then conduct a bid process for the roof replacement, and this is where the exact costs will become known.

According to Mike Zopf, the assistant superintendent for finance/operations, although no prices have been quoted yet the estimated project cost for the roof replacement will be almost \$600,000.

However, he said this is just an estimate and prices may fluctuate

during the bidding process.

The work should take place over the summer.

He said there has been no significant damage inside the schools, except for replacing ceiling tiles.

"However, even a small leak can represent a safety consideration for staff and students, so we want to address those issues at Thornton Creek with this project," he said.

He said five years after the Thornton Creek was built in 1995 the school district had to replace all of the shingles on the roof.

"Here we are in 2013 and we're looking at now having roof leaks and issues with that," he said to the school board. "My thought is that there is something systematically wrong that we're going through shingles at that kind of rate."

At the same time Ridge Wood is having issues, especially in the with "ice damming" within the air ducts, he said.

Over the holidays, the district had NTH consultants of Northville inspect both buildings. It was determined at Thornton Creek there is no air or ventilation gap in the roof to help prevent the shingles from absorbing even more heat and breaking down so quickly.

The original design did not have the necessary air gap, but board vice president Ken Roth said they have no recourse with the original architect because of the time elapsed since it was built. Zopf said knowledge for better roof design has improved since Thornton

Creek was built 18 years ago.

The projected work at Thornton Creek will include the construction of a ventilation deck within the roof design. There was the thought of exploring the idea of putting in a metal roof, but its price would double the costs to more than \$1 million.

At Ridge Wood it could take around \$57,000 to alleviate its leaking issues. Zopf said some mechanical changes will be made to improve this roof. The problem with it is the air intake system on it is bringing in too much moisture into the air ducts. This moisture is then leaking at various spots around the school.

The sinking fund, which was passed in 2011 by district voters, is a 1-mill request that provides the school district with approximately \$2.4 million for each of the five years it's in effect. It's for addressing capital improvement needs, such as roof replacements and sidewalk repairs at buildings across the school district.

Zopf said to date, the district has spent \$2.7 million on Sinking Fund projects for completed projects that include: district-wide network upgrade and wireless installation, Cooke School boiler replacement and domestic hot water, athletic stadium improvements, and carpet replacement at the high school.

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NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Community Coffees

Northville Public Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher invites parents, guardians, and community members for coffee and an informal opportunity to discuss important school district issues during a series of Superintendent Community Coffees planned for the remainder of the school year.

The Community Coffees are scheduled for the following dates, times and locations:

- Thursday, Jan. 24 from 9:30-11 a.m. at Stone House Coffee & Tea, 16923 Ridge Road

- Wednesday, March 20 from 1:30-3 p.m. at Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro, 141 East Main Street

- Monday, May 20, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Board of Education Office, Room 302, 501 West Main Street

Gallagher is hosting the community coffees to provide another avenue for school families and community members to ask questions, offer input, and learn more about the school district in a small group setting. Gallagher also is eager to hear from school families and residents about those issues and concerns that are important to them. The coffees will have a very informal format. Those attending are welcome to come and go at any time during the specified time frame.

Look for additional Super-

intendent Community Coffees to be scheduled for the 2013-14 school year. Specific dates, times and locations will be sent via LISTSERV beginning in the fall.

Playground benefit

The Thornton Creek Elementary Playground Committee invites the community to a children's concert by the Swing-set Mamas, a nationally-renowned musical group with positive songs including "If I Became the President" and "Take a Walk in Someone Else's Shoes." Their CD, Mammorphosis, received a 2011 Parents Choice Award. To learn more about the band, check out their website at www.swingsetmamas.com.

They will perform two shows on Saturday, Jan. 19 — at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. — in the Northville High School auditorium. Pre-order tickets for \$5 or take your chances at the door for \$8. The shows are free for kids under 2 sitting on a lap. The committee will use proceeds from the show to pay for new playground equipment at Thornton Creek Elementary.

Purchase tickets by visiting www.showtix4u.com. More information can be found on Facebook at A-Cause-for-Play or by e-mailing questions to acauseforplay@gmail.com.

Northville students planning to 'walk in the footsteps' of MLK

Students across Northville Public Schools will honor Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, legacy of equality, unity, fairness and respect through a variety of meaningful activities planned in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Jan. 21. The theme for this year's district-wide student activities is "Walk in the Footsteps of Dr. King."

"In light of recent events in our country, it is more important than ever that our community and our schools take the time to reflect on the principles Dr. King modeled during his life of unity, acceptance, non-violence, peaceful protest and service to others," said William Brown, director of special services for Northville Public Schools and chairperson of the school district's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Planning Committee. "The activities our students and staff will take

"The meaningful ways in which students, teachers and staff are giving thought to the principles taught by Dr. King are important. It is our hope that these experiences will resonate for our students beyond this one day and beyond their classrooms, and serve as a reminder to all of us in the Northville community that the journey toward greater understanding and respect for one another is both worthwhile and ongoing."

MARY KAY GALLAGHER
Northville Superintendent

part in, focused on Dr. King's legacy, go hand-in-hand with Northville Public Schools' mission and vision for all Northville students to become compassionate, quality contributors in our society."

In classrooms across Northville's 10 school buildings, students will reflect on King's message of peace and equality through teacher-led activities that include book discussions, reading and listening to selected Dr. King speeches, writing

reflections, art projects, singing songs, playing music, and sharing poetry, making food and having birthday parties for Dr. King; creating skits and videos about King's life and the Civil Rights movement, performing random acts of kindness at school and at home. There will also be classroom discussions about how Dr. King's work changed our country. All of the lessons and student activities are designed to align with curriculum standards at each grade level.

"There is tremendous value in ensuring that today's young people have a deep understanding of the impact Dr. King's messages of peace, unity and equality

have on our society and around the world," said Rob Watson, principal at Northville High School, where all of the school's social studies classes will spend time examining King's place in history through short readings, a review of his important speeches, and classroom discussion.

"We hope this time devoted to Dr. King will remind us all that he solved problems peacefully," said Moraine Elementary School Principal Denise Bryan. "At Moraine our students will be focusing on Dr. King's leadership skills. How he synergized with other passionate and caring people of his time. How he learned from great leaders like Gandhi, who

came before him. How he began with the end in mind by setting a vision for what the world could look like. How he led by example and showed others what it meant to persist in the face of great opposition, to solve problems with words, and to do what was right even when it wasn't popular."

In addition to classroom lessons, several buildings have school-wide activities planned for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. At Silver Springs Elementary School, students will hear from a storyteller who will lead a discussion about King's powerful messages and share a collection of stories that focus on peace, expanding horizons, compassion, and understanding one another. Thornton Creek Elementary School students will learn important facts about King's life and legacy and hear portions of his "I Have a Dream" speech during the morning announcements.

Northville students also will be reaching out to the community in an effort to put into action King's principle of service to others. Amerman Elementary School fifth

graders will visit Gleaners Community Food Bank in Detroit on Tuesday, Jan. 22, to work in partnership with students from Detroit's Roberto Clemente Elementary School to package food for those in need in our local community and around the world through the Kids Against Hunger initiative. Students in some of the classrooms at Cooke School, the district's special education center program, will plan and implement a service-learning project. The "m4" Choir at Meads Mill Middle School will perform at the Covenant Baptist Church in Farmington Hills as part of a Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration.

"It is important for all of us to remember that Dr. King sought to promote the dignity of all human beings through peaceful means, that all of us have benefited from his dream of justice for all, and that we must look for those opportunities in our own lives where through service to others we can keep Dr. King's vision for the world moving forward," said Meads Mill Principal Susan Meyer.

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Several local students were recently named to the Hope College Dean's List for the second semester of the 2012-13 school year. To be named to the Dean's List a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. The local students are:

- Ryan A. Skowronek, sophomore Northville
- Divya R. Dhaliwal, junior, Northville
- Jessica L. Snyder, sophomore, Northville

Evansville Dean's List

Sarah Joseph of Northville has achieved a place on the University of Evansville Dean's List for academic achievements during the 2012 fall semester. Joseph is majoring in elementary education.

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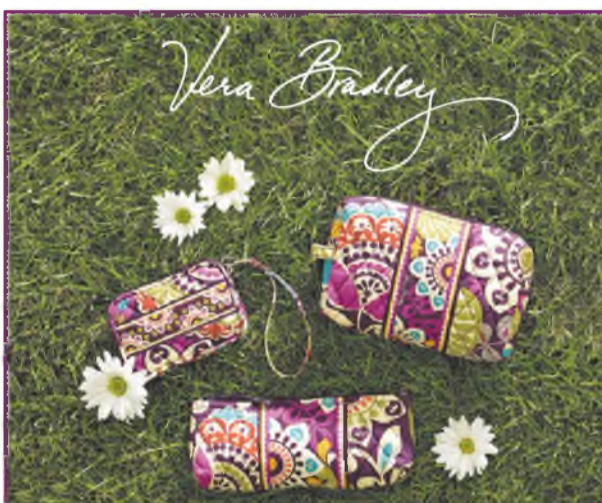
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Just 'glad' to have hockey back

Fans turn out to greet Red Wings at Compuware

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Way back when, Joan Tingstad had a sister who wanted to marry Red Wings great Gordie Howe so badly that she cried when he married someone else.

Howe has long since been forgiven, and now Tingstad, a Northville resident who caught Red Wings practice Tuesday at Compuware Arena, is equally ready to forgive the NHL for the lockout that cost her half a season. Tingstad, who said she's a fan "from the

Abel-Lindsay-Howe" era, watched the practice with her daughter and fellow fan, Holly Evans of Westland.

"A lot of people are really mad, but I'm not," Tingstad said of the lockout, which nearly cut the NHL season in half. "I love hockey. I'm looking forward to the season."

Evans lamented the length of the practice — "It was too short," she said — and said she was surprised to even see them playing.

"I thought they were done," the Westland resident said. "At this late

date, I thought (the season) was over."

Fans have crowded into Compuware Arena to watch the Red Wings practice the last few days, including Tuesday night's Red and White scrimmage. Local fans, at least, are seemingly willing to forgive both the players and the league for the 113-day lockout that cost so much of the season (the Wings open the regular season Saturday at St. Louis).

Jimmy Garlitt of Plymouth said he's been a fan of the Wings for some 50 years, and he's ready to

watch some hockey. He and his wife of 21 years, Julie Anne, watched the team go through its paces Tuesday morning.

"It's completely unnecessary. ... That's just the nature of the business," Garlitt said of the lockout. "To me, there are only two sports (teams) in this town — the Tigers and the Red Wings. I'm incredibly glad they're back."

Julie Anne Garlitt has only been a fan since she and Jimmy have been together — "That's 21 years ... if you can't beat 'em, join 'em," she said with a laugh — and she remembered her husband's reaction when the lockout ended.

"He heard about it and said, 'My prayers have been answered,'" she said.

Larry Rafalski of Canton said he watched the lockout and said he "could see the play-



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Glenn Aldrich has Red Wing Patrick Eaves sign his copy of the book "Hockey Gods". Aldrich is from Canton.

ers' point and the clubs' point." He said it was exciting to see them up close in the friendly confines of Compuware.

"They looked good considering how long they've been off," Rafalski said. "It was great to see them up close. Their reflexes are amazing. (But) with that long break, you lose something. I hope it doesn't hurt them."

les Kings winning their first Stanley Cup.

"I thought the NHL grew last year, but the lockout might have hurt that," Fadden said. "I'm just glad they're back."

Perry said she thought the Wings "looked tired," and doesn't really care about all that other stuff. She expressed the same emotion the NHL might be hoping to hear from everyone.

"It was fun," she said of watching them practice. "I love the Red Wings."

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Upcoming events include:
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• BATTLE OF THE BOOKS TEAM MANAGER MEETING

7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 15
Details: All team managers must attend this mandatory meeting for information about the 2013 Battle of the Books competition. Registration forms available at the Library or school media center.

• KIDZ TIME FOR 1ST, 2ND & 3RD GRADERS
 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 17
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• DROP-IN LITTLE ME STORYTIME
 10:30 a.m., Friday, Jan. 18
Details: Little ones, babies to 2 years old, along with parents or caregivers, enjoy simple stories, music and playtime. Infants and preschoolers also welcome to attend.

• LEGO DAY
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City signs formal agreement with CEMS for ambulance service

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

The City of Northville has entered into a shared agreement with Novi for its emergency services (ambulance) provider.

Community Emergency Medical Services (CEMS) is the provider that has been covering both communities for a long time, but now it's official.

Last month, Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan recommended that the city council enter into a three-year contract with CEMS, which the council unanimously agreed to do.

Sullivan said for many years the city has been covered, without a contract, by CEMS.

"We have experienced good service and response time, in part because CEMS also covers the City of Novi," Sullivan told the council.

He said last fall, the City of Novi asked its surrounding communities, including Northville, if any were interested in coordinating a Request for Proposal process to select an Emergency Services Provider. Novi now also has a formal contract with CEMS.

"It was determined that Northville would be better served by pooling our run volume with Novi and having a formal contract with the provider," Sullivan told council.

Two companies bid on the contract: Huron Valley Ambulance (HVA) and CEMS. According to Sullivan, both communities determined that CEMS submitted the most advantageous proposal.

He said CEMS will continue to provide the service at no cost to either community and they will agree to meet performance standards contained in the contract. The contract calls for a response time of eight minutes or less on 90 percent of the priority one calls. HVA's proposal would have required a monthly subsidy to meet the same standard.

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In other emergency service decisions, the city council approved the fire department's request to purchase new turn-out gear and boots for its firefighters in the budgeted amount of nearly \$70,000. This will be for Station 1, which is in downtown Northville.

Fire Chief James Allen told the council he wanted to move quickly on this because prices were expected to increase soon. He wants to use the same company, Apollo Fire Equipment, and price that was quoted last year to the department for its purchase of the same equipment at its station in the City of Plymouth.

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Blood drives

There are several upcoming American Red Cross blood drives that will take place locally. They include:

- 1:30-7:15 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 24 at Gardner White/Best Buy, 43525 West Oaks, Novi
- 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26 at Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center Street, Northville
- 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 27 at Our Lady of Victory Church, 133 Orchard Drive, Northville
- 7:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 27 at First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville

Organizers say current blood supplies are critically low. To set up an appointment or for more information, contact Diane at (313) 549-7052 or Diane.Risko@redcross.org.

BaseLine Folk Society

The BaseLine Folk Society, a group of musicians promoting and preserving the fine art of "Traditional Acoustical Folk Music", will be hosting an "Open-Mic" session from 6:15-6:45 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 19 at the Plymouth Community Arts Center, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. They have eight spots available. Each performer will do two songs, cover or original.

At 7 p.m., John Natiw, who performs regularly throughout the state at colleges, coffee and tea rooms as well as various folk stages, will perform. He has appeared a few times at BaseLine, with his last performance in May of 2011.

The show will be hosted by singer/songwriter Tricia Lloyd with a blend of country, folk and contemporary songs. For more information contact Scott Ludwig, new president of Baseline, at BFSpresident@aol.com, or visit the group's Facebook page, which includes information, photos, a schedule, etc.

Woman's Club to meet
The Northville Woman's Club

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will meet at 1:30 p.m., Jan. 18 at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main Street, Northville. The featured speaker will discuss "Clairvoyant Wendy Piepenburg". For more information, contact Virginia Martin at (248) 921-6892.

Dancers fundraising dinner

The O'Hare Irish Dancers will hold a dinner fundraiser at 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 25 at Genitti's, 108 E. Main Street, Northville. The group is trying to raise enough funds to send its dancers to compete in the world championships to be held in Boston. Tickets for the event are \$40 per person (cash bar). With your ticket purchase, you will receive a delicious Italian dinner followed by the exciting dance show, Celtic Rhythm, performed by the talented dancers from the O'Hare School. Tickets are limited, so please act quickly and help these dancers fulfill their dreams.

For more information, including how to purchase tickets, contact Tina Doyle (734) 904-2841, or send an e-mail to irishdanceworldsfund@gmail.com. The group is also on Facebook at "Irish Dance Worlds Fund".

'Looking' coming to Tipping Pointe

The Norm Foster-written "Looking" will be performed from Jan. 24-March 3 at the Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady Street, Northville. The show will star Sandra Birch, Dave Davies, Anne Miranda, and Wayne David Parker, and will be directed by Kate Peckham. The story revolves around four middle-aged characters in a desperate search for true love.

The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. on Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. A special mati-

nee performance has been added on Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$29 to \$32 for adults and \$27 to \$30 for students and senior citizens and are available now by calling the box office at (248) 347-0003.

This production is supported, in part, by an award from the Michigan Council For Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Auditions

The Marquis Theatre in Northville is holding auditions at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 27 for the upcoming production of "The Velveteen Rabbit". Auditions are open to children ages 8-15. Those auditioning will sing "Do-Re-Mi" from "Sound of Music" (accompanist will be provided), and read a poem or monologue (provided by you) — no longer than 90 seconds and it doesn't have to be memorized.

There are no audition fees. For Information Call (248) 349-8110 or visit northvillemarquistheatre.com.

Tinkerbell at the Marquis

The historic Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville is currently featuring the live musical "Tinkerbell Visits Storyland". This energetic, live musical, which features local actors including many children, has lots of singing and dancing. Join Tinkerbell, Peter Pan, Wendy, John and Michael as they visit Oz, Snow White, Little Red Riding Hood, and more. Shows are Saturdays and Sundays through Sunday, Jan. 27. Visit northvillemarquistheatre.com for a complete list of dates and times. The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 East Main Street. Tickets are \$8.50 each, and can be ordered by phone at (248) 349-8110 or at the box office. Group rates are available. Please no children under the age of 3.

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Local dealers like the buzz about Cadillac ATS, Ram 1500

By David Veselenak and Nathan Mueller
Staff Writers

Edward Pobur is looking forward to a good year of sales.

With the Cadillac ATS being named North American Car of the Year earlier this week, the sales manager at Cadillac of Novi is hoping the award will prop up the vehicle line and attract interest that might not have been there before.

"It gives you a leg up on the competition," he said. "It has a long shelf life."

Pobur said he still has customers come in looking for the Cadillac CTS, which was a finalist for North American Car of the Year in 2008, showing the power of winning the prestigious award.

Also named North American Truck/Utility of the Year was the Ram 1500. Paul Schmid, salesman at Sneathkamp Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in Redford Township, said the selection is a great one, since it's garnered so much interest with buyers.

"Everybody is wanting to come in and get information on them," the Farmington Hills resident said. "We cannot keep the brochures on the shelves."



Dennis Locklear polishes up the Ram 1500 before the North American Car and Truck of the Year awards were announced Monday. The vehicle won top honors for truck/utility.

The top honors, awarded after a jury vote from several dozen journalists in North America, returned to domestic automakers after going to two international makers last year. The car award is the first for Cadillac and the fifth for General Motors. The win is Chrysler's third for trucks.

This was the first year with a change in the title for the awards. With an emergence of utility vehicles coming into the marketplace, those were also considered for the North

American Truck/Utility of the Year.

Other finalists for North American Car of the Year included the Ford Fusion and Honda Accord. Finalists for North American Truck/Utility of the Year were Ford C-Max and Mazda CX-5.

Several factors led to the ATS winning the award, Pobur said. He believed an aggressive marketing campaign by Cadillac is helping the consumer buzz, showcasing the wide range of options and branding the ATS as a car

different than its competitors.

"It rivals any of the small, sedan segments of the marketplace. We can stack that car up against any of those cars and win the battle," Pobur said. "We haven't been able to say that in years past."

Bob Pollock, general manager at Don Massey Cadillac in Plymouth, said ATS sales in January have surpassed all of December before the announcement. He expects them to get even better after the award.



The Cadillac ATS was named North American Car of the Year earlier this week.

"Anybody looking at a car in that segment owes it to themselves to drive the car," he said. "It truly competes and performs and handles better than the BMW and Audi offerings in its class."

Cadillac's chief engineer, David Leone, said the idea with the ATS was to lighten the vehicle, something that consumers will begin to see more as the company releases more vehicles.

"The performance's laser-light focus was on being nimble, quick and fun to drive," he said. "To do so, we wanted to be the lightest in the segment, and we accomplished just that. It took a new way of thinking, and a new way of engineering to get that done. This is the first of many new vehicles where you're going to see that

fresh new approach."

The Ram 1500 returned to the podium after nearly 20 years. It won North American Truck of the Year while still under the Dodge name in 1994.

Fred Diaz, president and CEO Ram Truck Brand and Chrysler de Mexico, called the honor a "surreal moment" considering "the hell" the company went through three years ago.

"This means so much," Diaz said. "It's the proudest moment ever for the Ram Truck Brand to be able to accept this award."

That multi-purpose function is appealing to customers stopping in at Sneathkamp.

"The pickup truck isn't what it used to be anymore," Schmid said. "It gets great fuel economy and people are using it for 'practical purposes.'"

ZF Group continues to grow in Northville

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

There is a positive vibe emanating through the North American headquarters of ZF Group in Northville Township these days.

The German company had a record setting 2012 — which included a total sales volume of \$23 billion, increasing the number of employees to 75,000 worldwide and investing \$1.7 billion in research and development — that is expected to continue into this year.

According to the company's website, ZF Group develops and produces transmissions, steering systems, axles and chassis components, as well as complete systems for passenger cars, commercial vehicles and off-road machinery.

"We believe in the future and we believe we can continue our story of successful growth of new innovation of new technologies in the future," ZF Group CEO Stefan Sommer said at the first press conference Tuesday at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

The company's success is showing in Northville Township, as construction is nearly complete on an expansion to the facility.

The building, which also serves as a technical center, was built in 1999, with a major expansion done in 2004. This final project was done to aid an expanding steering group within the company.

Bryan Johnson, a Canton resident and manager of marketing and communications for the ZF Group, said it is nearing 500 employees as the company's presence in North America increases.

"We have key products and technologies that are being adapted more and more to the American market," he said. Improving fuel efficiency has been a



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major area of focus for the ZF Group, and a new nine-speed automatic transmission is expected to help in that regard. Sommer said it will offer fuel savings from 10 percent up to 16 percent.

"We have the right products for the right market and we really meet the general trend of the world, especially in automotive," he said.

As the company continues to grow worldwide, the Northville Township headquarters is focusing on attracting talent locally.

Alexandra Iordache, a Shelby Township resident and member of the marketing and communications department for ZF Group, said Jan. 25 the company will be hosting a "college

day" to help students learn about the many opportunities within ZF Group.

Johnson said the goal is to build relationships and find new talent.

The current employees also are reaching out to do more community service, something Johnson said cannot be a one-time thing.

Several employees donated their time to tear down a house in Redford with Blight Busters and also volunteered at a soup kitchen last year.

"It gives you a sense of ownership and it has to be part of our culture," he said. "It's something we are growing into."

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AUTO SHOW BRIEFS

Interactive displays

Looking for something to do at the North American International Auto Show besides see the cars? Many displays give patrons the opportunity to experience the cars. Here are just a few of the interactive exhibits:

- To satisfy the video gamers at the show, a simulation booth with the game Gran Turismo is offered at the Chevrolet display. Two people at a time can hop into the vehicles and test-drive the cars in a simulator. If you're fast, you'll have another honor coming your way: your name on the chalk leaderboard at the Chevy display.

- Drive Land, a simulator powered by the Microsoft Kinect set, is available at the Toyota display. Drivers can sit in a real Prius seat, and simulate driving on the screen by just using their hands to maneuver the vehicle.

- A different type of simulation is offered at the Michelin display. Have you ever wondered what the road would feel like from a tire's perspective? Michelin gives patrons that exact opportunity. Two users at a time step onto the simulator, placing their hands and feet on designated areas. Hit start and the hand and foot areas begin to vibrate and simulation what a tire would feel on the road.

- One of the more intricate simulators resides in the Ford display. The ST Simulator places riders into a pod complete with hydraulics and allows riders to simulate the ride in a Ford vehicle. The simulator requires a waiver, and riders must be at least 5-foot-2. Children under 18 must have a parent or guardian present who can be present for the ride and sign the liability waiver.

Show opens

The auto show opens to the public at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, and continues through Sunday, Jan. 27.

Show hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (no admittance after 9 p.m.) Jan. 19-26. The show ends Jan. 27 and hours that day are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (no admittance after 6 p.m.). Tickets are \$12 per person and \$6 for seniors (65 and older) and children (7-12 years old). Children ages 6 and under are free with parent or guardian.

Going to Friday gala?

If you are going to Friday's Auto Show Charity Preview we want to hear from you.

Julie Yolles of Birmingham, *O&E Media's* Social Scene columnist, and Bill Bresler, *O&E Media* photographer, will cover the event — one of the hottest parties of the year.

"I would love to hear from local residents in advance so I can meet them at Cobo Center the night of the preview or at one of the local insider auto parties," said Yolles, who will also be at the autoglow party at Ford Field after the charity preview Friday.

Contact Yolles at jyolles@comcast.net or call her at (248) 642-9465. Contact Bresler by leaving a Facebook message or text (734) 788-8099.

Marketing to younger, tech-savvy buyers

Northville resident Mike Murphy knows Ford is going to need young buyers to ensure his company will succeed.

Those 18- to 34-year-olds are a market looking to combine technology, affordability and sustainability into their vehicles, a set of criteria Ford is taking very seriously.

"They are critical and at the forefront of our products," said Murphy, Ford's Global C-Car marketing manager.

Murphy is one of many area residents working at this year's auto show, and has worked specifically in trying to market smaller vehicles to buyers in the beginning stages of their car-buying lives.

Murphy said the car seeing the

most movement with younger buyers, including those in the Detroit area, is the Fiesta, a compact car introduced in recent years and geared toward younger drivers.

The hope, Murphy said, is that those driving Fiestas or other smaller cars, such as the Focus, will be happy with their experience and stay loyal to the Ford brand. The cars other younger drivers have flocked to include the Mustang, Escape and Focus.

"Fiesta is clearly our gateway for younger customers," he said.

Many of the vehicles aimed toward those new drivers employ technology they're used to with other devices, Murphy said. Included are Bluetooth and MyFord Touch, an entertainment and communications system located

inside the car with a touch screen.

And it isn't just the cars themselves that Murphy touts as being catered to younger drivers. With more people without well-paying jobs and some who can't afford a car, Ford financial staffers have stepped in and offered financing rates sometimes lower than what banks and lenders are able to match.

With more young people with bad credit or no credit being able to buy with a low APR, the likelihood of those drivers coming to Ford has increased, Murphy said.

"The ability to finance that product over a reasonable amount of time, that's definitely brought us a higher conquest rate," he said. "It's our highest amount of new customers coming into the Ford portfolio."

Fresh approach to spiritual development

New First Presbyterian minister eager to reach out to area youth

By Juilie Brown
Staff Writer

The Rev. Emma Lee Ouellette of Northville is only 26 years old, but don't expect her to shy away from tough questions on faith.

"It's a hard question and the youth have been asking that a lot," she said of young people at her new church, First Presbyterian of Northville. Some ask about the Newton, Conn., school massacre. Some teens from the congregation know the young man from Detroit Catholic Central High School who recently died.

"We don't know God's plan and that's not for us to know," said Ouellette, who came to First Presbyterian in October as assistant pastor for family ministries. "I believe in a God who shares our tears when we cry and never abandons us."

When the Newtown shooting happened, she thought of young children in Northville at church she saw rehearsing for their Christmas play, and teens talking about their dates. Faith helps people

to cope with tragedies, she said.

"It's really a chance for us to connect with God. But it's hard and it's hard for us to understand," she said.

Local roots

She grew up in Allen Park and graduated from Melvindale High School in 2004. Ouellette, who is single, headed to Alma College for a bachelor of arts degree in interpersonal communication and sociology, which she completed in 2008, and her master of divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga., in 2011.

She took a year off after grad school, working at her home church, Allen Park Presbyterian.

"They were in transition and I was in transition so it was a perfect time," she said.

The Northville congregation of around 1,100 people has an interim senior pastor now and 10 a.m. worship on Sunday. Ouellette works a lot with children and youth.

"You're ministering to everyone," she said. "My

focus is with the youth and the children."

The church next to Starbucks in downtown Northville has a long and proud history, and church leaders seek growth and spiritual development. One of the things they would like to work on is "becoming more active" in community outreach, Ouellette said.

"We're really trying to focus on getting the kids and the youth active. I want it to be more. It's really great for the community to know we're here. We have some really great things in the future for us," she said.

Presbyterian churches have a lengthy process in inviting new clergy, and a lot of individual say among lay leaders.

"I really liked the urgency of the congregation for wanting to grow and become more family-friendly," Ouellette said.

In the hiring, church leaders were open about the past and what they wanted for the future. She recalled her first interview by phone, due to her strep throat at the time, followed by a sec-



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First Presbyterian Church of Northville assistant pastor the Rev. Emma Lee Ouellette returned to Michigan after beginning her religious training in Georgia and South Carolina.

ond interview with a portion of the committee face to face. Her third interview was with those representing many segments of the church. She explained her philosophy of ministry and ideas.

"They did a really good job of getting a diverse group together. It kept me on my toes," she said.

'Felt called'

Being a minister was Ouellette's mind for some several years before actually going down that road.

"I really felt called to

the ministry when I was a teen. The church has always been a part of my life," she said.

Women have been ordained in her denomination since the 1950s, and many women have held leadership roles in her congregation. Ouellette was more concerned about being young, however, though that hasn't proven a hindrance.

"I think people really wanted a fresh, young face. That's the impression I've gotten. I have not felt anything but welcomed and supported,

she said. Ouellette, who preaches about once a month, lives in Northville with new dog Ziggy, a Christmas present.

"We're getting used to each other," she said, adding Ziggy tends to chew the remote.

She loves life in Northville.

"I love it. I just got back from Rebecca's and I'm loving their chicken salad. I love the little shops, I love walking downtown. I'm really enjoying it."

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Darga to present history of Hines Drive

The Friends of the Nankin Mills will host a free presentation, "History of Hines Drive," 7-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. Northville City Council member Nancy Darga, who is the former Wayne County Parks Manager of Design, Parks Historian

and Managing Director of Motor Cities National Heritage Area, will share her vast knowledge about the development and history of Hines Parkway. Henry Ford was a member of the original Wayne County Board of Road Commissioners in 1906, along with Edward N. Hines. They shared a vision, creating paved roadways and preserving land along the rivers in southeastern Michigan for roadside parks. The foresightedness of

Ford and Hines has provided open space and recreation close to home for millions of people in southeastern Michigan. Today, 22,000 vehicles use Hines each day. Nankin Mills is located on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. The parking lot on Hines can be reached even if barricades are up at Ann Arbor Trail. For more information on this or any other Wayne County Parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

Two former McCotter staffers will learn their fate Jan. 18

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

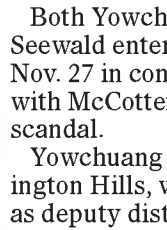
Two former staffers of Thaddeus McCotter will learn their fate Jan. 18 when they are scheduled to be sentenced on felony counts in the petition fraud case. A hearing on a motion to quash a remaining charge of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year



Yowchuang

felony, against Paul Seewald, McCotter's former district director, and Don Yowchuang, former district director, was originally scheduled for Wednesday before Wayne County Circuit Judge Margie Braxton, but the hearing was postponed. Braxton said she will rule on the motion before the sentencing.

Both Yowchuang and Seewald entered pleas Nov. 27 in connection with McCotter's petition scandal. Yowchuang of Farmington Hills, who worked as deputy district director for the former congressman, pleaded no contest in Wayne County's 3rd Circuit Court before Braxton to 10 counts of forgery, a five-year felony, and six counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor or punishable by up to 93 days in jail.



Seewald

Seewald of Livonia, who worked as district director for the former congressman, pleaded guilty to nine misdemeanor counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator. The misdemeanor is punishable by up to 93 days in jail. The remaining charge of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner remains pending against both Yowchuang and Seewald.

On Aug. 9, 2012, Schuette announced the results of an investigation by the attorney general's Public Integrity Unit into the alleged fraud surrounding nominating petitions filed in May 2012 on behalf of McCotter. At that announcement, Schuette explained the former congressman was "asleep at the switch" and that four staff members faced criminal charges. Schuette alleged that members of McCotter's staff were involved in a deliberate fraud involving a pattern of copying and altering petitions in order to qualify the five-term congressman for the 2012 Michigan ballot.

On Sept. 18, Lorianne O'Brady, 52, of Livonia, who worked as a scheduler to the former congressman, pleaded no contest in Wayne County's 16th District Court before Judge Kathleen J. McCann to five counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor or punishable by up to 93 days in jail. O'Brady was sentenced to 20 days in jail or 20 days in a work program followed by 18 months probation with the first

12 months as reporting probation. O'Brady was also ordered to pay \$2,625 in fines and court costs.

The fourth staffer, Mary Melissa Turnbull of Howell, faces one count of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator and one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner. She was bound over for trial Nov. 1 on both charges by Judge Dennis Drury of Troy's 52-4 District Court. McCotter was not charged, as there was no direct evidence of his involvement, according to Schuette.

In earlier interviews with the *Observer*, attorneys representing Seewald and Yowchuang were surprised that no plea agreements were offered as their clients had cooperated in the investigation. Mark Mandell, Seewald's attorney, added that the attorney general's investigation didn't go far enough in finding out who actually cut and pasted the fraudulent signatures.

Seewald has dedicated his life to public service, and community activities, like Livonia youth football, Mansell said. "He's never even had a traffic ticket," Mansell said.

Schuette opposes the defense attorney's motion to quash the charge of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, according to spokeswoman Joy Yearout, and the attorney general's office will continue to argue against it in court.

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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Confused driving

A Grand Rapids woman mistakenly found her way to downtown Northville while attempting to visit her sister, who also lives in Grand Rapids.

The Northville City Police were dispatched to the area of E. Main and Griswold streets on a possible drunken driving incident. They observed the woman driving very slowly (5 MPH) and erratically.

After she was pulled over, the woman told police she was lost and had no idea how she ended up where she was. The police said there was no apparent medical condition. She was later taken to the police station and that's where her sister eventually picked up her and the car.

Urinating in public

A 21-year-old Kalamazoo man was cited for public urination after he told police he had been partying at a local bar and just had to go.

On Jan. 12, the Northville City Police spotted the man doing what looked like urinating near a car parked in the city parking lot at S. Center and W. Cady streets. Upon contact with the man, the police reported he admitted to the crime because he had to go badly. While not driving, the man was given a Breathalyzer test, which determine a .208 percent blood alcohol level, more than double the legal limit to drive.

He was ticketed for disorderly conduct.

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Age 89, of South Lyon, passed away 1/7/2013. Online condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com

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FOREMAN, DOUGLAS HUGH, SR.

75, of Sun City Center, Florida passed away December 31, 2012. He was born in Northville, Michigan to Hugh and Lucille Foreman. He graduated from South Lyon High School, then joined the U. S. Navy in 1956, serving two tours in Vietnam before retiring as a Senior Chief Petty Officer (E-8) on July 3, 1976. While in the Navy, his tours of duty included Hawaii, France, Scotland, Africa, Guadalcanal, and the Philippines. After retirement, he resided in Ewa Beach, Hawaii, until returning to Michigan in 1984. He began spending winters in Florida in 2004. He was the owner of Rivergate Family Campground in Hastings, MI where he enjoyed a wide circle of friends in his retirement years. He supervised the renovation of the William E. Upjohn House at Historic Charlton Park and volunteered in the Hardware Store during special events. He was the former owner of Fleet Repair in Mt. Pleasant, MI, and Top of the Hill German Car Repair in Hawaii. He is survived by his wife, Denise Rae Foreman of Sun City Center; former wife Doris Ward Foreman of Battle Creek; son Douglas Hugh Foreman, Jr. (Julia) of Jackson, MI; daughters Janet Lee West (Phillip) of Eaton Rapids, Joanne Lucille Barnard (Tommy), and Jean Louise Foreman of Hastings; brother Michael Gordon Foreman (Debbie) of South Lyon; sister Sandra Lee Gidos of South Lyon; daughter-in-law Tammy Bennett of Monroe; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, son Keith Leroy Foreman, and brother-in-law John Gidos. He was a proud member of the Charlton Park Gas & Steam Club and Moose Lodge #682 in Hastings. A funeral service took place in Ruskin, Florida on Sunday, January 6, 2013. A memorial service will be held at Rivergate Family Campground in Hastings on July 6, 2013. Memorial contributions can be made in Doug's name to the Charlton Park Foundation.



HALL, FLORENCE

Age 93, passed away January 12, 2013. She was born on October 26, 1919, in Ann Arbor, to the late Clarence and Anna (Raddatz) Brown. Florence was known by her friends as Flossie or Flo. She was a resident of Ann Arbor, where she met her husband Charley. They married May 16, 1941 and gave birth to their son Charley. They later moved to Whitmore Lake where they raised their son and enjoyed their neighbors. Florence was married 28 years when her husband preceded her in death. A few months later she knew the joy of being a grandmother. Florence enjoyed her job at Romanoff's where she worked several years. She was active in her church choir and ladies group. She organized Vacation Bible School activities and church benefits for various causes. She will be missed by all who were blessed to have known her. She is survived by her son Charley (Rose Ann) Hall; her sister Virginia "Ginny" Gutknecht; grandchildren: Angie, Brian, Kristin Hall; great-grandchildren: Michelle, Rebecca, Michael, Alex, Allison, niece Carol Ann and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Visitation was held on Jan. 16, Wednesday, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. followed by a funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 24155 Griswold, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

HAMPTON Jeannette L

Age 73, of Novi died suddenly January 10, 2013. Full obituary and online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

HAMPTON, LEWIS "JOE" F.

Age 79, of Novi died suddenly January 10, 2013. Full obituary www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

HOPPS, DONALD R.

Age 71, passed away January 14, 2013. He was born on October 20, 1941, in Detroit, son of the late Charles and Dorothy Hopps. He is survived by his son, Donnie & Kellie Hopps; his grandchildren: Nicole, Leyland, Amber, Randy and Dillan. He is also survived by his brother, Charles. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Carolyn, in 2005. Visitation was held on Wednesday, January 16 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Church of the Holy Cross, 40700 10 Mile Rd., Novi. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Church of the Holy Cross. Online Guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

MAXWELL, RICHARD

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O'HARE FLORENCE "JODIE"

Age 69, longtime resident of Northville, passed away January 12, 2013. Beloved wife of Richard F. O'Hare. Cherished mother of Kelli (Michael) Paslawski and the late Steve O'Hare. Dear step-mother of Mari Takeda. Adored grandmother of Julia (Josh) Balogh, Rachael Paslawski, and Leah Paslawski; great grandmother of Jenna Balogh; and step grandmother of 3. A funeral service was held Wednesday, January 16, 2013. She was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to VFW Post 4012 Ladies Auxiliary, 438 S. Main St., Northville, MI 48167 or Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025. Online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

PUENTE, HECTOR

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SCHIELLERD, RUSSELL "RUSS"

Age 57, of Milford, passed away January 11, 2013. He was born on June 2, 1955, in Detroit, to the late Eric and Beatrice (Russell) Schiellerd. He enjoyed singing and playing the guitar. He was a big Country Western fan. Russ was a very caring, devoted husband and man. He drove a truck nearly all his life and loved football. Russ is survived by his wife Tami Schiellerd; 2 children: Tara (Leslie) Coates, Eric (Tiffany) Schiellerd, his brothers Ron Schiellerd, Rick Schiellerd; 3 grandchildren: Kurtice, Kodi, Kelcei; his mother-in-law, 3 brother-in-laws; and 2 sister-in-laws. Visitation was held on Jan. 16, Wednesday, from 2:00-9:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Jan. 17, Thursday, at 11:00 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

SHARRARD, T erance P

Age 65, Jan. 11, 2013. Memorial Gathering Jan. 19 from 4-9 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. phillipsfuneral.com

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Oct. 3, 1929 - Jan. 8, 2013
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Feb. 21, 1959 - Jan. 5, 2013
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VITALE, STEPHEN G.

Age 48, of Northville, passed away 1/14/2013. Full obituary and online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

City hopes new sewer can prevent flooding in Allen Drive neighborhood

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Preventing any more flooding for Northville residents in the Allen Drive neighborhood is the plan as the City of Northville moves forward with what it calls a "safety valve" solution.

The Northville City Council on Monday voted 4-1 for a \$23,500 agreement with Livonia's Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. (OHM) to contract for preliminary engineering planning for construction of a relief sewer. It must be determined whether it can be done and how it should be constructed.

The contract recommendation was made by Public Works director Jim Gallogly. City Manager Pat Sullivan said they believe the problem has been solved, but to ensure that it has been they are looking into possibly having a relief sewer constructed.

"This is sort of like a safety valve," Sullivan said of the Allen Drive relief sewer.

If constructed the entire proposed project would cost \$215,000. This estimate is expected to cover preliminary and final design, along with the construction of the relief sewer, Gallogly said.

He added this project is really the last thing to be done in the proposed solutions to the flooding problem in the area.

Funding has been set aside in the fiscal year 2013 budget for the project.

In the fall of 2011, city council authorized OHM to assist staff in investigating

the city's sanitary sewer system in the Allen Drive /Novi Street area. This was done in response to the nine homes in that area that experienced basement backups during a May 2011 rain storm. None of the homeowners were present at the meeting on Monday.

The city has settled insurance claims with the homeowners in the total amount of \$82,000.

Then last year, in a previous work agreement OHM recommended several steps to improve the reliability of this area's sanitary sewer system. Gallogly said the DPW took information learned from OHM to eliminate inflow and infiltration into the city's sewer system.

It's this past work with OHM and its knowledge of the system that won them the contract.

The city has improved some things in the area like sealing man holes. But during that work they also found a critical cross connection between the storm and sanitary sewers, which was later disconnected.

Gallogly said what may have been happening in reverse with this old connection was causing water to fill up into the storm sewer, possibly causing the backups.

"This work may have solved the capacity problems experienced in this area of the city," he told council. "However, beyond these sewer system improvements, in their report OHM recommends that an overflow line be constructed into a City of Novi transmission line which flows to Wayne

County's North Huron Rouge Valley Sanitary Sewer System."

He said an overflow pipe below the basement elevations of the homes in this area of the community is an additional step the city can take to reduce the potential for recurrence of basement flooding in this area.

The plan would have a relief sewer constructed on the north side of Novi Road, east of Novi Street.

"This sewer will need to be placed below the basement elevations of homes in the area in order to provide relieve to the sewer system and not back up into any homes," Gallogly said.

Flow monitoring equipment to keep track of any flow discharged into Novi's transmission line for billing purposes would also be used.

The preliminary engineering study is necessary to undertake because it will determine if the proposed overflow is physically possible, Gallogly said. A topographic survey will be done to determine the depths of basements and surrounding sewers in this area to see how they relate to the depth of the existing City of Novi transmission line.

Mayor Pro Tem James Allen voted no because he thought the contract was too expensive for this type of preliminary work, but understands the need for a solution.

But he said "I think it's too much personally."

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May peace be
with you in this
time of sorrow.

Northville woman hopes to resolve case of the missing Bard

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Parting is such sweet sorrow. Just ask Carolyn Toyer.

The 82-year-old Northville resident is sending out a request to the community in an effort to get a prized possession back — a bust of famed English writer William Shakespeare. Call it the case of the missing Bard.

The story of how the treasured bust went missing might even have piqued Shakespeare's interest, though it isn't exactly a Greek tragedy.

Having survived two recent bouts of cancer, Toyer started contemplating her own mortality. As such, she began to go through all

of her possessions so she could find new homes for them before she departs to the hereafter.

Some of her most prized goods were a collection of old books and the Shakespeare bust she inherited from her grandfather. In fact, both came from his "grand" eight-sided library in his home in Detroit's Boston-Edison District. It was in that library where Toyer spent much of her youth developing a thirst for knowledge.

Toyer did not want these books or the Bard to be discarded after her death, so she approached the Northville District Library back in the fall to donate them so others could appreciate them like she did. And that's where the mix-up took place.

Toyer went back a couple months later to see where the bust was being displayed. When she couldn't find it, someone told her it had been placed downstairs in the Book Cellar, the used book store run by Friends of the Library.

When she went downstairs, she found out the piece had been sold, though nobody seems to know when or by whom.

Toyer was heartbroken. She thought she made it clear that she had donated it to the library "in perpetuity" and that it would be displayed, not sold.

"I donated it with the idea it would be there forever," said Toyer. "I just wanted a safe place for him. And now he's gone."

Library Director Julie Her-

ron acknowledged the bust was indeed sold at one of the Friends' book sales, most likely in December.

"We just didn't have any room for it in the library," Herron said. "We put it down in the basement, and didn't think anyone would buy it. We do have art works for sale down there. One of our volunteers must have sold it. Nobody remembers selling it, but we have a lot of volunteers."

Herron feels bad about the mix-up, but she said when the library accepts donations they don't make any promises about what will be done with the items. Many of the items are given to the Friends of the Library, who determine what will be sold. The group raises a

lot of money to supplement the library's budget. The Book Cellar is open three days a week.

Toyer describes the bust, which she said her grandfather purchased in the 1920s, as being white, two-feet tall and weighing about 45 pounds. It also has a chip out of the nose. She has already visited many local antique shops to see if anyone sold it — to no avail. She says its sentimental value is probably greater than its actual value, but she is willing pay to get it back. Unless, of course, the new owner has the same kind of appreciation for it that she does.

Anyone with information about the missing Shakespeare bust can contact Toyer at (248) 348-9745.

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OUR VIEWS

Separate partners

Foundation bylaw change will ensure lasting partnership with district

Since its inception more than a decade ago, the Northville Educational Foundation has proven to be an incredible partner for the public school system in the Northville community.

Anyone who attended a football game at the newly remodeled Tom Holzer Ford Field can certainly attest to that fact. The non-profit organization, along with another group called the TURF Club, raised more than \$1 million to upgrade the stadium. The face-lift included a beautiful new turf field that has become the pride of the community. And that's just the beginning. Fundraising for Phase II of the project is well under way toward constructing a new concession stand, restrooms and locker room facilities at the field in the near future.

More importantly the NEF's influence can also be found in the classroom. The group annually provides more than a dozen grants to innovative teachers in the district that help with technology upgrades, professional development and more. Last month, for example, the group gave out 19 Innovative Grant awards to teachers totalling more than \$20,000. Just ask those teachers — 72 teachers actually applied for the grants — how much they appreciate the extra money that helps improve the educational landscape for their students.

The foundation also grants financial assistance to students.

Since 2010 alone, the NEF has granted more than \$1.7 million to Northville Public Schools in one way or another.

That's why the group's recent decision to change its articles of incorporation is so important. The change will make sure there is a wall in place that separates the foundation from the school district. This will ensure the non-profit organization maintains its independence from the taxpayer-funded district.

The move was made after a recommendation by auditor, Plante & Moran, which noted the school board maintained control over the NEF board selection and governance. The auditor said this put into question the group's independence and ultimately the 501(c)(3) tax exempt status of the organization. If the NEF lost this status, the donations accepted by it could arguably lose their charitable status.

So the organization changed its bylaws to maintain its independence.

However, this shouldn't be construed as the group going rogue. Nothing could be further from the truth. The goal of the group remains the same — to help augment public education in Northville. Northville Public Schools and the foundation are still partners — but separate entities.

Like most school districts around the state, Northville Public Schools has faced its share of challenges in recent years due to the economic meltdown that impacted nearly every facet of government. District officials had to take drastic measures, including layoffs and privatizing its custodial and transportation services. They have cut to the bone, which is why the NEF has been so important. The group has done a fantastic job marshalling public support for the district's mission.

And as great a partner as the foundation has been since its it was founded in 1999, it may prove to be even more necessary in the foreseeable future as Lansing continues its assault on public education with decreased funding and its support of charter and cyber schools. The district may have to rely on the NEF more than ever.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What would you like to see at the Scott Prison property at Five Mile and Beck?

We asked this question at Community Park and Arcadia Ridge Estates sub.



"It's a prime spot. I would like to see it as an area for office space or a medical center. Maybe even a grocery store or more homes."

Urmil Salvi
Northville



"Maybe a place for retail with a variety of shops. But whatever it will be I just don't want it to interfere with the park."

Kristin Troup
Northville



"I wouldn't mind seeing it as a location for retail. Maybe use it to expand a variety of community activities for youth to seniors."

Michael Haas
Northville



"Expand the park. Do something smart that will also benefit the entire community."

Nan Wiecek (with dog Abbie)
Canton

LETTERS

Sale would be big loss

I find it extremely disturbing that the City of Northville is considering selling, or for that matter even leasing, city park property that is currently available to all Northville residents to Poole's Tavern. The corner in question is a lovely area to relax and watch people without having to purchase something in order sit outdoors. That corner space too brings vitality to the city, more in my opinion than the additional space proposed by Poole's Tavern. The space is a wonderful complement to the town square and would be a tremendous loss to Northville residents should the city decide to sell or lease.

Mr. Casey's described benefits to the city are very weak, self-serving and unsubstantiated for the most part. Anyone that would choose to sit and eat outside with an impending thunderstorm deserves to get wet. As for the additional challenges a thunderstorm produces to the Poole's staff should not be a city concern. If Mr. Casey wants to expand to serve his customers he should consider moving up not east.

Finally, selling that piece of property, or for that matter any piece in the downtown area, for \$100,000, reminds me of the one-sided property deals engineered by Turkia Mullin and Bob Ficano.

Please attend the city's committee meeting on the matter at 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 28, in the lower level of City Hall.

Sarunas Mingela
Northville

Determining price of government

Ever wonder where all of your state taxpayer dollars go? I do. In fact, it was one of the questions that led me to run for office. As a concerned citizen, I had requested state spending information from our representatives. I was frustrated by the lack of useful information provided in response to my queries. Upon entering into public service myself, I understand why my previous requests met with such poor results. They didn't have access to the information either.

Thankfully, the lack of useful spending data has now been addressed with the passage of SB 802, which I introduced to require all state departments to publicly disclose how they are spending our money. The spending plans for each department in state government will soon be posted online for all 10,000,000 citizens of Michi-

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gan to review and analyze.

Each state department will be responsible for defining their core services (i.e. the reason for their existence), their support services (i.e. IT, HR, accounting, legal ... or overhead), and their work projects (i.e. their investments towards the improvement of their core and/or support services). For each service or work project, we will be able to see how much is spent on salaries, benefits, contracts and more.

Coupled with the passage of Sen. Tonya Schuitmaker's SB 21 regarding metrics, we will now have the first statutory basis in our state's history for determining the price of government services and engage in "value for money" appropriations discussions.

This new public act will promote limited government by providing us with a valuable tool to rein in government spending. In addition, it will arm legislators and residents with the data we need to manage our government services more like a business so that we maximize the value of every tax dollar that we spend and improve customer service.

It is my hope that the availability of this information will also help open the door to more civil, bipartisan discussions of spending priorities in state government — and perhaps even to set the stage for such discussions to occur at the federal level.

Patrick Colbeck
state senator, District 7

Days for unions 'long gone'

Following a 33-year career in labor relations I think the Michigan right to work

legislation is favorable in the long run to this state. I was in a manufacturing facility in Texas for two years with 1,650 union employees and only one who did not join the union. That one was treated no different than the rest and even filed union grievances which were handled the same as the union members. The days when unions were a must seem to be long gone along with the management practices, which gave cause for them in the first place. Union contracts for a long time consisted mostly of rules addressing abuses by management, and managements now practicing preventative labor relations have mostly negated the need for that today. What the general public is generally unaware of I think, are the unproductive practices inherent in union-represented organizations which continue today.

I dealt with about eight different unions over the years and found the Teamsters the least confrontational though not the most honest. Their handshake meant something, as their only main concern was dues. Don't mess with our dues, was really all we had to concern ourselves in dealing with them. The concerns I've read about since this issue came up seem highly exaggerated by those who are unaware of the facts. The most absurd of all this which comes to mind is the home care people, relatives even, to take care of the homebound here in Michigan who have been required to pay dues as union members and they didn't even know they were in a union.

Just some thoughts I had to get off my chest on this issue.

Eugene Lawler
Northville

A step backwards

I support the concept of majority rule. Thus it was most disturbing and disappointing to me when Gov. Snyder signed the "Right to Work" legislation recently.

I truly thought that he was capable of resisting the political divisiveness that so many other politicians eagerly practice. To me, if a majority of my peers vote in favor of public safety, trash pickup, union representation, or whatever else, then I am obligated to support it financially. Without majority rule, we end up with something that is so divisive we have nothing but turmoil. Gov. Snyder has taken a huge step backwards on this issue.

William Berry
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CC's Darkangelo rushes to the top

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It's not very often that we enter into the All-Area selection process with one team that stands head and shoulders above the rest, but Detroit Catholic Central managed to do just that this year. Of course, it helps when you have back-to-back state runner-up finishes in Division I football.

So when it came to selecting our Player of the Year, it came as no surprise when all signs pointed to a Shamrock senior by the name of Anthony Darkangelo.

Darkangelo, a senior for Tom Mach's football team, is a three-year starter on the varsity squad and an All-Catholic High School League and All-State selection. This season, tallying results over just 10 games to keep comparisons fair with the other players being selected to the 2013 All-Area team, Darkangelo have over 800 yards rushing, and nearly 300 yards receiving for the Shamrocks. He ventured into the end zone 13 times this year.

"Anthony is not just our best player, but also our most consistent and reliable," said Michael Mach,

assistant coach for the Shamrocks. "He matches his talents with a tremendous work ethic. Darko is a kid you can always count on — he will make a big run, a great catch or a clutch tackle at the game's biggest moment. Anthony is a young man of great character whom any coach would love to build his team around."

Darkangelo's talents don't stop on the offensive side of the ball, either. He led the Shamrocks in tackles this year and had 96 through 10 games as well as an interception to his name. He is being recruited by several colleges and has not made his final decision.

First team offense Cam Thomas, quarterback, South Lyon East senior

When Western Michigan University started looking for a quarterback, they didn't have to look past South Lyon East when they saw the arm and the accuracy that Thomas possesses. This year's top quarterback selection in the area completed nearly 60-percent of his passes while picking up 1,778 yards through the air. If that weren't enough, he aver-

aged just under 200 yards per game throwing the football in a league where the rushing attack has long been the standard for successful football.

Thomas, who has committed himself to playing for Western, picked up 13 touchdowns this season, including a season-long 73-yard scoring play.

Jeff Baker, running back, Novi junior

Watching Baker run the football is a lot like taking a step back in time when the Novi Wildcats consistently made a run at the Kensington Valley Conference title against the likes of Brighton and Howell. As soon as he takes the handoff, Baker becomes a machine. He's capable of working his way around defenders or simply through them, making his mark on each and every game he played this season.

Baker led the Wildcats with 899 total yards of offense this year and found the end zone six times throughout the 2012 campaign.

"We are looking forward to Jeff returning for us in the backfield," said former Novi head coach Todd Pennycuff.

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DENNIS BARNES

Catholic Central senior Anthony Darkangelo accumulated more than 800 yards rushing and nearly 300 receiving to earn Player of the Year honors.

Mustangs earn first win of the season

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

All season long Northville gymnastics coach Erin McWatt has been saying that her team has the ability to win and that they just need a bit more experience to make it happen.

With several weeks of dual meets under their belt, the Mustangs gymnastics team proved their coach right last week, earning their first win of the season with a victory over three competing squads at a quad meet on Monday.

"(Our) Energy was high and new faces continue to break into the line-up," said McWatt of her young squad.

Northville collected 129.55 team points from the judges, which was enough to beat all three of their competitors at the meet. Walled Lake Northern/Western was the closest team to the Mustangs, earning 127.6 points while Walled Lake Central earned 112.35. Finishing with 108.1 was Waterford. Northville has several outstanding performances, but none quite as notable as Lauren Rodriguez's season-high performance on the vault, where she earned an impressive 9.25 from the judges.

Also helping Northville to the victory was Gerianna Dauber's 8.4 score from her floor routine and Taylor Dempsey's 8.3 on the bars.



CHRIS WARWOOD

Sophomore Gerianna Dauber competes on floor in a winning effort for the Mustangs.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs gymnastics team will be back in action when they compete Saturday in the Farmington Invitational at 9:30 a.m.

Novi cagers knock off Northville

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

The crowd's energy carried onto the court Friday night in a high-octane battle between baseline rivals Novi and Northville.

The two boys basketball teams traded the lead throughout the game, but one big shot after another kept things close until the final two minutes when the Wildcats (4-4, 2-1 KLAACentral) sealed the game with a 10-4 run in the final 1:52, including 3-for-5 free throw shooting, after the Mustangs (4-5, 1-2 Central) had cut the deficit to 48-45 with 2:06 remaining. In the end, host Novi came out ahead 58-49 on Jan. 11.

"I would rank that one up there as one of the greatest I've been involved in," Novi coach Brian Tass said. "It was high energy, it was back and forth. Our kids played hard all night long."

With Novi's tempo turned up and the

Mustangs matching it right out the door, the Wildcats led 12-9 after the first quarter and would've taken a lead into halftime if not for a jumper at the buzzer by senior Stewart Henzi (eight points) to put Northville ahead 19-11.

"I didn't really think they got behind us too much and we like to push the tempo, too," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "They missed a lot of shots early and they were fortunate. I think they made four triples at least in the second half."

The teams traded streaks in the third quarter, as much of the offensive load came from Novi senior Charles McKinney (22 points), junior Nelson Cagle (14 points) and Northville junior Andrew Meacham (22 points). Novi senior Tre Cadwell (eight points) and Northville junior Andrew Stevens (nine points) also contributed some

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Boys basketball team tops Stevenson

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs jumped out to lead in the first quarter against Livonia Stevenson and never looked back as they earned a KLAACentral Division victory last week.

The squad, coached by Todd Sander, collected a 41-36 victory against their Central Division rivals, despite the fact that they trailed to begin in the contest.

Northville fell behind, 5-4, to start the game and couldn't stop the Spartans as they tacked on two more points for a 7-4 advantage in the opening minutes of the contest. But the Mustangs buckled down and finished the quarter strong, going n a 6-2 run against the Spartans for a 10-9 lead at the end of the stanza.

"I really liked our energy tonight, and it was great to see (Andrew) Ste-

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team will be back on the court when they host South Lyon East tomorrow at 7 p.m.

vens get going," said Sander. "We will need different guys to step up each game in the tough Central Division."

The Mustangs led by nine points with 2:25 left in the contest, but the Spartans hit a couple of key shots and snagged a couple of turnovers to get themselves back into the game and trailing by four with 45 seconds remaining in the contest.

Northville's Joey Hewlett scored on a lay-up to increase the advantage to six just seconds before Stevenson hit a three-point field goal to cut

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Mustangs hockey squad goes 3-0 on the week

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Solid defense was the key to three big wins for the Northville Mustangs hockey team last week as they skated to a perfect record over three games.

The squad, coached by Clint Robert, earned a 4-1 victory over KLAA Central Division foe South Lyon before topping Ann Arbor Pioneer in a 3-1 shutout. The squad finished the week with a 2-1 decision over a very tough Pinckney squad.

Against the Lions, the Mustangs found themselves all knotted up, 1-1, after the second period following a scoreless opening stanza. The team, which skated to a 2-2 tie against the South Lyon squad earli-

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs hockey team will be back on the ice when they visit Novi Saturday at 6 p.m.

er this year, wasn't about to let the third go by without taking advantage of some key opportunities and the hot shooting of Ryan Bloom.

Northville scored in the opening minutes of the period, using a power play to their advantage as Bloom found the back of the net for a 2-1 lead. He tallied his second goal of the period just two minutes later with an assist from Alec Melucci. Bloom made it a hat trick with a one-timer off a pass from Ben Crabill to cap the scoring and the

4-1 final. Alex Shuart was also credited with an assist.

In the second period, the Lions scored first for a 1-0 lead, but the Mustangs tied it up with a goal by Grant LaLonde, assisted by Joe Chase and Tim Eis.

Jeremy Onofrio earned the win in net for the Mustangs, stopping 21 shots on the night.

Against the Pioneers of Ann Arbor, the Mustangs skated out to a 1-0 lead with just two minutes left in the first period thanks to a tight shot by Tyler Gardiner, assisted by Crabill. It would prove all the scoring the team would need to earn the shutout victory, but they tacked on two more in the second stanza for insurance. Gardiner scored on a 2-on-1 breakaway off a feed from Crabill for a 2-0 advantage before Crabill tallied

a goal of his own with less than a minute remaining in the second. Bloom assisted on the play.

Jake Pawloski earned the shutout victory for the Mustangs — his second of the year — as he shut down 26 shots from the Pioneers.

Northville found themselves trailing at the end of the first period against Pinckney, 1-0, as the Pirates found the back of the net just one minute into the contest. But the Northville defense battered down the hatches and repelled the swashbuckling Pinckney squad, keeping them scoreless for the remainder of the game while the Northville offense tacked on two goals in the second period to earn the win.

The tying goal was courtesy of Gardiner, who scored with 3:56

remaining in the second period for a 1-1 game. Northville continued to pressure and it paid off as Pinckney was whistled for a penalty, an opportunity Todd Goebel took advantage of when he deflected a shot by Connor Brown to put the puck past the Pinckney goalie for the 2-1 lead and eventual victory.

Northville did get in hot water in the third period when the Mustangs were hit with a five-minute major penalty that gave Pinckney a 5-on-3 advantage with time expiring. The Mustangs' shorthanded penalty kill, however, proved extremely successful as the defensive-minded crew kept the Pirates off the board and secured the win.

Chance Bultin earned his first win of the season in goal, recording 15 saves.

TEAM

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into the lead yet again. But strong rebounding put the ball in Andrew Meacham's hands and the Spartans fouled the big Mustang in an attempt to regain possessions. Meacham hit both free throws to secure the 41-36 victory.

"We did a very nice job attacking the offensive glass getting some cheap scores," Sander said.

Leading the team in rebounds was Stew Henzi, who had 10 rebounds, including two on the offensive glass. Hewlett had eight boards, snagging three offensively and the team combined for 34 rebounds, of which 10 were on offense.

Leading the team in scoring was Meacham, who had 15 points, while Andrew Stevens came off the bench to pour in 12 points, turning in 24 minutes of playing time in the process.

Cheerleading squad has ups and downs

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs competitive cheerleading team will be back on the floor when they visit South Lyon East Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The Northville Mustangs competitive cheerleading team experienced the highs and lows of wins and losses last week as they secured a victory in a very commanding tournament but fell to a conference rival.

The team, coached by Mindy Gentz, earned a first-place trophy in Division I at the Wyandotte Invitational last Saturday. Just days before, however, the team fell to South Lyon in a Kensington Lakes Athletics Association contest. Northville led against the

Lions through the first two rounds but ended up on the wrong side of a 669-655 loss, starting their KLAA and Central Division schedule with a 0-1 record.

"This week we faced numerous challenges that never seemed to end," said Gentz.

The day before the meet

against South Lyon, the Mustangs lost one of their three-round starters to the flu, forcing the team to change their material and make substitutions. At the meet last Wednesday, the team had another three-round starter fight through the meet suffering from flu symptoms.

The team, being beaten down by illness, make more substitutions and changed their routine once again on Thursday but lost another athlete on Friday due to an injury.

"Given the set backs of the week, the team has done an outstanding job pushing through

to get the job done," said Gentz. "We had several athletes really step up when we needed them."

The Mustangs made the trek to Wyandotte and earned the top spot out of all the Division I schools, increasing their record to 9-6 on the year.

Gentz said Lauren Hubbard, Trisha Cox and Jayda Hubbard did "a great job coming off the bench to fill open spots when we needed them." She also noted that Arielle Iafrate, Ashton Tucker, Hannah Mitchell and Hannah Haas were key players that took on new roles and positions for the team to help them to victory.

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solid perimeter work as Novi sophomore Max Yanke quietly dropped in 10 points.

"It's no secret that he's our go-to guy. (Meacham) played his heart out and I'm proud of his effort.

It was awesome," Sander said. "(Cagle) is a spectacular player, as well. He can shoot it and score it from anywhere."

The Wildcats went into the third quarter ahead 35-29 and the Mustangs wouldn't draw even again after last holding the lead at 27-26 with 3:06 to go in the third quarter.

"I thought we grew up as a team tonight," Tass said. "We eliminated a lot of mistakes we've been making and we played pretty tough against a team that just likes to bang and be physical."

"It was our best game so far in terms of sharing the ball, keeping our

heads up and finding the open man. I think it was a great team effort overall. I think our guys took another step."

Novi sealed the deal by hitting 20-of-24 (83.3 percent) free throws, including McKinney going 10-for-10. Northville went 7-for-10 (70 percent) from the char-

ity stripe despite shooting better from the field (19-for-33, 57.6 percent) than Novi (18-for-39, 46.2 percent).

Amongst a combined 28 fouls, Novi won the battle of the board 13-4 while also grabbing seven steals, but committed eight turnovers to the Mustangs' two.

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David Houie, fullback, Detroit Catholic Central senior

When it comes to making way for running backs, no one in the area does it better than Houie, who reveled in the role of being the lead player in Catholic Central's smash-mouth football.

"Dave is a classic CC fullback — an extremely tough and physical player who thrives on the inside run," said Mach. "He embraces the physical aspect of football wholeheartedly. Dave is a humble kid who leads by example."

The two-year starter picked up 362 yards of his own as a thundering runner while crossing the goal line eight times this year.

Wade Morris, receiver, South Lyon East junior

Need to get the ball downfield in a hurry? Just throw it to Morris, who always seems to be in the right place at the right time and capable of picking up several yards after initial contact. This season, Morris picked up 680 yards receiving, even scampering for a long of 75 yards this season and scoring seven times. What is most impressive is that Morris caught the ball 46 times, giving him an average of 14.78 yards per catch in his junior season.

Jon Malone, receiver, Detroit Catholic Central senior

When it comes down to moments where you have to put the ball in the hands of a player that has a driving desire to win, the first one likely to raise his hand is going to be Malone. The Shamrocks' receiver picked up three touchdowns through the air on a team that throws as little as they can get away with, while snagging nearly 400 yards in the process. What's more is that

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276 pounds, just the sight of Schriener makes an offensive line coach giddy. What makes the package even more perfect is Schriener comes into each practice and every game with a can-do attitude, refusing to give up or give in, even if the going gets tough.

"Evan was our most dominant lineman this year," said Matt Ladach. "He is an intelligent player with good skills and technique and he plays with an attitude. We're going to miss him next year."

Derek Edwards, offensive line, Detroit Catholic Central senior

It looks like Edwards won't have to worry about his final game being at the high school level since the Detroit Catholic Central senior inked his National Letter of Intent to play for Division I Central Michigan University. But, let's be honest — it comes as a surprise to no one. At 6-5 and 270 pounds, he's a prototypical collegiate lineman.

"Derek is the cornerstone of our offensive line this year," said Mach. "He is a very tough player who has battled through two years of various injuries. You can count on Derek in any key situation. If you need a first down, run behind Derek — he will get the job done for you."

Edwards is versatile,

too, having started at both guard and tackle for the Shamrocks.

Luke Patterson, offensive line, South Lyon East senior

The best run and pass blocker on the South Lyon East line was, without a doubt, Patterson. Not only was he aggressive and brutal, but Patterson was a mobile threat as well, often being seen down field making key second-level blocks to help keep the Cougars' offensive drives alive.

Jameson Donahue, offensive line, South Lyon sophomore

Donahue may be one of the youngest players on this year's All-Area team, but that doesn't speak against his skill one bit. This year the young player made his mark on both offense and defense and is expected to be a key part of the Lions' plans over the next few years. He's also quite the accomplished defensive lineman, picking up 56 tackles this year for Mark Thomas' defense.

Derrick Newman, offensive line, Milford senior

Are you the kind of fan who likes to see some bulk on your offensive line? Well, you won't be disappointed because Milford's top lineman, Newman, fits the bill. The dominating lineman for Pat Fox's squad weighs in at 300 pounds and stands 6-5, making him quite

the force to be reckoned with.

"(Derrick) is a strong blocker and a two-year starter," noted Fox. Newman's ability and aggressiveness on the offensive line made him a no-brainer to run behind, and his skill and dedication to the game will be hard to replace for Milford next season.

First team defense

Anthony Waite, defensive back, Lakeland senior

Despite an injury that hampered his numbers this season, Waite was a shoe-in for a first-team spot on this year's All-Area team just because of the sheer talent he possesses. When it comes to football, few seem so naturally inclined to the game as he does.

On defense this season, Waite picked up nearly 60 tackles and an interception to help the Eagles under coach John Maltese. On the offensive side of the ball, he tallied 683 yards on the ground and seven touchdowns and 108 yards receiving with two more scores, which easily would have earned him a first-team offense selection on this year's All-Area squad.

Kevin Waish, defensive back, Detroit Catholic Central senior

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he picked up an additional 300 yards on special teams and another score — the biggest plays typically coming when the Shamrocks needed them the most.

"We have been able to count on Jon for two years now as a receiver and a return man," said Mach. "Jon is an extremely hard worker and his efforts have paid off, for both him as an individual and for us as a team."

Dylan Roney, tight end, Detroit Catholic Central junior

The key to being a great tight end isn't in the number of receptions or the touchdowns, but rather in the ability to block, make big plays and be reliable on each and every play. Matching that description is none other than Roney, who proved each and every down that the player across from him wasn't going to be able to

outwork him or outplay him.

"Dylan is 'tough as nails,' as they say," said Mach. "He is a relentless competitor who gives maximum effort in everything we ask him to do. He plays the game the right way and is a very humble individual, even as his individual accolades accumulate and college interest increases. Dylan is one of our hardest workers who brings a 'lunch pail' mentality with him to practice daily. His great attitude truly reflects how much he loves the game of football."

Roney had two touchdowns over 10 games and 123 yards receiving, all while laying the groundwork for Catholic Central's dominating ground game.

Evan Schriener, offensive line, Northville senior

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about a smart grinder, and Walsh is exactly that. The All-CHSL Academic Team selection, who happens to carry a 4.76 grade-point average, is more than just the brains of the team, too. He can seriously play football with the best of them, which is exactly why he has interest from both Cornell and Princeton to join the ranks of the Ivy League elite and the rosters of their football teams.

“Kevin is the captain of our secondary, and, really, he is a coach’s dream,” said Mach. “He possesses tremendous physical and mental toughness, and exhibits a level of maturity that exceeds the standard high school kid. He is a very heady player who maximizes his ability on a daily basis by competing to the fullest on every single snap.”

Walsh had 42 tackles, two interceptions and a fumble recovery in his senior season for the Shamrocks.

Sam Tacconelli, defensive back, Northville senior

At 5-8 and 153 pounds, Tacconelli doesn’t strike you as the most physically-adept football player when you first see him. His coaches wouldn’t have thought so, either — that is, until they saw him play.

“If there was a pound-for-pound title in high school football, Sam would be the champion,” said Ladach. “He is a very strong and tough young man that plays with absolutely no fear. If we asked him to play guard, he would have — and he would have done well. He’s that tough.”

Brandon Malinowski, linebacker, Detroit Catholic Central senior

If we were a running back, the last thing we would want to see when jaunting toward a hole is the 225-pound frame of Malinowski filling it. That’s because the next thing that would happen is a vicious hit, which Malinowski became known for this season as he picked up 82 tackles and two sacks over 10 games.

“Brandon is our most vocal leader and has been a great role model for our younger players,” said

Mach of the CC captain. “He fulfills his leadership role to the fullest, both on and off the field.

“Brandon is a very versatile player. He has played middle linebacker, outside linebacker and defensive end this year, as well as starting two games at fullback. That all said, his best quality has to be his work ethic. Brandon has had to work for and earn everything he’s gotten, and can be very proud of that.”

Malinowski was also key on special teams this year, blocking one field goal and three extra points for the Shamrocks.

Connor McReil, linebacker, South Lyon senior

With 87 tackles and two sacks to his name this year, McReil made it very clear that it was unwise to try and run the ball in his direction. As a team captain, a first-team KLAA selection and the team’s top linebacker, he made it clear that his was a great example to follow for all of South Lyon’s squad.

“Connor would do whatever was asked to do for the team,” said Thomas.

Brendan Donahue, linebacker, South Lyon senior

It’s hard to believe that the South Lyon Lions had so much talent in their defensive backfield this year, but it was very true. You weren’t likely going to beat them by trying to run at their linebacker corps. Donahue, who was also in the running as an All-Area tight end this year, picked up 61 tackles and had a whopping five sacks this season. He was named one of the team’s best defensive players.

“Brendan was instrumental in our defensive scheme,” noted Thomas.

If that weren’t good enough, Donahue was also the team’s leading receiver in 2012.

Brandon Patrone, linebacker, Northville senior

A three-year member of the varsity squad a Northville, Patrone’s name has become one that is synonymous with hard work and a dedication to the game of football.

“Replacing Brandon is going to be difficult,” Ladach said of the experience and ability the senior linebacker brings to the defensive side of the ball. “He is a quiet leader that

has always led by example.”

Lucas Buck, linebacker, Novi senior

What can be said about a player who has made the varsity roster at Novi for all four seasons and has made a name for himself as a stingy middle linebacker who made a career out of big hits? Nothing that he hasn’t already said with his shoulder pads.

“Lucas has a great nose for the football and is very physical,” said Pennycuff. “Lucas was a coach on the field.”

The senior linebacker will be very difficult to replace, as will his 32 solo tackles this past season.

Danny Wallace, linebacker, Milford junior

What is most exciting about a player like Wallace? Well, if you’re a fan of the Milford Mavericks or on the coaching staff there, it’s the fact that he is only a junior and is going to be a key part of the game next year.

“Danny is a great defensive player, and is also a huge contributor on offense,” noted Fox.

His numbers speak for himself. This year Wallace picked up 70 tackles, out of which he put down running backs eight times behind the line of scrimmage.

Dan Bowen, defensive line, Detroit Catholic Central senior

It’s hard to say goodbye to a player like Bowen, who will graduate from Catholic Central having left behind an amazing example of how intangibles can make all the difference in the trenches at the line of scrimmage.

“Dan might be, pound-for-pound, the toughest player on our team,” said Mach of the 5-11, 220-pound lineman. “Due to his diminutive nature, other teams probably single him out on film to attack. It doesn’t take them long to realize their mistake. Dan is a kid who loves to battle in the trenches and brings an extremely physical style of play.”

Grant Widger, defensive line, South Lyon senior

As Widger to play any position on the field and he’s likely to go out and give his best effort and turn in a pretty darn good performance, which is why we were so thrilled to have him

as a unanimous selection to the All-Area team.

Widger picked up 68 tackles and five sacks this year and took down eight running backs for losses in 2012.

“Grant had a motor that wouldn’t quit,” said Thomas. “He played every play as if it was his last.”

Jon Wines, defensive line, Northville senior

We couldn’t have said it any better than Wines’ coach said it, so we’re just going to leave it to Ladach.

“It seems like Jon Wines has been our nose tackle forever,” said Ladach. “He is a three-year starter that quietly did his job and did it well. He always demanded a double team, and he almost always destroyed them, too. Replacing Jon might be out toughest task this off season.”

First team special teams

Garrett Moores, kicker, Detroit Catholic Central senior

So what do you do with a quarterback who has over 1,000 yards in total offensive (926 passing and 133 rushing) that led his team to the state championship game? Apparently, you make him the All-Area kicker.

Moores won’t mind though. He’s the type of player that loves a challenge and never gives up. He’s also a very competent kicker, as showcased by his 36-for-38 performance on extra points and several field goals, including a 44-yarder to tie the game against DeLaSalle and force overtime in the Boys Bowl. “He has tremendous physical gifts and has an extremely competitive nature that allows him to excel at the high level at which he does,” said Mach. “As a team, we wouldn’t be where we are without the big plays Garrett has made for us all year.”

Tyler Marcus, punter, South Lyon senior

When it comes to punting a football, Marcus knows the ins and outs of the strategies involved, which is exactly why he was a no-brainer for the All-Area position this year.

Marcus averaged 38.9 yards punting this year and had a season-long boot of 54 yards. He was also South Lyon’s kicker, hitting 12-of-

13 extra points and going 2-for-3 for field goals over 40 yards.

Zack Bock, utility, Detroit Catholic Central junior

What positions could Bock have been potentially named to the All-Area squad? Let’s see — running back (198 yards and two touchdowns), receiver (140 yards and a touchdown), punter (40.6 yard average on 27 kicks), kicker (50 kickoffs, averaging 58.5 yards), kick returner (nine for 153 yards) and defensive back (49 tackles, one interception and one fumble recovery).

The real question is, what couldn’t he have been nominated for?

“Zack has great natural abilities that allow him to do a lot of things for our football team” said Mach. “Offensively, he’s a very explosive player who plays running back and receiver and he also returns punts and kicks. He is a threat to score anytime he touches the ball.

“Zack has also been a tremendous weapon for us all season long as a kick-off man, regularly recording touchbacks. On top of that, he is the guy we count on to lock down the other team’s best receiver. Zack loves to be challenged and it shows in everything that he does.”

Second team offense

Joey Hewlett, quarterback, Northville junior

Northville’s lone two-way starter this year, Hewlett had 1,095 yards passing and 11 touchdowns and ran for 579 yards and five scores over seven games. He was injured for the final two games of the season.

Alex Larson, quarterback, Milford senior

Larson threw for 1,200 yards this season while picking up 800 yards on the ground. The senior proved himself to be one of the most versatile offensive threats in the area this year. Over two years, he’s accounted for almost 4,000 yards of total offense.

Alex Spratke, running back, South Lyon East senior

Spratke rushed for 575 yards on 122 carries in 2012, giving him a 4.71 average. He found the end zone five times, including one on a scamper of 60 yards. He also picked up 344 yards receiving, scoring twice.

Dalton Christie, running back, Lakeland junior

Christie stepped into the running back role for the Eagles after the team’s starter went out with an injury and he made the most of his opportunity. He picked up 897 yards on the ground with 14 touchdowns while snagging 98 yards receiving for another score.

Sean Conway, receiver, Northville junior

The favorite target of Northville’s quarterback, Conway snagged 22 receptions for 317 yards and four touchdowns in 2012. He was injured for the final two games of the season.

Jon Swartz, receiver, Milford senior

Swartz was the team’s leading receiver this year that was also key in returning kicks for the Mavericks. He snagged 37 catches in 2012 and had four touchdowns on plays over 60 yards.

David Moorman, offensive line, Northville sophomore

A young but versatile player, Moorman brings an aggressive nature to the football field that helped the Mustangs develop yet another strong ground game in 2012. He is expected to be a key part of the team’s schemes over the next two years.

Chase Spieser, offensive line, Detroit Catholic Central senior

Change didn’t seem to upset Spieser too much as he was asked to play guard for the first time in his career in 2012 after being a fullback and linebacker previously. He did so and earned a starting spot in every game in 2012. He helped his team established nearly 200 yards on the ground every game.

Jarred Jackson, offensive line, Milford senior

Jackson is a dominant force on the offensive line that truly made his mark his senior year. The Mavericks were often found running the ball behind him as he paved the way for their ground game.

Second team defense

Grant Wheeler, defensive back, Novi senior

It’s always a tough season when your defensive back leads the team in tackles, but Wheeler didn’t shy away from the challenge as he picked up 52 tackles in 2012. He was an aggressive defensive back who helped stymie opponents in both their ground and passing games.

Erich Stephenson, defensive back, South Lyon sophomore

For a sophomore, Stephenson played like he had something to prove from day one, turning himself into a strong candidate for a first-team position while picking up 38 tackles. He was also the team’s leading rusher, picking up 6.3 yards per carry and finding the end zone twice.

Anthony Dawson, defensive back, Milford senior

Dawson was difficult to get past if you were a receiver looking to make a big play in 2012, making teams have to find a way to beat Milford other than simply passing the football. His presence on the field consistently made the Mavericks a better defensive team.

Darrian Spencer, defensive back, Milford senior

Spencer was never afraid to come up and made a hit, nor was he the type of defensive back that sputtered at his duties of covering opposing team’s receivers. Seemingly everywhere on the field at once, Spencer was a key part of Milford’s defensive strategy this season.

Zach Tofilski, linebacker, Northville junior

A strong addition to Northville linebacker corps this year, Tofilski made huge strides playing the position for the first time in his career. His strong tackling and field awareness not only made him a tough player in 2012, but promises to be beneficial to Northville in his senior year as well.

Mark Ryan, linebacker, Novi junior

Ryan is the kind of player a defensive scheme can be built around, and his junior year he proved that he was willing to step into the role as a bruising linebacker as he picked up 51 tackles. He showcased his speed and an ability to make plays no matter how far he had to travel on the gridiron in order to do so.

Matt Burczyk, linebacker, South Lyon East senior

With 47 solo tackles and 25 assists this year, Burczyk made it clear he was a player to attempt to avoid when playing the Cougars. His leadership on the defensive side of the ball will be difficult for the South Lyon East squad to replace in 2013.

Cam Bell, linebacker, Milford junior

This Milford linebacker has coaches thrilled that he’ll be back for another season after making himself known as a stout defender who wasn’t afraid to take on anyone this season. The junior Maverick was usually the first player to meet opposing running backs in the hole and was often on the winning side of the collision.

R.J. Holloway, defensive line, Northville senior

Holloway is one of the few players that a coach can sit back and truly say he reached his full potential as a senior. He was always in the right place at the right time, making sure no one was able to outwork him or out pace him while maximizing his production day in and day out.

Lucas Marconcin, defensive line, South Lyon East junior

From his defensive end position, Marconcin picked up 34 solo tackles and 29 assists while showcasing good speed and top-notch field awareness. At 6-3 and 190 pounds, he has some room to add bulk, which will likely make him a true game changer in 2013.

Andrew Laverenz, defensive line, Lakeland senior

You don’t always have to have the highest tackle numbers to be an effective defensive lineman. Laverenz picked up just 12 solo tackles and 18 assists this year, but he made quarterbacks nervous with his 6-5, 215-pound frame and the ability to get inside the pocket in a hurry. He had five sacks in 2012.

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Catholic Central Shamrock Michael Babicz, right, takes on an opponent from Temperance Bedford during CC's Jan. 12 six-school meet at their Novi campus.

Shamrocks have strong showing at Super Duals

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Detroit Catholic Central Super Duals were definitely super last week when the Shamrocks hosted some of the state's top teams, as well as Illinois and Ohio powerhouses.

The Shamrocks played host to teams such as Montini Catholic, from Illinois, and St. Edward, of Ohio, not to mention top Michigan-ranked teams like Davison, St. John's, Temperance Bedford and more.

The Shamrocks finished the day with a 3-2 record, earning wins against Hudson, Temperance Bedford and Dundee and taking losses to Montini and St. Edward.

Against Hudson, the Shamrocks picked up a 40-24 victory before topping Dundee, 41-24, in a voluntary "fifth round" match. The Shamrocks started the day with a 39-21 win over Bedford, ranked No. 4 in the state in Division I.

Detroit Catholic Cen-

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks wrestling team will be back on the mat when they wrestle at 4 p.m. tomorrow at St. John's before visiting Lowell Monday at 4 p.m.

tral didn't get away unscathed, though. They fell to Montini, 36-21, and to St. Edward, 35-17.

"I thought our guys got off to a slow start today," said coach Mitch Hancock. "I don't think we competed well versus Montini which was a bit disappointing; however, I thought our guys did a nice job in picking up the intensity level during the final three rounds. Our guys showed some character and guts during round five in wrestling Dundee. That's a darn good team and our guys had to battle with them after four rounds of tough competition. That's a lot to ask of these guys and I'm proud of the way they responded."

Against Montini Catholic, the Shamrocks fell behind, 19-0, to begin the match but came back with wins from Myles Amine and Ken Bade, but their chance at victory slipped away with four consecutive wins by Montini in the later rounds, making it 33-8 after the 160-pound division. The Shamrocks did, however, earned another win with Andrew Garcia picking up a decision at 171 pounds as well as wins from Jay Peterson and Bob Coe.

The match against St. Edward — ranked second in the nation — found the Shamrocks — ranked 14th in the nation — taking a 9-0 lead with victories from Trevor Zdebinski, Evan Toth and Myles Amine, but the Eagles came back strong with five consecutive wins for a 19-9 advantage before Garcia earned a win at 171 with a 23-8 technical fall. St. Edward, however, went on to win at 189 and 215 before Coe collected a 5-1 heavyweight division win to finish the scoring for the Shamrocks.

CC splits week on ice

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

There are folks out there called numerologists who believe that every person has particular numbers that are significant in their life. Last week, for the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team, those numbers were 5 and 1.

The squad, coached by Todd Johnson, collected a 5-1 loss against Cranbrook just days after defeating Port Huron by a score of — you guessed it — 5-1.

Against Cranbrook, the Shamrocks just couldn't get the game flowing in the direction they wanted to as they watched their rivals skate off with the win. The team's lone

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central hockey team will be back in the rink when they play at 8 p.m. tomorrow and 1 p.m. Saturday at Culver Academy.

score came off the stick of defenseman Carter Cerretani, who notched the goal unassisted.

Derek Moore took the loss in the game in net and was replaced in the first period by Ryan Mulka.

The game against Port Huron went in a favorable direction for the Shamrocks from the start. They outscored their foes, 2-1, in the first period and didn't look back as they shut them out in the final two peri-

ods of play.

Senior Charlie Green got a hat trick with three goals on the night. Assistance on the first goal came from Nick Daigneau and Carson Gatt while Gatt combined with Mike Babcock to assist on the second score. The third goal by Green, which was the final score of the night, was assisted by Babcock and Matthew Sorisho.

Catholic Central also has scoring from Connor Gaffney, who was assisted by Bobbie Carey and Wade Orlovski, and Babcock, who was assisted by Green and Sorisho.

Moore earned the win between the posts for the Shamrocks, who are now 10-2 overall and 8-2 in the MIHL conference.

Shamrocks drop two games

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

If you asked coach Bill Dyer what kind of week he would like to see his boys' basketball team avoid from here on out, he would likely bring up back-to-back losses against league rivals.

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks were on the wrong end of two Catholic High School League losses last week, falling to Brother Rice, 58-38, and to DeLaSalle, 57-29.

Against Brother Rice, the Shamrocks scored just one field goal in the third quarter after coming out with a strong first half. The team trailed 13-10 after the first period, but came back to tie the game against a tough Warriors squad, 27-27, as they headed into the locker room at the half. But that would be the

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks basketball team will be back on the hardwood when they play at 7:30 p.m. at home tomorrow against University of Detroit Jesuit High School. They will then play Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

last time the Shamrocks would even be in the conversation about possibly winning the game as Brother Rice went on a 19-9 run in the third quarter and each team finished with 12 in the final stanza to close out the CHSL Central contest.

Andrew Toth led the Warriors with 11 points while Catholic Central failed to have a single player score in double digits.

The victory by Broth-

er Rice was the first time the Warriors have defeated the Shamrocks since 2010, marking their first win in eight games between the two teams.

The Shamrocks fared no better against DeLaSalle as they fell, 57-29, in the Central Division contest.

DeLaSalle leapt out to a 13-6 lead in the first quarter and built on that advantage to hold a commanding 25-11 lead at the half. The Shamrocks still failed to find any pep in their step in the third quarter as DeLaSalle outscored them 19-7 to put the game out of reach. The final stanza found the Shamrocks scoring 11 while DeLaSalle tacked on 13 more.

Charlie Ryan scored 10 points to lead the Shamrocks and no other player had more than four points.

The struggling Shamrocks are now 3-5 on the season.

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Yoga classes

Diane Siegel-Divita will be offering yoga classes at the historic American Legion Hall, 100 W. Dunlap Street in Northville. On Mondays there will be strength training (light weights with a little yoga stretching), and yoga classes for all levels. On Thursdays, she will teach yin yoga.

For more information, including session times and prices, contact Siegel-Divita at (248) 344-0928, or trianglesix@sbcglobal.net.

College planning workshop

Robert Hoger, certified college planning specialist with Michigan College Funding LLC, will present a free workshop on getting money for your child's college education from 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 22 at the Northville District Library.

Hoger will be discussing such topics as how to send your kids to the school of their dreams without going broke; how to increase your eligibility for aid; how to find scholarships and grants you've never even heard of.

Other topics include:

- How to help your student decide on which colleges to apply to.
- How to pick the colleges that will give you the most amount of money.

- How to maximize your students potential to receive scholarships and grants.
 - Several strategies to help you afford the school of your dreams.
 - What to do right now if your child is in high school.
 - Why procrastination may cost a family thousands of dollars.
- Admission is free but seating is limited by the size of the room, so call (248) 662-1300 to reserve a seat.

Vendors sought

Rummage & Relics, which sells vintage, re-purposed and funky finds during First Friday weekends at Northville Square (by the Carousel), at 133 W. Main Street, Northville, is accepting new consignors. According to owners, Rummage & Relics currently has nine vendors featuring new, used and vintage items. During their first weekend of sales, more than 700 people came through the doors. Interested vendors should call (248) 773-5280. You can preview the items by inquiring at Lime-Light Emporium seven days a week.

The First Friday hours each month are 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/events/101668463339311.

Familiar face

John Bueter gets ready to sell another Temple Fork

Outfitters' fly fishing rod at the Jan. 11 Ultimate Fishing Show Detroit in Novi. Bueter owned Bueter's Outdoors in downtown Northville for many years and is currently an industry representative and guide up north in Baldwin.



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Northville dermatologist Sami Abbasi supervises as employee Robin Smith tries out their Lightsheer Duet laser hair removal system on Kelly Swickland. Abbasi recently opened up Abbasi Dermatology in Northville Square.

Local dermatologist opens new practice downtown

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Dermatologist Sami Abbasi has had a Downriver practice for many years, but in his heart he has wanted to open a second practice in his hometown of Northville. In November that dream became a reality when he opened Abbasi Dermatology downtown in Northville Square at 133 W. Main Street (Suite 251).

Abbasi, who is married to Nadia Abbasi and has three young children, is absolutely thrilled to have a new practice where his family lives, and have the opportunity to be a bigger part of the community.

"I was practicing in Brownstown but found a growing demand from the Northville community for a dermatologist," said Abbasi, a six-year Northville resident. "Northville is home for me so it made perfect sense. I wanted to be downtown and ended up opening an office in what was once a tanning salon."

Abbasi Dermatology is a full-service dermatology practice that also offers medical spa treatments. Abbasi specializes in a number of skin care concerns including acne, skin cancers, fine lines and wrinkles, photo-damaged skin, sun-damage, moles, rashes, eczema, rosacea, dry skin, and many more.

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skin," he said. "We offer both medical and cosmetic dermatology services. I try to take my time with patients, explaining their condition and their options, and always treating them like family."

Along with the fact his father was a surgeon, Abbasi says helping patients is really what attracted him to the field of medicine. And in the case of dermatology, patients are able to see result pretty quickly in many instances. Abbasi spends as much time as each patient needs to feel secure and well informed on all recommended treatments and procedures. Whether patients have specific skin concerns, already-diagnosed conditions or problem areas, Abbasi's combination of dermatology and aesthetic skin care treatment plans are tailored to each person's unique set of needs.

"I specifically chose dermatology because I found it fulfilling to see patients satisfied when they saw quick results. Helping them feel better and look better is very satisfying," Abbasi said.

If you want a firsthand look at what Abbasi Dermatology has to offer, there will be an open house next week from 6-

8 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22. Abbasi, expert esthetician Robyn Smith and the practice's entire staff will be on hand to answer questions. Attendees will also have the opportunity to experience special services, one-night only discounts and promotions, free samples, healthy refreshments, giveaways and amazing raffles.

Some special offers include:

- Pre-purchase two sclerotherapy treatments and receive one treatment free.
- Glytone Peel introductory promotion — only \$29 when you pre-book.
- Pre-purchase six laser hair removal treatments and get a free microdermabrasion.
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Home Builders Association: Climb predicted in single-family building

The Home Builders Association of Michigan (HBA Michigan) is forecasting that single-family home construction in 2013 will increase by 39 percent over 2012 levels. HBA Michigan attributes the positive forecast to a stronger Michigan economy and state legislation aimed at stimulating the housing industry.

"With record low new home production for the past several years, pent up demand is finally beginning to burst through in the marketplace," noted Robert Filka, CEO of HBA Michigan. "When combined with positive tax and regulatory changes that will encourage more investment, our outlook is more optimistic than it's been in nearly a decade."

The number of single-family home permits recorded year-to-date in Michigan was up 36 percent through the end of October 2012. Those are the latest numbers available from the US Census Bureau. Current projections are for some 10,000 single-family home permits to be issued in Michigan for all of 2012.

Looking ahead at single-family home permits in 2013 — following a reasonable solution to the U.S. "fiscal cliff" negotiations — HBA Michigan forecasts 13,928 permits to be issued in the coming year. In addition to stronger economic factors, Filka said the housing industry will be assisted next year



Willie Norwood (left) and Dale Graham of Norwood Boyle Construction Services posed by a vacant house their company remodeled in Redford as part of SNAP, a federal stimulus program. Builders are optimistic about an upswing in residential building activity for 2013.

by a new law adopted by the state legislature and recently signed by Gov. Rick Snyder. Public Act 494 of 2012 reduces the tax on new inventory homes that are constructed by home builders.

"Reducing this punitive tax on inventory homes will lower risk and encourage homebuilders to construct more

homes in the future," said Filka. "Building inventory homes is a critical marketing tool that has proven successful in generating new home sales. Thanks to the foresight of the legislature and the governor, homebuilders will now be able to invest more in our communities around the state."

The Home Builders Association of Michigan is a professional trade association comprised of 27 local homebuilder associations around the state and their builder, subcontractor and supplier members. HBA of Michigan works to promote the building industry and impact legislative, regulatory and legal issues affecting housing affordability.

Talk to neighbor before suit

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I have a unique situation where my neighbor constructed within a 40-foot-wide easement on my property that ran parallel to the roadway laid out in the easement and placed log decks and other personal property on the other side of the road creating a "cow chute." These acts narrowed the area in which cars could pass. Do I have a basis to sue my neighbor for what he did? He claims that the width of the easement was only a 12-to-14-foot paved area based on the historical use.

A: While it is obviously fact intensive, in a similar case, a Washington State appellate court held that your neighbor's placement of



Robert Meisner

structures within the easement might lead to an adverse possession claim that would terminate the

easement. In addition, a zoning ordinance that prohibited the location of buildings and structures within the easement made what would have been your neighbor's activities a nuisance per se, requiring removal of the fence and other property. It may result in a lawsuit, but you should advise your neighbor of the legal ramifications of what he has done.

Q: I am in a situation where one of my tenants has suffered some lead poisoning. He is now claiming that I am responsible under a negligence theory, even though he was responsible for maintaining the premises. What do you think?

A: Well, it all depends upon the state in which you are involved, but in a recent case out of Virginia, the court held that absent fraud or concealment a landlord who has given possession of the premises to the tenant owes no duty of care to maintain the premises since that duty rests with the tenant. In that case, the court rejected the argument that the landlord's retention of the right to enter to make repairs created a duty because this reserved right did not displace the tenant's full right of possession. The court also found that the state's statutory requirement that the landlords comply with building codes created a contractual warranty but not a tort liability. Moreover, the court dismissed a claim under common law negligence for failure to warn of the presence of lead paint which is, of course, required in Michigan because a landlord had made a lead paint disclosure and the conditions were obvious and open to view. Obviously, you should consult with your own attorney with respect to the claim.

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

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 24-28, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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43599 Abbey Cir	\$213,000
6938 Ardsley Dr	\$110,000
6713 Carlton Cr	\$203,000
7114 Copper Creek Cir	\$112,000
1704 Crowndale Ln	\$316,000
1689 Dunston Rd	\$128,000
48515 Gladstone Rd	\$373,000
47120 Glenhurst Dr	\$255,000
42243 Hartford Ct	\$123,000
46461 Killarney Cir	\$190,000
8002 Labana Ct	\$306,000
45576 Morningside Rd	\$130,000
41765 Princess Dr	\$288,000
45636 S Stonewood Rd	\$178,000
3607 Shepherd Ln	\$175,000

43715 Simsbury St	\$170,000
1763 Thistle Dr	\$200,000
1277 W Crystal Cir	\$168,000
8650 Westchester Ln	\$165,000
GARDEN CITY	
29800 Cambridge St	\$34,000
1552 Henry Ruff Rd	\$120,000
221 Hubbard St	\$66,000
LIVONIA	
36706 Angeline Cir	\$132,000
11345 Arcola St	\$58,000
11015 Blackburn St	\$92,000
31812 Bretton St	\$100,000
14546 Cavell St	\$182,000
17608 Dolores St	\$80,000
15743 Edington St	\$119,000
16856 Farmington Rd	\$140,000
27464 Five Mile Rd	\$40,000
34009 Fonville Dr	\$175,000
27505 Goff St	\$25,000
16029 Harrison St	\$127,000
15446 Holsen St	\$180,000
9819 Melrose St	\$146,000
28450 Pickford St	\$105,000

16574 Rougeway St	\$90,000
15201 Santa Anita St	\$47,000
14206 Sunset St	\$129,000
17899 University Park Dr	\$77,000
29687 Westfield St	\$98,000
NORTHVILLE	
44456 Birchwood Ct	\$333,000
373 Linden St	\$239,000
42754 Lyric Ct	\$83,000
320 Orchard Dr	\$440,000
49650 S Glacier	\$346,000
19824 Scenic Harbour Dr	\$252,000
511 W Cady St	\$289,000
PLYMOUTH	
346 Auburn St	\$425,000
1115 Dewey St	\$228,000
11725 N Beck Rd	\$225,000
730 Penniman Ave # 203	\$185,000
730 Penniman Ave # 301	\$232,000
101 S Union St Unit 203	\$150,000
45309 Stonehedge Dr	\$220,000
8865 Trillium Ln	\$274,000
REDFORD	
17615 Centralia	\$21,000

15574 Fox	\$34,000
17749 Gaylord	\$40,000
26940 Lyndon	\$20,000
15478 Macarthur	\$34,000
16643 Macarthur	\$55,000
13478 Marion	\$74,000
9558 Mercedes	\$30,000
12845 Mercedes	\$47,000
8838 Riverview	\$39,000
WESTLAND	
30602 Avondale St	\$43,000
33647 Blackfoot St	\$35,000
8275 Carrousel Blvd	\$69,000
2104 Edgerton Ct	\$15,000
32372 Fairchild St	\$32,000
29938 Gladys Ave	\$115,000
33423 Hivley St	\$113,000
29196 Manchester St	\$19,000
33452 Melton St	\$42,000
37612 N Butler Cir	\$105,000
8401 Narise St	\$140,000
2038 S Parent Ave	\$32,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

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19690 Beverly Rd	\$298,000
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23810 Ravineview Ct	\$273,000
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920 N Glenhurst Dr	\$565,000
644 Ridgedale Ave	\$350,000
712 Ridgedale Ave	\$276,000
811 Tottenham Rd	\$320,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
186 Eileen Dr	\$78,000
2850 Aspen Ln	\$270,000
3621 Berkshire Dr	\$252,000
2925 Farmingdale Dr	\$185,000
6450 Gilbert Lake Rd	\$245,000
4600 Lahser Rd	\$1,600,000
215 Martell Dr	\$875,000
2945 S Woodward Ave Unit 69	\$110,000
1260 Stuyvesant Rd	\$400,000
100 W Hickory Grove Rd # F8	\$43,000
2033 Wabeek Hill Ct	\$369,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1965 Lone Pine Rd	\$299,000
1551 Old Chatham Dr	\$218,000
651 Sedgfield Dr	\$150,000
729 Upper Scotsborough Way	\$275,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
3243 Lacosta Ct	\$240,000
2294 Palmetto	\$240,000

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29536 Belfast St	\$124,000
30402 Club House Ct	\$210,000
28339 Green Willow St	\$130,000
25739 Kilreigh Ct	\$205,000
30779 Knighton Dr	\$267,000
28900 Lake Park Dr	\$190,000
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620 Milford Meadows Dr	\$345,000
303 Teromi Trl	\$300,000
1419 Timber Ridge Ct	\$567,000
217 W Commerce St	\$275,000
NOVI	
45200 Bartlett Dr	\$84,000

28159 Carlton Way Dr	\$135,000
41682 Charleston Ln	\$190,000
29052 Hearthstone Dr	\$265,000
40618 Lenox Park Dr	\$268,000
22398 Mill Rd	\$185,000
24759 Willowbrook	\$265,000
SOUTH LYON	
60125 Nine Mile Rd	\$91,000
24495 Brompton Way	\$40,000
24601 Brompton Way	\$320,000
639 E Crest Ln	\$129,000
57877 International Dr	\$255,000
61069 Topsfield Ln	\$164,000
603 Wellington Dr	\$149,000
SOUTHFIELD	
18950 Goldwin St	\$115,000
20365 Harbor Ln	\$82,000
15801 Providence Dr # 12a	\$53,000
25471 Saint James	\$69,000
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'My very best advice for job seekers is ...'

Susan Ricker,
CareerBuilder Writer

Finding a job is easier said than done. While you may know to submit a professional résumé, write a thoughtful cover letter and practice before an interview, sometimes you still don't get the job.

While every job-search experience is different, it's helpful to hear from others who have been in the same boat as you. Here, experts and past job seekers share some of their best advice for landing your dream role:

Practice makes perfect

"Be very careful how you answer questions in a job interview. You always want to be truthful, but it's best to practice your answers, as most websites suggest. I failed to do this prior to my first interview, and when I was asked what job I'd done that I was most proud of, I actually answered, 'Being a mother.' While this is true, it was definitely not the best answer I could have given and certainly not the one the interviewer was looking for. Do your homework on the companies you plan to interview with, and anticipate the kinds of questions they might ask. Come up with answers that will be both honest and impressive." — Margaret Miller, writer and editor at The Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation

Don't let bad news get you down

"Don't listen to the doom and gloom that you hear in the news.

People are getting jobs every day, and companies are growing, even in a down economy. I say this as a business owner, whose biggest challenge over the past year has been finding quality help. I have also seen it with other local business owners who are looking to hire. I believe that people get an idea that there are no jobs because of all the negativity they hear about the job numbers in the media, so they buy into that and give up, while others go for it and find great jobs, regardless of the economic indicators." — Anthony Kirlaw, founder and CEO of AKA Internet Marketing

Find what makes you passionate

"If you don't focus your job search on something you are passionate about, you won't stand out enough. Your networking, your résumé and your interviews all have to show a spark to get attention, especially in a tight economy. The good news is it's a great time to tap into what you love and then match that to the job market. It's possible and essential." — Val Nelson, career coach

Show how you add value

"Figure out what value you can provide. Your credentials and your past are nice but secondary. I am glad you think you are great, but it's of little consequence to me. Convince me that my future is better with you than without you. Value, value, value — that's where it is at. Once you know the value you provide,

make it clear in your résumé, cover letter and interview." — Ann Latham, president of consulting and business-services company Uncommon Clarity

Network, network, network

"Network with all kinds of people for useful market information, not just information about specific job openings or companies that are known to be hiring. Learn about the larger world and environment." — Tammy Gooler Loeb, career and executive coach at Tammy Gooler Loeb Coaching & Consulting

Stay positive

"Positivity and persistence are key. Stay optimistic throughout the process and keep going until you achieve your goal." — Lynda Zugec, managing director of The Workforce Consultants

Stand out from the crowd

"Every candidate is punctual, responsible and gets on well with people. To avoid blending in with the crowd, highlight unique elements of your personal brand. For example, a candidate listed an around-the-world trip she took in college as an educational experience. When we read that, we had to hear the story, so she got an interview and eventually a job. Don't skip or gloss over the cover letter. This is your opportunity to make a personal impression and connection. A résumé is just a list of facts about you, but the cover letter gives a hiring agent insight



into your personality. We hire people, not résumés.

"Salespeople learn to translate features into benefits. When you are trying to sell yourself, you should do the same. A feature is a fact about you — experience, skills, education, etc. A benefit is why we should care. This requires some thought and customization of your résumé to each position you seek, but it is worth the effort. Casting a wide net by sending hundreds of generic résumés is largely wasted time. Instead, target a few positions for which you are well-suited at companies you admire. Customize and plan your approach. Connect to people who

already work where you want to work through social media like LinkedIn, attend networking events for the industry and leverage your personal connections. Even a small connection can often get you past the first paper cut or get your résumé the second glance it deserves."

— Matt Meuleners, executive partner at professional training and coaching company FOCUS Training

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

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Car Report

Advertising Feature

Ford aims to play 'softer' side with new Sync apps Glympse and Kaliki



By Dale Buss

The Ford brand closed 2012 on some weak notes, grappling with pesky recalls on its newest vehicles and trying to figure out how to shore up owner confidence in MyFord Touch. But some believe Ford is on course for a stellar 2013, and the automaker is certainly showing signs of a new-year renaissance with its announcements at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas in early January.

Ford's difficulties last year stemmed largely from confusion over how to use the MyFord Touch infotainment hardware and software, and their frustration spilled over into poor ratings via third parties such as Consumer Reports. Ford also took blows from issuing four recalls on its crucial new Escape SUV and from reviewer skepticism about reported mileage levels for its new C-Max hybrid.

Yet in the new year, which could be his last full one as CEO, Ford chief Alan Mulally and his troops will be able to rely on a number of momentum builders. They'll have full-volume sales of the newly designed Fusion mid-size sedan and, without any more recalls, should be able to build sales of Escape as well. Sales of the Focus compact continue to build; the Fiesta subcompact, in December, recovered a bit from its recent sales doldrums. And Ford's F-Series pickups continue as the best-selling vehicles in America.

Against that backdrop, and ahead of a "product blitz" at this week's North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Ford's 2013 CES news included enhancing

its Sync Applink in-car connected platform with new mobile partners:

Glympse, an app that tracks a user's trip including whereabouts and even the speed at which they are traveling. Drivers will be able to share their location with friends and family directly from their car using simple voice commands, eliminating the need to touch their mobile phone while driving.

"At Glympse, we're dedicated to creating a more robust connected-car experience, and working with Ford will help us to reach millions of consumers who will be able to just say, 'Send a Glympse' to share their current whereabouts, eliminating the need to send a text or make a phone call," said Bryan Trussel, co-founder and CEO of Glympse.

BeCouply, a location-based app that attempts to help "couples looking to escape another mundane date night driving circles around town." The idea of BeCouply is to help create "an exciting social life" by making it "easy to discover great date ideas, capture special moments, and connect with other couple friends on the go."

"While I'm no expert, it's clear to me



Kaliki can now provide "talent-read" audio versions of newspaper and magazine articles through Sync.

the car can play a critical role in the success of a burgeoning relationship," Julius Marchwicki, global product manager for Ford's Sync Applink, in a statement. "BeCouply is a terrific idea, and it shows how smartphone apps can help add convenience to the driving experience."

Rhapsody, the first full automotive integration for the streaming digital music service.

Aha service by Harman's, which offers more than 30,000 audio stations.

Kaliki's mobile app, which lets drivers listen to "their favorite news content" from "major newspapers and magazines." It'll provide "talent-read audio versions" of articles in an interesting companion to audio books.

Ford's applications push (and developer program) unveiled at CES indicate a strategy for enriching its infotainment experience via new software and connections, presumably partly in a bid to get past all the problems with MyFord Touch, whose difficulties have centered on hardware issues such as video displays.

But Ford isn't the only automaker wooing mobile app developers, naturally; GM is also bringing its customers apps that promote safety or fuel efficiency. In fact, Detroit's two biggest companies seem to be shaping up as long-term rivals



With Glympse, friends and family know where you are in your Ford.

in the battle to find the right apps for car buyers. GM also announced at CES that it is inviting anyone from software geeks to the everyday driver to develop applications that can be used in their vehicles.

Ford said that it's opening up access to a specialized application connection software, called Applink, so it can expand its current crop of 13 programs that connect to its vehicles.

"We think we're opening up an entirely new segment of applications," said Marchwicki, who oversees Ford's application-developer efforts. He said Ford will offer a website with documentation and specialized access codes to help developers get started connecting their apps into its cars.

Ford spent 2012 largely on its fuel-economy and design story, focusing on relatively traditional "hard" platforms as part of its "Go Further" global positioning. For 2013, it seems, Ford wants to tell a "softer" story as it goes even further.

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