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### Oscar winners

The winner of the O&E Media Oscar contest is Anna Sharples of Northville. Sharples will receive an annual movie pass for two for use at any Emagine Theatre.

Second prize of four movie passes went to Jackie Hengtgen of Dearborn.

Sharples and Hengtgen were the only two entries out of more than 150 who answered all but two categories correctly. The first place winner was selected in a random drawing.

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### Kids' Club

The Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs offers a program called Kids' Club, which allows parents the option to have their child participate in a beforeand after-school child care program. Kids' Club is offered as an option from as early as 7 a.m. to the start of school and from school dismissal until as late as 6 p.m. Program request forms are available on the district website beginning March 8. The enrollment period is March 8–21. Contact the ECE office at (248) 344-8465 if you have any questions or concerns. Specific offerings are dependent on enrollment. Space is limited. A curriculum night for ECE is scheduled for Thursday, March 7, at the Northville Senior Community Center.

# Doheny seeking major expansion to Northville headquarters

**By Lonnie Huhman** Staff Writer

Doheny Supplies has made Northville home to its headquarters for a long time, and company officials want that to remain the case for years to come. This longtime and prosper-

ous Northville company, located

at 777 Doheny Drive just east of Main Street, is proposing a new project to renovate its operations through a number of changes, including removing an old building and replacing it with a bigger, and more updated one.

The preliminary plan was presented to the Northville City Planning Commission on Feb. 19 for site plan review. It was approved by the whole commission with some conditions, which Doheny's project planners said should not be an issue to satisfy.

Some of the conditions pertain to Doheny providing easement documents for review and verifying its storm water plan with Wayne County. Owner Jack Doheny has been selling new, used and remanufactured pump trucks, vacuum trucks and sewer cleaning equipment for over 50 years. It purportedly carries the largest selection of sewer cleaning truck equipment, street sweepers, and

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### **Cheetos face**

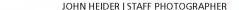


### Michigan lawmakers get earful from area leaders

By Matt Jachman and Lonnie Huhman Staff Writers

The phase-out of Michigan's personal property tax is a work in progress, subject to possible legislative changes and a statewide vote next year, rather than a done deal.

That was the message Monday evening from a trio of state legislators as they listened to concerns from Northville and Plymouth city officials about the revenue loss their budgets face with the end of the PPT. The subject was discussed at a joint meeting of the Northville City Council and



Northville High School student Takau Chiyo (left) helps to decorate the face of fellow junior Jake Cheslik with some shaving cream and cheese puffs during the school's March 1 winter pep assembly. Teams of two from each class had about a minute to see who could attach the most cheese puffs to the face of a teammate slathered in shaving cream. The junior class, unfortunately for Cheslik, didn't win.

## Offering comfort and faith

Local Methodist church members help homeless get back on their feet

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

It may only be a week, but it was an important one for the guests of Northville's First United Methodist Church. Around 50 individuals who are currently homeless sought shelter and food with the local church each day from Feb. 23 to March 2 as part of Metro Detroit's Inter-Faith Rotating Shelter.

This shelter service has been administered by Cass Community Social Services in Detroit since 1991, and First United Methodist Church has been part of it since it began 20 years ago. Each year the church located at Eight Mile and Taft roads has been receiving help from its members and other local churches in trying to make a difference in a lot of people's lives.

The co-coordinators of the week for First United are Deborah Southworth and Kandi MacDonald. In one form or another, Southworth has been with the program basically since the start. It's become

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Katherine Pinnel, 16, helps to cut the food of Tyrone Hamilton on Feb. 22 at Northville's First United Methodist Church as the church hosted a group of homeless people from Detroit's Cass Community Social Services. Halmiton, blind from birth, was not with the group but was at the church to play piano, sing and entertain the gathering. Plymouth City Commission held at Northville City Hall.

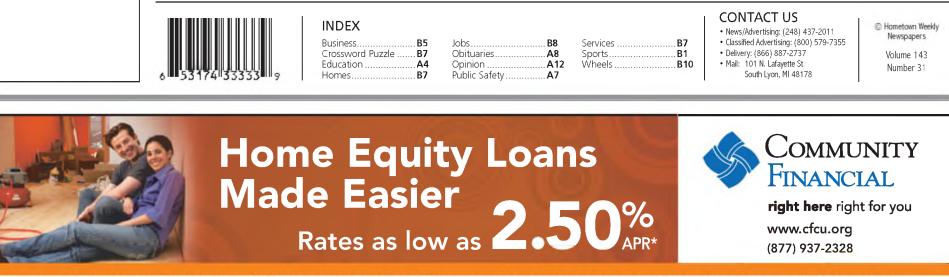
Northville faces an estimated 2014 loss of \$59,113 while Plymouth stands to lose \$38,580 in PPT revenue, officials said. Those figures are net of state replacement money (which does not apply in Northville because of the PPT's small effect on the overall tax base) and money from local assessments, subject to local votes, designed to replace PPT money that goes toward public safety purposes.

"We are really concerned when we see these numbers — you know in our situation 97 percent of the loss is going to be lost to the city under the current setup," Northville Mayor Chris Johnson told state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, and state Sens. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton Township, and Mike Kowall, R-White Lake Township, at the meeting.

Northville has 429 parcels out of 471 being impacted by the change, which is about 91 percent of the businesses. This is a net loss of 97 percent of the revenue the tax generates.

The PPT's elimination over 10 years was passed by a lame-duck session of the Michigan Legislature in December and signed into law Dec. 20 by Gov. Rick Snyder.

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### DOHENY

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vacuum trucks in the world and has 11 other locations out of state.

Doheny is proposing to remove a 5,000 square foot building, and replace it with a 19,500-square-foot building and a paved parking area. The new building will be used for a wash bay and paint booth for vactor trucks. It will also provide a storage area and warehousing for vehicles.

Project Consultant Tom Crabill, of Livonia's Medora Building Company, said the current 5,000-squarefoot building has been there since the beginning and is used for storage, because it really has not other use.

The overall renovation project also includes working with Northville Township because some of Doheny's property resides within its boundaries. The plan has been reviewed by Northville Township's Community Development Director Jennifer Frey and will be going before township planning commissioners in the coming month.

The plan would eventually have the new building constructed, as well as renovations and additions to the other existing building. A spot for future office growth is also included.

The site is adjacent to Lake Success, a lake created by a previous gravel operation. According to city planners, storm water runoff will be directed to the lake through a new underground system that includes a pre-treatment



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the storm water runoff of pollutants

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County standards. Another proposed

Tom Doheny, vice president of Jack **Doheny Supplies**, takes a look at one of the company's 3,000 gallon vactor trucks at its national headquarters in Northville. The company, which specializes in building and equipping vactor trucks used in clearing sewer lines, is planning on expanding its Northville facility off Doheny Drive this summer.

access into the site. This paved area

will be fenced in, and will include a

approval from the city and township

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The company will seek final

sliding gate for security.

this month.

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But the law ends the PPT for smaller businesses in 2014, and most businesses in Northville and Plymouth fall into that category.

No one argued that the PPT, a tax on business equipment and industrial machinery that's collected at the local level, should be kept.

"I think everybody is in agreement that the PPT is a burdensome tax. It thwarts job growth" by creating a disincentive for companies to invest in new equipment, said Heise.

Heise said many details of how the PPT will be phased out, and replacement funds distributed, have yet to be ironed out. For example, he said, lawmakers need to address how the law will affect taxing entities such as downtown development authorities and public library districts. Heise said he hopes details can be pinned down by the fall.

In addition, voters will decide in August of next year on the creation of a statewide authority that would administer the replacement funds. Heise said if the measure fails, most aspects of the PPT phase-out would fall apart.

Local officials expressed concern that the PPT phase-out means more revenue will be taken from their communities after years of other cuts.

Johnson said making communities whole is an important part for locals. He said there isn't much else to cut, especially at the fire and police departments.

"We're really in a situation where we're not able to cut the police and fire anymore," he said.

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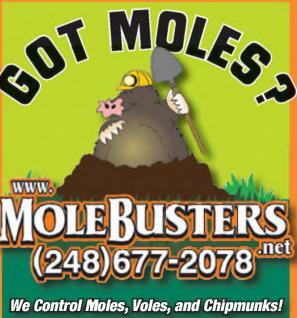
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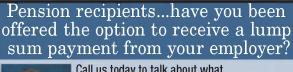
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### CORRECTION

In last week's Record, a photo that appeared with the story "Napier residents concerned about road's safety" on page A13 should have read Oliver Daniel is Joe Daniel's son.





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# **'56 love affair**

Local broker's customized Chevy has traveled a long road to get back to Autorama

#### **By Kurt Kuban** Staff Writer

Robert Massaron has had a long love affair with his 1956 Chevy convertible. When he turned 16 he went out and bought it brand new. He

> tinkered with it for a few years, and then landed a job with a Detroit-

based custom

Massaron

car shop called Alexander Brothers, where he "radically" customized the car, turning it into a real show piece that he named "The Venturion." He displayed it at Autorama in 1965, and the car won the second Ridler Award, as the top car at the show.

From there, Massaron, who is a real estate broker at Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel in Northville, took the car out on the car show circuit, where he collected more awards than he can remember.

"I've got a whole room full of trophies," said Massaron, 69.

But then in 1975, Massaron made a decision that he would regret for the next two decades he sold the car because he needed some extra cash to build a home off of Novi Road near Nine Mile Road, where he still lives today.

"I was really sorry I sold it," he said.

In 1999, he decided to rectify that mistake. He contacted the guy he sold



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi's Bob Massaron, who is a Northville-based real estate broker, will be displaying this 1956 Chevy radical convertible that he's owned and worked on customizing over the years — at this year's Autorama in Detroit. The car features an engine from a Corvette and handle-less doors.

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it to, who had in turn sold it to another guy in Virginia, who it turn sold it to another buyer. Like a detective, Massaron followed the car's trail to Virginia where he found the last owner. Although the guy didn't want to part with the ride, Massaron made an offer he couldn't refuse.

"I paid five times more 24 years later than I sold it for," said Massaron.

But for sentimental reasons, plus the fact that he says it would have cost him much more to buy another 1956 model and customize it in a similar way, he said it was a good purchase.

Today the car, which has been customized in three different phases, has a 350 horse power 1965 Corvette engine. The white interior looks completely different than it did the day he bought it brand new, and contains four bucket seats. The exterior is a painted a luscious candy gold, and includes handle-less doors that open electronically. Massaron has done much of the work himself.

"I redid everything after I bought it back,"



The unique grille of Massaron's 1956 Chevy.

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he said.

The Venturion will be back at Autorama for the fifth time this weekend at Detroit's Cobo Center. The car will have a special place on Ridler's Row, which will include more than half of the past 50 past Ridler win-

ners. For Massaron, this is the show that started it all and he is happy to be back.

"Autorama is the biggest, best car show in the U.S.," said Massaron.

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## EDUCATION

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Sisters Sonali and Simran Reddy, both students at Northville **High School** are in a club called Coins to Change. They recently traveled to Bangalore, India, where they volunteered in an orphanage.



## Seeking a little change

### Coins to Change students reach out to improve global conditions

#### **By Julie Brown** Staff Writer

Sonali Reddy, 16, and her sister, Simran, 15, recently had a less-thantypical holiday break from Northville High School.

The girls traveled with their mom to Bangalore, India, where they volunteered in an orphanage. Sonali Reddy is a junior and her sister a sophomore.

They are the daughters of Veena and Praveen of Northville Township.

"They don't have a lot of educational opportunities over there," Sonali Reddy said of the part of India they visited. She's among students who have worked together to establish the high school club Coins to Change on a local level, so they can help improve living conditions and educational opportunities worldwide.

Students from Schoolcraft College, Novi High School and Northville High are currently raising money for a school in the African country of Uganda. They're focused on the Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project, named for a village in Uganda.

Coins to Change was already at Schoolcraft, Sonali Reddy said, and started at her school early in the 2011-12 school year. Their goal is to raise some \$30,000 through a number of fundraisers, some done together and others separately.

She was inspired after hearing about Coins to Change from a Schoolcraft faculty member, and also read A School for My Village by Jackson Kaguri.

"We were inspired by that," she said. "I think it's a really good way to get involved in more of a global outreach."

The three Reddy family members traveled to India recently, and come from an Indian family background. Sonali's and Simran's grandparents came over from India.

The girls worked over school break at an academic-based orphanage. Lessons were in the students' native language, so the Reddy girls concentrated on teaching singing and dancing, including the Indian classical dance they know.

Sonali is not sure on her college plans just yet, but wants a well-rounded education including communication and global service. She may earn a degree in communications.

The students at Schoolcraft College, and Novi and Northville high schools are working to expand Coins to Change to other nearby schools.

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### NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Baseball camps

The 6th Annual Northville Mustang Spring Training Baseball Camps will take place Saturday, March 16 (hitting camp) from 9 a.m.-noon and Sunday, March 17 (pitching/defense) from 9 a.m.-noon.

The camps are open to boys and girls 7-14 years of age.

Register by March 13. The cost is \$45 per session. After March 13 (and at the door) cost goes up to \$50 per session. Cost includes a camp T-shirt.

The camps take place in the Northville High School gym. For more information, visit www.northvillemustangbaseball.com.

### **Curriculum Night**

The Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Education and Extended Day programs will host Curriculum Night from 6:30-8 p.m., March 7 at the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main Street, Northville.

The event is designed for families new to the programs, and will provide parents with information on the Early Childhood and Extended Day programs, curriculum and enrollment procedures.

Call the Early Childhood office to register at (248) 344-8465. For more information, visit www.northville.k12.mi.us/ earlychildhood.

### Kindergarten signup

Northville Public Schools is now accepting kindergarten enrollment for fall 2013. If you have a child who will be 5 on or before Nov. 1, 2013, contact your local elementary school for enrollment information. If you are not sure what school your child will be attending, contact the district's Office of Instruction at (248) 344-8442 or visit www.northville.k12.mi.us.

The district will attempt to again offer a half-day kindergarten program. During the registration process, parents interested in the halfday program will be asked to complete the commitment form located on the district website at www.northville.k12.mi.us/node/584. Decisions about specific buildings and if there is enough interest for a half-day program will be finalized and communicated to parents in late May or early June.

A parent meeting for incoming 2013-14 kindergartners will take place at each school; following are the dates for each Kindergarten Parent Orientation and Round Up:

• Amerman, May 7 (parent orientation); May 10 (Round Up)

- Moraine, May 14; May 17
- Silver Springs, April 24; May 2
- Thornton Creek, May 6; May 9
- Ridge Wood, May 15; May 16

### **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:

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

• Monday, May 20, from 6-7:30 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 Superintendent 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.

### Crafters sought

The Novi Athletic Boosters Holiday Kickoff Art & Craft Show will be held at Novi High School on Saturday, Oct. 19. This is a juried Show. More than 250 booths are available. Booths are \$60. There will be ample space for all exhibitors. For more information, visit www.noviathleticboosters.com/ craft-show. The application deadline is March 1.

'Girls on the Run' coach needed Moraine Elementary is in need of a Girls on the Run coach. Girls on the Run is a program that encourages girls in grades 3-5 to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles through running. The program combines training for a 5K event with self-esteem enhancing, uplifting workouts and curriculum-based lessons on themes such as resisting peer pressure, making healthy decisions and contributing to the community. Moraine has been fortunate to have this program in place for the past two years, but cannot continue to offer it without help from some volunteer coaches. Being a coach is a fun and rewarding experience, please consider helping to bring this program back to Moraine this spring.

To find out more what it takes to be a Girls on the Run Coach, please contact Rebecca Mubaraz at rmubaraz@ymcadetroit.org or (734) 453-2904, or Nichole Gallagher at nicholescott@dickscott. com or (313) 720-2110.

• Winchester, May 6; May 9 Enrollment forms can also be picked up directly at each building. All parents are asked to register their child in early registration By April 30.



TRACY BINS

### 'Breakfast with Belle'

"Northville High School senior Hunter Wright and junior Laney Sullivan pose after a costume fitting for the upcoming NHS Drama Club's spring musical — "Disney's Beauty and the Beast", which runs April 18-20. The Drama Club is also hosting a 'Breakfast with Belle' fundraiser on Saturday, March 16 at the high school, at which people can meet the case, including Wright, who plays the Beast, and Sulivan, who plays Belle. Tickets for 'Breakfast with Belle' are \$12.50 each, and seatings are at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. For more information, please visit www.nhstheatre.com.

### **ON CAMPUS**

### **Davenport President's List**

Davenport University has announced that several local students have been named to the President's List for the fall 2012 semester. The President's List recognizes Davenport University's top students who excel with outstanding academic performance. To achieve the President's List, a student must maintain a minimum 3.8 grade point average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular coursework.

The local students are:

- Tanisha Eason from Northville
- Kathryn Kernohan from Northville
- Meghan Polera from Northville

### **Marquette Dean's List**

The following local students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2012 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis .:

• Bridget Winn of Northville, who is pursuing a bachelor of science in accounting.

• Victoria Posa of Northville, who is pursuing a bachelor of arts in political science.

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## District moves forward on athletic field improvements

#### By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Phase II construction will begin at Northville's Tom Holzer Ford Field this spring now that the Northville School's Board of Education approved a \$1,050,573 bid to see through the final details of the improvement project.

This phase, which is expected to be completed by the start of the next academic school year, will include updated concessions, facilities, restrooms, and locker rooms, as well as entryways, fencing and walkways. The project's construction manager Jeff Auch, of Auch Construction, put forward to the school district a recommendation for the subcontractors to be used for the work.

Funding generated from the sinking fund will go toward the project. A total of \$1,044,414 had been earmarked for the phase, said Assistant Superintendent of Finance/Operation Mike Zopf, so the remainder of the costs (\$6,159) is expected to be made up by the fundraising efforts



Northville High School Athletic Director Bryan Masi (left) and Turf Club committee members Al and Donna MacDonald attended the Night for Northville event on Feb. 23 along with 300 other people to help raise funds for Phase II of the Tom Holzer Ford Athletic Field.

of the Turf Club and their recent Night for Northville event.

School Board President Ken Roth said the board is pleased with the Phase II bidding outcome and expects to see this phase complete the work started there last year with the installation of the new turf field.

"It represents a great improvement over our current facilities," Roth said. "It also continues the collaboration between the district and Turf Club. This process allows us to leverage funding to a degree which permits far superior outcomes than the district would be able to obtain using only sinking fund dollars."

The Night for Northville event drew at least 300 people at \$100 per ticket. Roth said the fundraising efforts will cover the shortfall.

In other school board decisions, the district approved a bus purchase request for six new buses at a total cost of \$525,300. Funding will be used from the Technology Bond Proposal, which was approved by voters in November and also included approximately \$2 million for the purchase of replacement buses for the district's aging fleet, according to Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher. There will be four new 77-passenger school buses to be delivered in April, and the purchase of two special needs buses to be delivered in September.

Additionally, as part of the Technology Bond projects, a bid for new district phone systems was also approved by the board in the amount of \$489,439.

Gallagher said the district has had a successful sale of its Series 1 2013 School Technology Bonds in the amount of \$16.27 million. The bonds will be used to purchase and install instructional technology improvements, communications and building security systems and related equipment, infrastructure and remodeling, as well as to pay the cost of issuing the bonds.

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The district's bonds were sold as a private placement to the low bidder PNC Bank at a true interest of rate of 1.76 percent with a final maturity of 2020 with a repayment term of eight years.

"We are very pleased with the bid received and the resulting low overall cost of borrowing the district will experience over the length of this financing," Gallagher said. "The positive financial rating of the district's bond issue contributed to the opportunity to sell the bonds at a favorable rate, maximizing bond dollars targeted directly toward the much needed technology improvements the Northville community supported in the November 2012 Bond Election."

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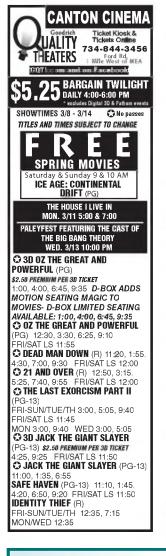
The Northville Garden Club will hold its next meeting at 12:30 p.m., Monday, March 11 at the Cady Inn at Mill Race. There will be a members social beginning at noon.

The guest speaker will be Brenda Dziedzic, who will discuss "Butterflies in the Garden" beginning at 1 p.m. Guests are always welcome.

For more information contact Mimi Kibbey at (248) 348-2299.

### Maybury demonstrations

Maybury Farm will host its Family Maple Syrup Tours on Saturday and Sundays throughout March.



Tours begin at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. at the farm, located at 50165 Eight Mile Road.

The tours will allow guest to experience how maple syrup is made first hand. The adventure begins with a hay ride to the Sugarbush at Maybury Farm. Families will have the opportunity to tap the trees, watch as the sap fills the buckets, bring sap back to evaporator and learn all of the steps in making maple syrup. This year the tours will have maple syrup and other maple syrup products for purchase at the general store located in the Welcome Center. Dress warmly and boots are a must.

Admission, which includes hay ride, demonstration and farm visit, is \$6 per person (age 2 and under are free).

For more information, contact the Northville **Community Foundation** at (248) 374-0200 or visit www.northvillecommunityfoundation.com/

farm-maplesyrup.html.

### Spring Fling Craft Show

The Spring Fling Craft Show, hosted by Handcrafter's Unlimited, will take place from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. on March 22 and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on March 23 at the Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main Street.

selected, juried artists and fine crafts people from the Midwest showcasing their one-of-a-kind pieces of work - everything from glass design, gourmet foods, jewelry, original fashions, home decor, authors and much more.

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Paint the Masters students Nancy Vaughn (left) and Lecia Jacobs work on an acrylic piece during their Feb. 26 class at the Northville Art House.



Paint the Masters instructor Julie Woodard gives some pointers to student Particia Belt, right, during a Feb. 26 class at the Northville Art House. Woodard is guiding the class through this winter — as they paint in styles of well-known artists like Renoir, Van Gogh and Monet. More information is available at www.ci.northville. mi.us/Community/ ArtsCommission/Art-Classes

### Crawford coffee hours

State Rep. Hugh Crawford will sponsor in-district office hours, Coffee with Crawford, from 5-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 7 at the Tuscan Cafe, at 101 S. LaFayette, South Lyon. No appointment is necessary.

"One of the most important parts of the legislative process for me is meeting with residents of the 38th District," said Crawford, R-Novi. "These coffee

hours help to keep me informed of resident's thoughts and concerns, beyond the letters and phone calls, and I encourage anyone who wishes to discuss state government to come and meet with me." Residents who are not able to attend the cof-

fee hours are welcome to contact Rep. Crawford at his Lansing office by calling (517) 373-087 or by e-mail at HughCrawford@house. mi.gov.

### NHS alumni cruise

A group of Northville High School alums are organizing an eight-night "exotic Caribbean cruise" open to all NHS alumni from April 5-13. All alumni, along with friends and family, are welcome. The ship, Carnival Freedom, will depart from the Port of Ft. Lauderdale and head to a number of Caribbean stops, including San Juan, Puerto Rico and St. Maarten.

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# Township to host regional SWAT, bomb squad training at former hospital property

#### By Kurt Kuban Staff Writer

If you see a bunch of police activity at the old psychiatric hospital property on Seven Mile Road on Tuesday, don't be alarmed.

The site will play host to a major, multi-jurisdictional training exercise that will involve public safety teams from communities all over southeast Michigan. The purpose of the exercise, which is being hosted by Northville Township, is to prepare for a response to a major terrorist event involving multiple shooters, improvised explosive devices (IEDs) or bombs, and hazardous materials situations involving chemical weapons.

The participating teams include the Northville Township police and fire departments, Detroit Bomb Squad, Dearborn Bomb Squad, Metro Airport Bomb Squad, Macomb County SWAT, Oakland County SWAT, Western Wayne SWAT, Macomb County Hazmat, Oakland County Hazmat, Wayne County Hazmat, Washtenaw County Hazmat, and St .Clair County Hazmat. The 13 specialty teams will represent 50 local agencies, deploying more than 300 people.

According to Northville Public Safety Director John Werth, the old hospital site provides for very realistic exercise, including full scale scenarios. The exercise is partially funded through Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Homeland Security Grants, and will give a very accurate assessment of the capabilities that have been supported by grant funding for the past several years.

"Northville Township supports this training exercise both as a means to test

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response capabilities and promote regional cooperation. The site provides a good test for the capabilities of many of the regions special response units," Werth said. "The Police and Fire Departments of Northville Township are happy to contribute to the development of the capabilities of teams that we hope are never needed."

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Marc Breckenridge, chairman of the Southeast Michigan Urban Area Security Initiative said it is important to plan for a major crisis. "As a key region of our nation's homeland securi-

ty infrastructure, we have made a very strong commitment towards both planning for major crisis situations and conducting exercises that evaluate our response capabilities and overall preparedness. As we continue to train personnel, develop better response systems and add specialized equipment, exercises like this are essential to make sure that everything we do advances our ability to deploy highly effective specialized response teams anywhere they're needed in Southeast Michigan," Breckenridge said.

### **Trespass Warning**

A Northville man was warned not to go back to Brick's restaurant and bar for a year.

On March 3, Northville City Police were dispatched to Brick's, which is located inside Northville Square on Main Street, on the report of an intoxicated man refusing to leave. Upon arrival the police were unable to locate the 35-year-old man, but were later called again to the location because the man was back at Brick's. The police eventually found the man inside the Sports Den, which is downstairs from Brick's.

The owner of Brick's said the man has been a problem for them. Police asked the owner if he wanted to sign a trespass notice, which he did. If the man enters the location during the next year he could be arrested.

### Animal cruelty

A man was cited for animal cruelty after reportedly leaving his dog inside his vehicle for at least three hours. On March 1, Northville City Police responded to a parking lot at Northville Downs on the report of a dog inside a vehicle for at least an hour. Police found the dog shaking and shivering inside a vehicle that had one window rolled down around an inch. The owner was later found inside the Downs.

The 69-year-old Garden City man said to police, "what's the difference if I left it inside my car or chained up to a fence?"

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### Northville arts community loses one of its biggest supporters

#### By Kurt Kuban Staff Writer

According to those who knew him dearest, there was probably only one thing that Gerry S. Culpepper loved more than art - and that was people.

The longtime arts supporter, who was acting treasurer of the Northville Art House, passed away Feb. 28 while at Providence Park Hospital in Novi. He was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor on Feb. 12. He had been going to a clinic to do some rehab after receiving chemotherapy and radiation treatments. That's when he developed a blood clot, which caused a seizure and killed him suddenly.



Mr. Culpepper

Culpepper, 71, wasn't married and had no children, but he bonded with people, according to his sister, Sharon Roberts.

"He loved people. When he made a friend, he made a great friend," Roberts said.

She points to Culpepper's decision about 15 years ago to move to

Northville so he could take care of his mother, Helen Culpepper, after his father died leaving her a widow. Up to the day he died, he continued to care for her.

"He was a wonderful, wonderful fella and a great son," said Helen Culpepper, 97.

Although he tinkered around with painting from time to time, Roberts said her brother really wasn't an artist. He just loved the arts, music and good food. His professional life gave him the opportunity to travel the world, and his travels helped cultivate that love. While working as an auditor and controller for Ford Motor Co., he spent several years living in Brazil, which real-

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ly changed his life. He traveled all over South and Central America, and began collecting colonial South American art. Today it is a remarkable collection, according to his mother. The family is considering giving it to a museum.

Before moving to Northville, Culpepper even lived in Sante Fe, N.M., where he owned an art gallery for a couple years. He also organized the DuMouchelles appraisal clinic in Northville.

During the 15 years he was in Northville, Culpepper found the time to make his mark on the local arts scene. He was a commissioner and treasurer at the Art House for the last six years or so. According to Susan Taylor, chairperson of the Art House, both his love of art and his auditing skills came in handy for the group.

"He was just a quiet, reasonable voice of passion and reason. He had a very astute sense of our finances, which was really beneficial to us as we have been trying to get the Art House off the ground," Taylor said. "He was a wonderful man. He's going to be missed so, so much. It is such a loss for the local arts community."

Culpepper grew up in Dearborn, graduating from Edsel Ford High School and later the University of Michigan. He retired in 2007 from Flint Group Inc. He is survived by mother Helen M. Culpepper; his sister Sharon (James) Roberts; his nephews, Mark (Nancy) Roberts, Todd Roberts, and Jim (Becky) Roberts; his dear friends Galina Koriduzki, Peter Erickson, and John Cameron; and four great nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Northville Art House, attn: Sue Taylor, 215 W. Cady Street, Northville, MI 48167. An online guest book may be signed at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

There are plans for a memorial sometime in early April at the Art House, though plans are still being solidified.

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#### BEEHR. KAREN M.

Age 60, passed away February 27, 2013. She was born on January 24, 1953, in Ann Arbor, daughter of the late Kenneth and Dolores Faris. She is survived by her loving children: Dana (Steven Pheley) Beehr, Matthew Beehr and Alison Beehr. She is also survived by her brothers: Kenneth Faris and Jordan Faris; 3 nephews and 2 nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Jeffrey Faris in 1976. Visitation was held on Monday, March 4, from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A Liturgy of the Word funeral was celebrated on Tuesday, March 5, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South

#### MIDDLETON. MATTHEW DAVID

Age 23, of South Lyon, Michigan, passed away suddenly Feb-ruary 25th, 2013. He was born December 28, 1989, the beloved son of David and Susan Middleton. He is survived by his parents, loving sister Rebecca (Brian) Ledford and brother Jason Middleton. He was a devoted uncle to nephew Morgan and nieces: Madelyn, Abigail and Elizabeth. Matt is also survived by grandparents: Theresa Rawlings, Henry & Marlene Butterworth, Bill & Bev Middleton; aunts & uncles: Doug & Debbie Turner, Fred & Kathy Rawlings and Denise Sullivan; cousins: Douglas Turner, Dawn (Eric) Mockaitis and Brendan & Kelli Sullivan; and countless other family & friends. He was pre-ceded in death by his favorite puppy dog, Harley. Matt loved the world that God created. He was drawn to the outdoors whether it be the big Montana sky, or a simple fishing boat on a lake. He was a simple guy, never needing the things of the world. He could always make you laugh. His smile was infectious. His love for and loyalty toward others is what he will always be remembered for. Matt claimed Jesus Christ as his Savior and is now at peace in heaven with Visitation was held on Him. March 1st. Funeral was on March 2nd at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon, MI **Online** guestbook

### WENDELL, LAWRENCE "HAP"

85, of Beaverton, Michigan, passed away in Midland, Michigan on Saturday, March 2, 2013. He

was born in Flint, Michigan on December 25, 1927, the son of Harry & Adelaide (Crouter) Wendell. He married Lillian Bernice Volz on June 24, 1950 in Milford, Michigan. She predeceased him in 1988. He then married Ruby Anglemyre in the fall of 1989, whom also predeceased him in 2010. He was a Veteran of the United States Air Force, and was employed with Central Transport in Detroit as a truck driver until his retirement in 1985. He had lived in Gladwin County since 2010, previously residing in Higgins Lake, and he enjoyed traveling,

jigsaw puzzles and John Deere

tractors. He is survived by his

daughter: Patricia Wendell of

Gladwin; 3 sons: Gregory Wen-

dell of Fowlerville; David (De-

bra) Wendell of Fenton; Law-

rence (Marianne) Wendell of

Dover, Ohio; 8 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; 2 great great

grandchild; 2 brothers: Lester

Wendell of New Castle, Indiana;

Louis (Dorothy) Wendell of Mayville, New York; several nieces & nephews; special

friend: Madge Longstreth. He is

preceded in death by his parents;

1st wife: Lillian; 2nd wife: Ruby

Schuler; great grandson: Brady Wendell White. Honoring his

wishes, cremation will take place

and a Memorial Service will be

conducted by Rev. David Amstutz on Friday, March 8, 2013, 11:00 A.M. at the First

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Gladwin, Michigan. The family

will receive friends on Friday, March 8, 2013 from 9:30 A.M.

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Graveside Service will be held at

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**BELL, FRANCES K.** Age 69, passed Feb. 26, 2013. Visitation March 1, Phillips Funeral Home. Funeral March 2, St. Joseph Catholic Church

> CLARK, CANDUS M.

Longtime resident of Milford, passed away on March 1, 2013. She was 68 years old. She is survived by her son, Craig (Jane) Houck; daughter, Natalie (William) Campbell; grandchildren, Jayson, Justin, Craig II, Ethan, Mikayla, Lane; great-grandchildren, Sierra, Anthony; mother, Mary L. Clark and many extended family and friends. Services will be held privately.

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CULPEPPER, GERRY S. Age 71, of Northville, passed away suddenly 2/28/2013. Share online condolences at: www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

#### HAGGE ROSEMARÝ K.

Age 88, of Northville passed away 2/24/2013. Full obituary at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

#### HUNT. **PAULINE JOHNSTON** Dec. 1924 ~ Feb. 26, 2013

Polly Hunt was born Pauline Johnston Pelletier, the youngest of five children born to Ernest LeRoy and Myrtle Pelletier of Ferndale, Michigan. She married her high school sweetheart, John Willis Hunt (Jack), and their loving marriage endured for 66 years. Together they raised three children, Ralph, Patty, and David Her husband, Jack, her older sister, Peg, and her children, Ralph, Patty, and David survive her. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in her name to Compassionate Care Hospice, Canton, MI.

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Passed away on 2/24/13 at the age of 86. He is survived by his wife of 66

Mary Ellen years, Ramseyer, his two daughters, Cynthia (Francis) Pucci and Deborah (Steven) Barnes, five grandchildren and nine greatgrandchildren. He was a Novi/ Northville resident for almost 40 years. He was also a WWII vet and a Builder in the area. The memorial service will be at 2pm on Sunday, March 10, 2013 at Mt. Hope Congregational Church followed by a coffee hour. Donations to the church in lieu of flowers are requested.

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#### **OCHALEK** DALE ANN

Age 57, passed Feb. 25, 2013. Visitation March 3rd, Phillips Funeral Home. Funeral March 4 at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

#### **OLIVER, DAVID M.**

Age 89, passed away Feb. 22, 2013. Visitation Feb. 25 and 26, Funeral Feb. 27, Phillips Funeral Home. www.phillipsfuneral.com



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### **Beating the winter blues**

It may look like chaos, but it's really just a relay race during Northville High's winter pep assembly on March 1. Students had to form a bridge on the floor and then slowly crawl over their teammates across the gym floor. A certain amount of fun cheating took place as Mustangs leapt to their feet and dragged their teammates along the floor to hurry the process along.



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### Closing in on his dream



Northville High alum Justin Ulrich (right) got a close up look at the Oscars festivities a week ago when he was a guest at the famous Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood — the day before the Oscars to attend a talk given by all of the nominated best film editors. Ulrich is a film graduate from Ball State University, and moved to Hollywood in the fall to pursue his dream of making it as a film editor. According to his mother, Sue Ulrich, he currently works for a production company that produces several reality shows. Here he is pictured with Dylan Tichenor, the editor of the Oscar-nominated movie Zero Dark Thirty.

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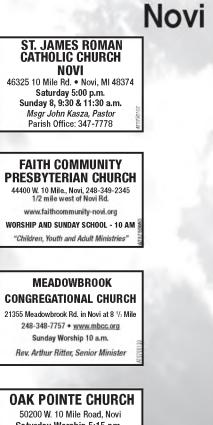
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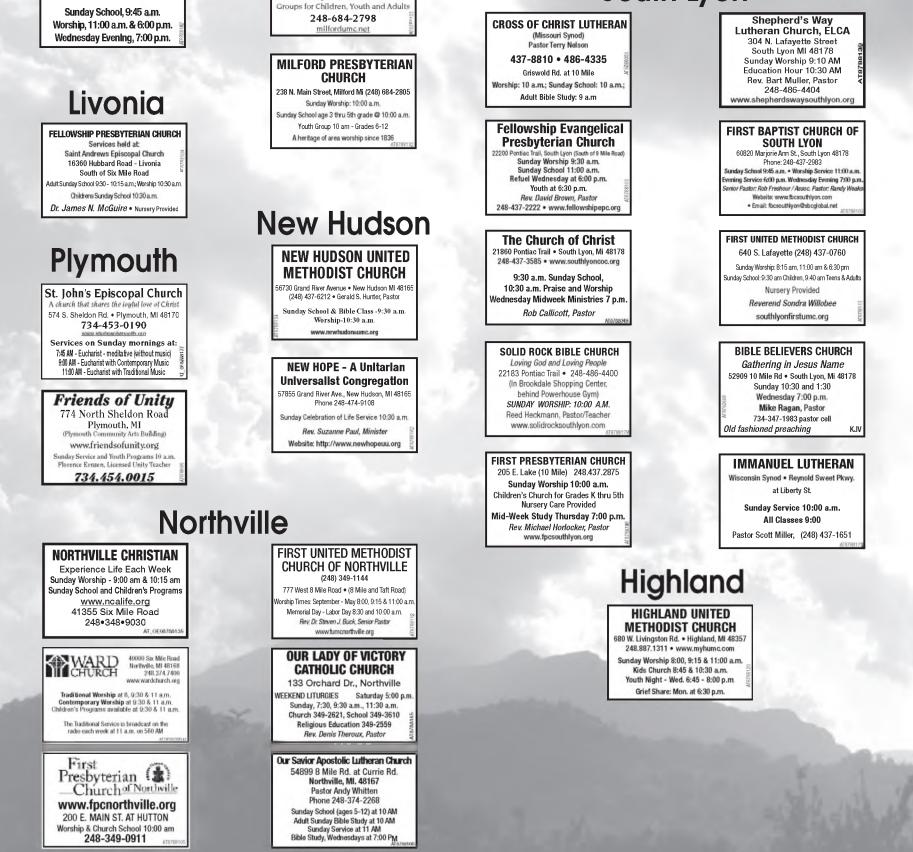
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# OPINION

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

### **OUR VIEWS**

### Hopefully visit by state lawmakers will mean better representation

It is no secret that the cities of Northville and Plymouth have many similarities, way beyond the fact that they are so close geographically. They both have charming and popular downtowns, share a fire department, and are destination communities for their public schools, parks and public safety. They face many of the same challenges, especially when it comes to dealing with Lansing and our state government. So it made a lot of sense for the two communities to come together and host a public forum this week, which was attended by several state lawmakers — state Rep. Kurt Heise, and state Sens. Patrick Colbeck and Mike Kowall.

The three, who attended a joint meeting of the Northville City Council and Plymouth City Commission on Monday, offered some straight talk to the local public officials on issues impacting both communities.

They discussed the elimination and/or reduction of the personal property tax and state shared revenue, which have had a major impact on local budgets. Take Northville for example. Compared to 2008, the city has lost \$291,663 in revenue sharing, and another \$59,177 for the personal property tax. And when you include the fact that property tax revenues are down \$635,401, you start to see the impact, especially considering Northville's 2013 general fund budget is only \$6,240,738. Unfortunately the lawmakers said the elimination of these important funding sources are not going to be reversed any time soon — if ever.

Another topic broached was the fact that the state Liquor Control Commission (LCC) has been issuing more liquor licenses without getting input from local communities, which in years past had more control over how many and which new alcohol-serving businesses can come to town.

Heise and Colbeck said the LCC has taken a more "free market" approach under Gov. Rick Snyder's administration. However, Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer and Northville Mayor Chris Johnson pointed out that both communities already have plenty of bars, and should have some kind of say on the matter, especially when you take into account state funding cuts have meant fewer police officers on the street.

Another issue discussed concerned the ability of downtown development authorities in both Northville and Plymouth to be able to capture revenue from various millages - a subject that came up recently when the Detroit Institute of Arts complained that the DDAs were taking some of their funding approved by voters last year. The matter is now in court. However, as Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan pointed out, the DIA and Detroit Zoo are no different than any other taxing authorities. The DDAs in Northville and Plymouth have been instrumental in the turnarounds of both downtowns, so the issue is critical for local officials. Heise said the matter will be determined by the courts, and said he recognized how important DDAs have been. The other major issue discussed was transportation funding. Colbeck, who serves on the Transportation Committee, explained Gov. Snyder's proposal to maintain the state's roads by raising vehicle registration fees by 60 percent, and add .14 cents per gallon to gas (.18 cents per gallon of diesel fuel), and raise the sales tax by .1 cent. A bill is in the works to put the proposal on the May ballot, but if Monday's meeting was any indication, the proposal is going nowhere as Heise, Kowall and especially Colbeck didn't offer any support for the idea. In fact, Colbeck offered many different ideas, including selling naming rights and concession rights at state-owned assets (like rest areas), and appropriating more of the general fund budget to roads. The main point local officials got across to them is that they don't want local funding reduced further, and they would like to have more flexibility in how the transportation funds can be spent. In the end, Heise, Colbeck and Kowall didn't exactly offer up what the local officials wanted to hear on these important issues. However, it was refreshing to see they were willing to come and be grilled by the locals. It was a good exchange, and hopefully will lead to better representation in Lansing for both Plymouth and Northville.

### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

## Michigan has .08 blood-alcohol content (BAC) drunk driving law. Should that be raised to .10?

We asked this question at various locations around downtown Northville



"It's OK the way it is." Ken Thelen Northville



"Absolutely, I think raising it might make people try to stay below that .10 BAC." Fady Fareed Novi



"I'm not for that, it's crazy. Keep it the way it is, it may save some lives." Harley Payran

Novi



"Raise it up because .08 may be too low. I suspect a lot of people are capable of driving just fine at .08." Gary Mays Northville

### LETTERS

### **Complete walkway**

It is time. It is time for the Northville City Council to publicly explain why the walkway on Main Street is not complete. To spend in excess of \$863,160 (contract plus change orders: \$792,225; architectural services: \$49,950; construction inspection services: \$21,000) on this was a travesty to begin with. Let alone that it is approaching one full year for this to be completed.

We have been told that there were issues during the demolition process, but that was last May. Inspections were made, change orders approved, and here we are in March, 10 months later, and it is still not complete, and it appears as though no one is even working on the site. This is an eyesore and a hazard. To wait this long, at this cost, is absolutely appalling. The City Council should be ashamed.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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The rich, mighty and greedy U-M Board of Regents are scamming our returning veterans who are attending the university. With millions in its endowment funds, the university is not satisfied. It wants more at the expense of our veterans. The Board of Regents is charging returning veterans tuition that is charged to "out of state" residents.

Here's an example: one veteran, a Michigan resident, deployed to the Navy for four years and returned home. The board considered him a nonresident, after he left the state. He was charged an extra \$10,000. His penalty. He paid the assessment with great difficulty and then registered a complaint. A response is pending. This veteran is not alone. There are hundreds in the same predicament.

The board views anyone leaving for military service as leaving and giving up Michigan residence. Michigan is no longer his native state.

It is an ungrateful bunch that administers this university. I wonder if any of them have a military history and served our country.

Yes, we voted them in. Is this their show of appreciation by penalizing our vets?

Other schools of learning are able to maintain quality education at the cost of the G.I. Bill, what is wrong with U-M? Are you angry yet? Mary E. Braddock Northville



Kurt Kuban, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor **Grace Perry,** Director of Advertising

### Angry with U-M regents

If you aren't angry and disillusioned after reading this letter, you should be.

James M. Koster

Northville

### **OUR VIEWS**

# In March, celebrate women who dared to dream for Women's History Month

Women's History Month sheds light on the many contributions women have made to life in the U.S.

Abolitionist and suffragist Sojourner Truth delivered her "Ain't I a Woman?" speech December 1851 at a Women's Convention in Akron, Ohio.

"That man over there says that women need to be helped into carriages, and lifted over ditches, and to have the best place everywhere. Nobody ever helps me into carriages, or over mud puddles, or gives me any best place! And ain't I a woman? Look at me! Look at my arm! I have ploughed and planted, and gathered into barns, and no man could head me! And ain't I a woman? I could work as much and eat as much as a man - when I could get it - and bear thelash as well! And ain't I a woman? I have borne 13 children, and seen most all sold off to slavery, and when I cried out with my mother's grief, none



Sojourner Truth — taken from the cartes-de-visite which she sold to earn her living, saying, "I sell the shadow to support the substance."

but Jesus heard me! And ain't I a woman?" Truth asked her audience.

Truth has ties to Michigan, having lived the final 27 years of her life here. She died at age 86 in 1883 and is buried in a Battle Creek cemetery. The National Congress of Black Women was instrumental in having a bust of Truth placed in the U.S. Capitol's Emancipation Hall in April 2009. At the dedication, first lady

Michelle Obama honored Truth in her role as the first black first lady.

During World War II, many Michigan women went to work in defense plants as "Rosie the Riveter." Women also served with distinction in the military, and just recently the combat ban for most military women has been lifted.

Obstacles remain, but it's hard to imagine a time when girls thought their options after graduation were limited to teaching, nursing or being a secretary. Such work remains valuable, but women have broken through many barriers, entering law, medical and engineering schools in record numbers.

Some children and teens, in fact, don't recall a time when the U.S. Secretary of State wasn't female, up until just recently.

Barriers have fallen, but some remain. There's a notable pay gap between men and women, even adjusting for family responsibilities. Many women are breadwinners, and our nation as a whole suffers when women face pay discrimination.

New career opportunities are emerging for young people of both genders, especially in STEM — Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. We need to guarantee our young people have these skills and take courses that will prepare them for the future, which will have technology likely barely dreamed of today.

Celebrating Women's History Month allows the community to collectively shed light on the impact women have had on our society, culture and economy. The stories of women who have had an incredible impact can provide excellent role models for today's teens and children.

Stop by the Northville District Library and read about women in history and encourage children and teens to do the same. Explore women's history — it's an interesting journey.



Northville Kiwanis members Cheryl Playes (left) and Barb Mauller help to make a salad at the Feb. 24 dinner for the homeless hosted at by the Northville First United Methodist Church.

### COMFORT

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an annual commitment for her and the church, but it's one, like the many other mission works, they look forward to doing.

Last Tuesday evening was evidence of this. Even with a snow and sleet storm making things difficult on everyone, dinner and shelter were still provided at First United.

"We are so fortunate to have a wonderful congregation and beautiful facility that is sort of made for this," Southworth said. "We have every advantage and we are in a perfect position to help, and if we can keep 50-plus people from being out in the cold for a week, and make them feel safe and warm and welcome then ... it's what our faith leads us to do."

From October to May, Southworth said churches of all sizes and denominations throughout the metro area select a week to host this shelter for the homeless. After being screened by CCSS and agreeing to abide by the program's rules, the guests are bused to Northville late in the afternoon for dinner at 6

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Kids of the First United Methodist Church made uplifting welcoming signs for their guests.

p.m., with evening activities to follow and then a warm bed to sleep in.

More than 100 volunteers help during the week with things like dinner, breakfast, activities and night monitoring. The church puts forward a small amount of money to make the program work, but the many donations make it possible. From clothing and food to haircuts, church and community members come through, according to Southworth.

Northville's Civic Concern and other churches from Northville, Livonia and Plymouth have helped First United during the week. Novi's Church of the Holy Family also hosts its own week.

Southworth said the guests come from a variety of backgrounds and situations. Some of the previous guests have included police officers and senior citizens. This year she said a 19-year-old man has been at the shelter.

"These are people who are homeless, they are not homeless people. We don't define them by their current situation," she said. "They are just people and they have fallen on some hard times. We want to help them out, so they can get back on their feet."

As part of the overall program CCSS provides counselors to the guests to help find more permanent housing and assist with health care, job training and social service benefits to help them become selfsufficient.

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Michael Finney (left, **Bengamin Bowers** (center) and others line up for dinner on Feb. 24 at Northville's First United Methodist Church. The dinner, sponsored and hosted by the church, and volunteers from Northville Kiwanis and Civic Concern. was for a group of homeless people from Detroit's Cass **Community Social** Services. The group lived at the church through Feb. 28 and have been guests of Novi's Holy Family Church earlier in the month. The church's offer the group beds for the night, meals, eye care, a clothes closet, and various social services to help them get back on their feet.

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### LOCAL NEWS

### All the pretty horses



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A pair of percherons enjoy a snack of some sweet grass on Feb. 28 at Novi's Tollgate Farm. Percherons are usually used as plow horses on farms and originate from France. The MSU educational facility is open for visitors everyday and hosts a few gatherings through the year like its spring garden tours and fall festival.



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Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$5 per person, \$15 per family;

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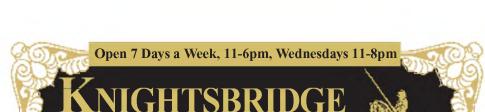
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## Canton girls stop Mustangs in district final

#### By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Points were at a premium Friday night, but there was no shortage of floor burns and drenched uniforms following the Class A girls basketball district final between host Canton and Northville.

When all was said and done, both teams sank just eight field goals in the matchup. But the Chiefs toughed it out to prevail 29-23 and turn the tables on the Mustangs, who defeated Canton in the 2012 district final.

"It (district trophy) means so much," said Canton junior forward Paige Aresco, who led the Chiefs with 13 points along with nine rebounds. "We wanted this game really badly. They got us last year in the district finals, so we really wanted it this year."

Even more impressive was that the Chiefs (16-6) fought through to victory despite losing one of the team's top rebounders, junior forward Shannon Perry, in the final minute of the first quarter.

Perry had just muscled her way through the paint for a layup and was fouled on the play. But she fell in a heap, injuring her left knee. Her status is uncertain for the Novi-hosted regionals Tuesday against Dexter (the Ann Arbor Huron district winner).

Northville head coach Todd Gudith, whose team finished the season with an impressive 16-6 record, credited the Chiefs for making it tough sledding offensively.

"They are a good man team, they're really disciplined, that's their strength," Gudith said. "And they really help out, too, so you never really get a wide-open look. Just when you think you got a clean look, they got somebody there to help and recover."

The Mustangs also were pretty tough on 'D,' with physical play in the post by junior Heather Randall, among others.

"Our defense was good, too. We scored the same number of baskets as they did," Gudith said.

### Extra effort

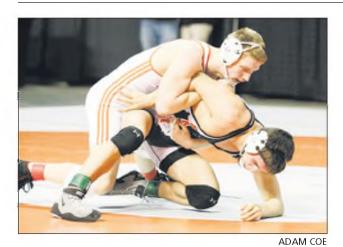
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Mustang Gabby Mencotti, right, tries to dribble around Novi's Kerri McMahan and another teammate.



Northville's Alex Coe — the team's lone representative at the

### **Northville's Coe bows in state finals** Senior wrestler made the best of his final campaign

#### By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

When Northville senior wrestling captain Alex Coe began this season, he had one goal in mind — make the best of his final year on the mat and leave knowing he did his best.

Coe can rest easy following a

Coe earned the right to compete as an individual in the state finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills last weekend. While the results may not have favored him, he bowed out as one of the top 16 wrestlers in his weight class.

"Even in the two losses, Alex gave a good showing," said team sented our team and program well."

Alex Coe took two losses in the finals. He bowed to defending 152-pound state champion Aaron Calderon of Brighton, 12-1, before taking on Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central's Senad Tukelija and falling, 9-4.

Coe finished his season with a

state finals last week — wrestles Brighton's defending state champion Aaron Calderon at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

strong senior campaign. Wrestling in the 152-pound division, assistant coach Adam Coe. "His efforts on the mat really repre-

44-18 record, leading his team in matches and wins this season.

# Wildcats bring an end to Northville's hoop run

#### By Tim Smith Staff Writer

When Josh Priebe and the rest of the Plymouth Wildcats tipped it up Monday night in a Class A boys basketball district contest at Northville, they were aware that the bleachers at one end of the gymnasium were filled with noisy, orange-clad home fans.

That didn't get them seeing red, however. Instead, they put their blinders on and went to work in the Class A boys basketball district contest — earning a 48-37 win.

"The whole game we were trying to tune it out," said Priebe, a senior guard who led the Wildcats with 17 points. "We knew it was going to be loud, we knew it was going to be crazy. We knew we just got to do our thing, keep grinding."

Priebe was far from a one-man show as the Wildcats (10-11) won a district game for the first time in history. Plymouth advanced to face Novi-Detroit Catholic Central in a Wednesday night district contest.

He had plenty of hard-nosed help from senior backcourt cohorts Jake Divens (15

points), Brendan Swanson (five points, eight rebounds) and senior forwards Sid Acharya (five points) and Brian Schmid (four boards), among others.

"This is the first district win in Plymouth history," Priebe continued. "So we were really pumped. We know Northville's a good team, we knew there was going to be hype and we just came out really tough."

### Work pays off

Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said his senior leaders set the tone, but he emphasized the entire squad followed his game plan to perfection.

"We've won three (in a row), we're getting rolling at a pretty good time," Soukup said. "We've been so close all year long, it's nice to finally see some of the hard work that nobody else gets to see pay off in a big way, in a big win for us.

"We executed the game plan we had, which was to try to limit (Andrew) Meacham as much as we could. He's one of the best players in the KLAA. And limit (Stewart) Henzi if we could, and we did

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CHRISTINE HENZ

Jake Hansen brings the ball down the court in last week's game.



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### **BOYS**

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that. Best game of the year."

Meacham led Northville with 10 points while Henzi and junior Joe Hewlett each tallied six.

Mustangs' head coach Todd Sander lamented some early struggles both with offense and protecting the basketball, as the Mustangs finished the season with a 12-9 record.

"They made a good call going 2-3 (zone)," Sander said. "It gave us a lot more trouble than I thought it was. But we were cold early, and just (had) some real unforced turnovers early.

"There really was no reason for them, there was no pressure. Guys were maybe a little bit nervous, I'm not sure."

Sander did tip his cap to the Wildcats' collective defense and tenacity.

"Plymouth is a spectacular team when they have the lead," Sander said. "They're senior-loaded on their roster. Their guards are very, very good and protect the ball

very good. They're hard to come back from." As an example of how tough the Wildcats were, Divens took a hit to the nose trying to launch a buzzer-beating trey at

the end of the third. He shook it off and sank two of three foul shots to put Plymouth up 31-22 entering the fourth. Then in the opening

moments of the fourth, Priebe went strong to the

rack only to get knocked to the floor. A couple burn marks were worth the price for draining the subsequent free throws.

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Nearly three minutes into the frame, it was senior guard Tyler Gamblin's turn to work his way through traffic for a dirty defensive rebound to keep the Mustangs from getting a run going.

"Our defense led to our offense tonight," Priebe noted.

Such was the case early in the second quarter, when the Wildcats took control.

After Northville led 8-7 entering the second, Acharya sank a free throw to tie the game. Priebe and sophomore guard Josh Reynolds each parlayed steals into layups to open up a 12-8 edge with six minutes left in the half.

Plymouth kept pressing and expanded the lead to 18-11 with 2:30 remaining

First, an alley-oop pass from Acharya from the left wing found Priebe for a layup. Swanson then picked off a Northville pass and Acharya benefited with a reverse layup.

Northville tried to get back into the game early in the third, thanks to a trey by junior forward Malik Bazzi (10 points).

#### Closing it out

Any such thoughts were short-lived as Plymouth went on an 8-0 run to go up 28-18 with 2:40 left in the third. Priebe stole the ball yet

again, and took it in for another layup. He followed that up by driving along the baseline from the left corner for a bankshot.

Swanson capped the surge, taking a feed from Acharya and burying a 3ball from the right corner.

The Mustangs could not get any closer than seven points the rest of the game, forced to take low-percentage shots from the perimeter or foul Plymouth players in attempts to get the ball back.

Swanson hit eight of 10 free throws in the fourth to ice the victory.

"I thought we settled at times, shooting outside rather than look inside first," Sander said. "But it's a completely different thing if those things go in."

As for Plymouth's next task, Priebe said the way the Wildcats stayed focused Monday could help when they face the Shamrocks (5-15). "We know we just got to tune it out and play our game and we'll be good."

Soukup added that he'll remind his team not to get caught up in Catholic Central's below-.500 record.

"They play in the Catholic League, not the KLAA," Soukup said. "It's going to be a huge challenge, but I'm going to enjoy this one for about two hours and go home and start prepping."

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## **Mustangs end regular** season in fine style

Boys team takes long road trip and gets win

**By Sam Eggleston** Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team headed into the post season with a win - and that's all any coach can ask for from his team.

The squad, coached by Todd Sander, struggled through injuries and tough skids before getting their season back on track in the second half of the schedule. Last week, they ended the regular season with a 45-39 victory over the Brighton Bulldogs. Northville won eight of their last 10 games and three in a row to end the regular season.

The game, which was held at Brighton, was the farthest road trip the Mustangs took this season and was done so on a snowy evening. The game time was moved up slightly and warm-up times and halftime were reduced to help accommodate for the winter storm.

The Mustangs followed the lead of Andrew Meacham, who scored 25 points to lead all scorers and pulled down 15 rebounds for his second double-double of the season. Eight of his 15 boards were on the offen-



CHRISTINE HENZI

Stewart Henzi pulls up for a shot as defenders look on.

sive side of the court. "Meacham was really active on the offensive

glass tonight, which was great to see," said Sander. We are best when we are attacking the offensive glass hard."

Northville slid out to an 11-6 lead in the first quarter but had to fight off the Bulldogs in the second as Brighton came back to trail by just one points, 20-19, heading into the locker room.

After a 9-8 third in favor of the Mustangs, the fourth quarter turned into a shootout for both teams. Northville, however, controlled the final minutes of the game and outscored the Bulldogs, 16-12, in the final stanza to preserve the victory.

"Our team should take pride in the tremendous second half of the season winning eight of our last 10 games," said Sander. "That is a sign of real growth."

### Boys in black headed to state tourney





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The Northville Prep Hockey Team, which competes in the Great Lakes Prep Hockey League (GLPHL), is headed to the state playoffs (Michigan Amateur Hockey Association — JV Division No. 2) to be held March 8-10 at Optimist Ice Arena in Jackson. Coached by Don Middaugh, along with Assistant Coaches Ken Bloom and Harry Youmans, Northville will face Shamrock Prep in their opening game scheduled for Friday at 2:30 p.m. It should be a good battle, as the two teams each have one win against each other in regular season play, and earned a tie with each other during the league playoffs. The Broncos will then face off against Trenton on Saturday at 8:30 a.m., and Southgate at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. The Broncos finished the regular season with a 20-6-5 record and advanced as far as the league semi-finals. The Broncos roster consists of forwards Sam Bradley, Kellan Flayer, Brendan Hicks, Cameron Layne, Tyler Marcotte, Kevin O'Connell, Alex Ridener, Brett Ridener, Anthony Solack, Nick Stegmeyer, Randy Stoever, Christian Winklepleck; defenders Adam Balok, Henry Chang, Sean O'Malley, Nick Strom, Taylor Turner, Troy Youmans, and goalies Nick Zalewski and Kevin Onofrio. Pictured are Stegmeyer (5) and Kellan Flayer (8) during a recent league tournament game against Howell Prep.

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## Mustangs stomp Novi lady cagers in playoff overtime

Record-setting season ends early for Wildcats with district semifinal loss

### **By Chrls Jackett**

Correspondent

The record-setting season for Novi's girls basketball team came to an early ending in their first postseason contest.

The Wildcats (18-3, 10-0 KLAA Central) lost a 49-41 overtime battle in a district semifinal against Northville (16-6, 7-3 Central) on Canton's court Feb. 27.

Novi coach Bill Kelp has regularly said how tough it is to beat any team three times in a single season, but the Mustangs proved him right last week with a 10-4 fourth-quarter run to tie the game 37-37 at the end of regulation. Northville kept the pace going, outscoring the Wildcats 12-4 in overtime, successfully avenging losses of 35-28 and 51-29 during the regular season.

"Too many turnovers," Novi coach Bill Kelp said of what put the Wildcats under in the latest contest. "We didn't rebound and turned the ball over too much. Ultimately, that's where we lost the game - on the boards.

"They played a 1-2-2 zone. I thought we settled for too many outside shots rather than trying to penetrate against it.'

Northville won the rebounding battle 25-12, including 12 offensive rebounds. Additionally, Novi had 12 turnovers picking up eight steals and the Mustangs committing 10 turnovers of their own.

Novi junior Kerri McMahan led the way for

the Wildcats with a gamehigh 16 points on 7-for-13 (53.8 percent) shooting, along with five assists and two steals, but it wasn't enough.

"Kerri played great one of her best games," Kelp said.

Down 14-13 at halftime, the Mustangs trailed 33-27 after three quarters before turning up the pressure for the victorious overtime comeback. Northville juniors Gabby Mencotti (14 points, nine rebounds) and Heather Randall (12 points, five rebounds) led the charge with a combined 14-for17 (82.4 percent) performance at the free throw line.

As a team, the Mustangs shot 14-for-33 (42.4 percent) from the field, which was enough to dismantle the Central Division champion Wildcats, who shot a similar 17-for-40 (42.5 percent).

Chipping in for the Mustangs' offense were senior Kendra Brenner (eight points, five rebounds), senior Brittany Berehulka (seven points) and two points apiece from sophomore Emily Maresh and senior Diane Myers.

McMahan's offensive efforts for the Wildcats was assisted by senior Jade Antolec (eight points, four steals), junior Kristen Schubring (six points), senior Amanda Geiger (five points, three assists), junior Taylor Pavlika (four points, four rebounds, four assists) and junior Dina Fawaz (two points).

With Jade Antolec, Amanda Geiger, Kasey Lowney and Lena Burgess all graduating in the spring, the Wildcats - who finished the year with the fewest losses in a single season in program history - have nine juniors and one sophomore slated to return next season.

"Well, you would like to think they all move up four spots with the four seniors leaving, but it's ultimately up to them," Kelp said of the underclassmen. "The experience they gained this year is invaluable and I hope they are willingly ready to put the time and effort in to continue what has been established before them.

"All four (seniors) will truly be missed and I personally want to thank them for what they have given to this program. Lena knew her role coming into the season and showed up every day working hard - she never complained about playing time. Kasey improved as she worked her way up the traditional way through the program.

"Jade was a three-year varsity player who suffered through two ACL surgeries and never gave up. We were blessed to have Amanda for at least one year. She is definitely one of the best all-around players that I have coached."

Both Antolec and Geiger, along with McMahan, earned All-Conference recognition this season, while Pavlika was an honorable mention.

With less than two minutes left, Canton junior center Taylor Hunley (five points, eight rebounds) sank a short hook in the paint to give the Chiefs the lead for good.



CHRIS WARWOOD

Northville sophomore Lauren Rodriquez and seniors Erin Warwood and Taylor Dempsey all qualified for the state gymnastics meet on Saturday at regionals.

## Northville eighth at regional

Gymnastics team will send three individuals to state finals

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs gymnastics team may not have won any titles this season, but they put their best foot forward each and every time they competed.

Last week was no exception as Northville, coached by Erin McWatt, took on some of the area's best teams in the MHSAA regional tournament. which was hosted at Plymouth High School. Northville finished in eighth place, scoring a

### **ON TAP**

The Northville Mustangs gymnastics team will send three individuals to the state finals this weekend. Results from their performance will be

in next week's edition.

team total of 133.175 points from the judges throughout the day. Canton, which has been a powerhouse all season long, took first with a team total of 145.95 points while Plymouth captured second with 140.775 and Salem took third with

140.325 points.

Northville's season as a team may be over, but three individuals earned the right to compete at the state finals thanks to their performances at the regional meet.

Taylor Dempsey took fifth all-around and will compete this weekend at the finals, as will Lauren Rodriguez, who took second with her vault performance. Erin Warwood will compete on the beam after capturing eight place in the regional. Dempsey and Warwood are senior captains.

### Mustangs gear up for state finals

Swim squad sends nine to championship meet

#### By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Nine Mustangs will represent the Northville swimming program at the state finals this weekend in several events. The goal, said coach Rich Bennetts, is to qualify as many tankers for the finals on Saturday as

possible. "Our goal is to try and

### **ON TAP**

The Northville Mustangs boys swimming team will be at the state finals tomorrow and Saturday. The top 16 swimmers in each event in Friday's preliminaries will swim in Saturday's finals.

event) make it back to Saturday finals, so if we swim

Andrew Westphal will swim in the 50 freestyle and the 100 free this year while Austin Hunt will take on competitors in the 200 and the 500. Two Mustangs -Scot Wang and Nick Hayes — will compete in the 200 individual medley while Alan Ruan, Yash Bajaj and Josh Liu will all swim in the 100 breaststroke. Sam Boyea will participate in the team's relays

### GIRLS

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one quarter, scoring the final six points on a pair of layups by Aresco and Perry's putback with 36 seconds left.

18-14 edge with 5:10 left in the third. She drove along the baseline from the left wing and put the ball up as she fell to the floor.

"We just kept attacking, we tried to go into the

a 23-23 game with 3:10 left following Brenner's bank shot - made possible thanks to a block by junior Gabby Mencotti on Aresco at the other end.

The Mustangs trailed 13-9 at halftime, unable to get much going. When they did have a promising possession, Canton junior guard Rachel Winters (five points, four steals) was in the vicinity to dive around the floor after 50-50 balls or rip them away from Northville players.

The Mustangs came out of the intermission making two quick buckets (including a trey by senior Brittany Berehulka) to pull back to even at 14-14.

Aresco then scored two free throws and added a hard-nosed layup for an

post," Aresco said. "We just tried to play like we always play."

Northville chipped away, however, tying the game again at 19-19 with 24 seconds to go in the quarter on a free throw by senior Kendra Brenner (following a Canton turnover).

Winters sank two free throws in the first minute of the fourth to give Canton the lead again, and she sent a bounce pass to Aresco on a twoon-one drive for a nifty layup to give the Chiefs a 23-19 lead with five minutes left.

As per usual, Northville came back. It was

Hunley deflected a Northville field-goal try on the Mustangs' subsequent possession and the Chiefs finished the win with free throws by Aresco and Winters.

Canton limited the Mustangs to four points in the fourth.

Brenner and Berehulka led Northville in scoring, with 10 and seven points, respectively.

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come back to swim on Saturday," said Bennetts. "The top 16 from Friday preliminaries (in each

real well on Friday, hopefully we will get some swims back on Saturday and score some points.'

as Northville qualified in the 200 medley relay, the 200 freestyle relay and the 400 freestyle relay.

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## **Record-setting season** Catholic Central gets four individual titles

**By Sam Eggleston** Correspondent

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks wrestling team has not disappointed the blue and white faithful this season, not only bringing them to their feet two weeks ago with a last-second team state championship, but setting an all-time team record last week as well.

In the MHSAA Individual State Wrestling Finals, held at the Palace of Auburn Hills last weekend, the Shamrocks made history by earning four individual championships. Previously, the Shamrocks had just three individual champions in the same year--a feat that was accomplished three times.

If that weren't enough, the Shamrocks also had four other All-State wrestlers who finished in the top three of their respective weight classes.

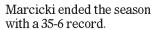
"I'm happy for our state champions," said Catholic Central coach Mitch Hancock. "Not many individuals can walk away at the end of the team as team champions and individual champions. They did it and wrestled incredibly sharp the past two weeks. For them to be the first (to capture four titles in the same season) in our program--with the history that we have--is simply remarkable."

The first state champion to be crowed this year for the Shamrocks was none other than Bob Coe, a senior captain who has dominated the heavyweight division all season long. He took the title with a 3-0 victory over Forest Hills Central's Parker Tillman. Coe ended the season with a 47-4 record.

Not to be outdone, Ken

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CC's Bob Coe earned a 3-0 decision over Parker Tillman of Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central in the heavyweight division.



"I'm proud of Logan and the year that he had," said Hancock. "For him to rebound from a disappointing 2011 and get back into the finals says a lot about his work ethic and determination. He is one of the most determined individuals that I've had the pleasure of coaching. This loss will drive him."

Sophomore Myles Amine took third at 130 pounds while sophomore Trevor Zdebski captured third at 119 pounds. Nick Giese, also a sophomore, took third at 189 pounds. All of them earned All-State status thanks to their performances.

Jimmy Russell, Evan Toth, Parker O'Brien and Mike Babicz all qualified for the state championship tournament but did not place in the event.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.



JOHN PAWLOSKI

Northville's Alex Shuart corrals the puck in front of goalie Chance Boultin in last week's game against Catholic Central.

## CC knocks off Northville, Brother Rice for regional title

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Northville and Brother Rice both came into the playoffs hoping to make a run in the post season, but both teams had the misfortune of running into the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks last week and losing.

The Shamrocks, coached by Todd Johnson, scored nine goals in the two games while allowing just two to capture the regional title. They upended Northville, 6-1, before defeating rival Brother Rice, 3-1, for the title.

Against Northville, the Shamrocks scored two goals in the first period, three in the second and one more in the third while allowing just one goal against them in the final stanza.

Carson Gatt started the night off for the Shamrocks, scoring at the 6:24 mark to make it a 1-0 game with assistance from Nick Daigneau and Domic Mancinell. Just two minutes later, Charlie Green scored his first goal of the game on a powerplay, with Daigneau and Gatt getting assists on the play

for the 2-0 lead. The Shamrocks made it 3-0 at the 7:45 mark in the second period off the stick of Ryan Burnett and three minutes later Green tallied his second goal of the contest. At 15:21, Northville found themselves trailing 5-0 off the shot by Mancinell that found the back of the net. Earning assists

### **ON TAP**

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks were slated to continue their playoff run Wednesday, after the sports section went to press. Results will be in next week's edition.

in the second were Carter Cerretani, Luke Turner, Matt Sorisho, Danny Middleton, Brady Jones and Gatt.

The final period found the Shamrocks scoring just 25 seconds in as Michael Babcock fired home a shot to make it a 6-0 contest with assistance from Sorisho and Gatt. Northville tallied their lone goal of the game 30 seconds later as Jack Meacham and PJ Schnepp fed the puck to Buddy DeBrabander, who capped a strong year with the team's last goal of the season for the 6-1 finale.

Northville picked up five penalties for 10 minutes in the game while the Shamrocks were whistled eight times for 16 minutes.

Earning the win in goal was Ryan Mulka, who stopped 13 shots for Catholic Central while Chance Boultin stopped 43-of-49 in the losing effort.

Northville's victory over South Lyon moved them into the second round of the state tournament to take on Catholic Central in front of a packed house at Canton's Arctic Edge Arena. Both teams moved the puck well in the opening minutes and generated shots.



Ken Bade (top) earned a win for the Shamrocks by topping Matt Miller of Davision 4-3 in overtime.

Bade won his third state title with a win over Davison's Matt Miller in overtime, 4-3. Bade was dominant most of the season, earning himself a 40-7 record.

Malik Amine captured the 140-pound weight class crown when he put on an impressive performance against Anchor Bay scrapper Eric Rybarz. Amine controlled the match from the start and walked away with a convincing 11-6 victory. Amine's final record

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Drew Garcia rounded out the titles with an 8-2 victory over Mitchel Thomas of Hartland. The state championship is Garcia's second of his career. Garcia was perfect on the season, going 37-0. The Shamrocks also

stands at 40-6 on the year.

had a second-place finish from Logan Marcicki, a junior, who fell in his second appearance in an individual state title match to defending champion Jordan Cooks of Davison, 8-5.

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### Catholic Central takes two lumps to end regular season

### **By Sam Eggleston**

Correspondent

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks basketball team continued struggling last week as the regular season came to a close.

The squad, coached by Bill Dyer, took a loss to No. 7-ranked Detroit Douglass, 53-42, before bowing to Detroit Mumford, 55-43.

Against Douglass, the Shamrocks showed signs of competing with the topranked Douglass squad, staying even with them throughout the first quarter and ending the opening stanza knotted up, 12-12. Unfortunately, the second quarter made all the difference in the game as Douglass came out and ran the floor, outscoring the Shamrocks, 18-5, to take a commanding 30-17 lead into the locker room at halftime.

The Shamrocks couldn't overcome the deficit despite outscoring their foes in the third, 12-9, and playing almost even in the final stanza as they scored 13 to Douglass' 14 points. Douglass was led by

Darrell Davis, who poured in 21 to lead all scorers,

### **ON TAP**

The Detroit Catholic Central basketball team was slated to play Plymouth in the district tournament Wednesday, after the sports section went to print. Results will be available in next week's edition.

while teammate Doavi Bradley added 12. Catholic Central's Nick Malzone led his team with 17, while Garrett Moores added eight points, eight rebounds and four assists in the losing effort.

### Mumford 55, CC 43

The Shamrocks kept the game even throughout the first half of play, forcing a 24-24 knot by the end of the second quarter on the road at Mumford. The second half, however, proved to be their undoing as they fell behind, 37-30, by the end of the third and could only watch as Mumford outscored them, 18-13, in the final quarter.

Leading the way for Mumford was Jamal Hall, who scored 15 points, while Arshon Parker added 11 and Darius Tate scored 10.

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Pharmacist Lina Mallad has recently opened up the Northville Pharmacy at the corner of West Main and Wing. The pharmacy, offering free delivery, can fill prescription medications and has a good selection of over-the-counter meds, too.

## A new prescription

### Independent Northville Pharmacy puts focus on customer service

#### By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

After setting up shop in downtown Northville, Jeffery and Lina Mallad opened the doors of Northville Pharmacy with the goal of reflecting its surroundings.

"This is a great community and downtown that cares about its quality of life," Jeffery Mallad said. "We want to provide a high quality service that has patient care and service as our highest priorities."

Located at 116 W. Main Street, Northville Pharmacy opened its door at the beginning of February as an independent pharmacy. Both Mallads have previous experience in the pharmaceuti-



Northville Pharmacy is located at the corner of West Main and Wing in downtown.

macy for a reason, so a focus on being part of the community is their hope. Northville Pharma-

cy has a range of services, including free deliv-

### NORTHVILLE PHARMACY

**Owners:** Jeffery and Lina Mallad of Dearborn Heights **Address:** 116 W. Main

Street, Northville **Phone/email:** (248) 924-3752 or by email at northvillerx@gmail.com

their customers won't find anywhere else. Personal care and exceptional service is their motto.

"We aren't a big chain pharmacy. A person can expect to find a personalized service here that will be one on one with patient care in mind the entire time," Lina Mallad said.

Follow up telephone calls are not out the ordinary for her, and hav-

### NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Short sale seminar

The MacNRoTeam at Keller Williams is hosting another short sale seminar from 6:30-8:30 p.m., March 27 at the Livonia Public Library, 32777 5 Mile Road, Livonia. The seminar, "Is a Short Sale for Me?", will include a panel of experts who will provide advice and take questions about short sales.

To register for the seminar or for more information, call Sheila Roma at (248) 760-6785 or Debbi McLaughlin at (248) 561-0077.

### Yoga classes

Diane Siegel-Divita will be offering new yoga classes at the historic American Legion Hall, 100 W. Dunlap Street in Northville, and is now taking registration for the March/April sessions,

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which include strength training; yoga (all levels); yoga (continuing); and Yin Yoga. Private sessions are also available.

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



Zhao Wei-Ping (second from left), of the People's Republic of China and newly appointed to his post as Consul General in Chicago, was invited to Michigan by Northville resident Lisa Gray (second from right), president of the Chinese Association of Greater Detroit to meet with business and governmental leaders. The meeting took place Sunday at the Sheraton Hotel in Novi. Zhao spoke of the passion and enthusiasm he witnessed from the business and government officials he met in Michigan in building cultural, educational and economic ties between Michigan and China. Mike Finney (left), president of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., welcomed Zhao to Michigan on behalf of Gov. Rick Snyder. He, too, spoke of building bridges between Michigan and China in ways that create jobs and build wealth on both sides of the ocean. On the right is Northville resident Tom Watkins, former Michigan superintendent of schools and a U.S./China business and educational consultant.



cal world. Jeffery has 20 years of retail experience with pharmacies and Lina has been a certified pharmacist since 1999. They are husband and wife, and live in Dearborn Heights.

This is their first venture out on their own, so it's an important step for them.

"We wanted to step out on our own and settle down into our own business," said Lina Mallad.

Their location, right across from Brick's, is ideal for them. They named it Northville Pharery of prescriptions and "professional, courteous" patient counseling. It has all brand and generic prescription drugs available and can fill prescriptions while customers wait. In addition, it also carries a wide variety of over-thecounter medications.

Jeffery Mallad said they accept most major insurance plans and offer affordable prices along with discounts.

With CVS down the street, the Mallads know there is competition, but they also believe they have a personalized touch ing a deep understanding of the frustrations and stress people have with sicknesses and other ailments is always at the forefront.

She said ultimately, it will be a place where service will be delivered with a smile and caring hand.

Northville Pharmacy had its grand opening on March 1. It can be reached by telephone at (248) 924-3752 or by email at northvillerx@gmail.com.

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### **Open house on tap**

The IXL Learning Center, located at 43333 Seven Mile Road in Northville, will host an open house 9-11 a.m. Saturday, March 16. The new day care facility offers services for children six weeks through 12 years old. Learn what the center has to offer. There will be activities for the entire family. Refreshments will be provided. Stop in and learn how you can earn a free week of tuition for your child. Staff, including IXL **Director Jamie** Miller (pictured here at IXL with her daughter Reese), will be on hand to answer all your questions. For more information, call the center at (248) 349-2223.



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## Sign of spring: Home Expo in Canton great place to get spruce-up ideas

#### By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Annette and Michael Popa of Canton came to the right place Saturday, March 2.

"We come pretty much every year to see what's new," she said of their attendance at the 12th annual Canton Home Expo at the Summit. They just did some waterproofing with a business at a previous Expo.

"We're starting to paint stuff," Michael said of their home. The Popas like to get new ideas. "It doesn't hurt being free," he said. "There are a lot of vendors here."

That will help them freshen up their home interior.

John Weyer of Canton, Canton's building official, was busy at the Saturday-Sunday event, but took a moment to talk. It draws some 5,000-6,000 people, he said. This year, there were about 20 new vendors for a total of around 130.

"The workshops are really popular," Weyer said. "Home Depot does a lot with the kids."

"People enjoy the entertainment of it, too. It's really a onestop shop."

There are exhibitors from Ohio, Weyer said, as well as Chelsea and Brighton. "Geographically, we're pulling from a bigger audience. It truly has grown to a Southeast Michigan venue."

It helps Canton Township staff with issues of permits, inspections and code compliance, working with contractors. Joe Gagnon, "The Appliance Doctor," broadcasts from the event each year, and was instrumental in getting it going.

N.A. Mans Lumber and Mill Work, in Canton and Trenton, has been in business since 1900. It was represented Saturday by Chris Degiulio of Dearborn, who works in the kitchen department, and Dottie Kelly of Canton, in inside sales support.

"A great company to work for," she said. "We've been coming to this (Expo) since it started." Owner Doug Mans is active with the Canton Chamber of Commerce, which with

others helps bring the show to town

Kelly is a cancer survivor and recalled the support her employer gave: "It was my family. My family lives in Philly."

"And they take care of their customers the same way," Degiulio added.

They've been busy with kitchen and bath work. "People are coming in because they're thinking of spring," he said.

'We're seeing a big interest in interior remodeling," especially in the last six months, he said. "The economy, we feel, has turned the corner." Consumers are more confident.

"This is an exciting venue," he added of the Home Expo. "It's a hometown feeling." Younger people are also visiting, along with older familiar faces.

John Sarnecky of Canton is owner of Canton Construction. He's been busy following last year's March 15 and July 1 hailstorms, and noted approaching insurance claim deadlines. "It's a win-win for the customers as well as us," he said of the exterior damage repair work.

"This show is wonderful," Sarnecky said. "We've been with this show since day one." Outside the Summit doors, the company's apprentices were building cedar furniture, done with the township building department's help. One company staffer uses a chainsaw for carving.

"It's good exposure and it's very reasonable," Sarnecky said of the Expo. His firm had a busy winter. They do additions, basements, kitchens, baths and exterior work including roofing, siding and gutters. Company president is his wife, Marissa, and they've been in business 16 years.

Also busy was Susan Glessner of Livonia, with Baldwin Landscape Group in Plymouth. She does landscape design construction. "I'd like to get some business in the Canton area," said Glessner, who's also doing her own home landscaping. "We're right next to it."

Baldwin Landscape Group has been busy. "They're enjoying their homes more," she



This is the 12th year for the Canton Home Expo, held at the Summit.



Joe Gagnon, "The Appliance Doctor," broadcasts live from the Canton event.

said of customers. "I don't think the landscaping hurt as much as the other industries."

She said women are in her field as designers but less often in construction. "I love what I do. If you can go to work every day and be happy, that's huge," Glessner said.

The show also gave Canton resident Kristina Wittner and others with the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors a chance to meet and greet. She's been in Canton since 2004 and emphasized you don't need to

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Wittner joined "so I could meet more people so I could socialize." She's the interest group leader, and likes the exposure the Home Expo gives.

Her group has around 96 members. "There's something for everybody," said Wittner, noting it's mostly women, but also has lots to do for couples and families.

"Whatever you're interested in," she said.

### Be leery on home offer

**By Robert Meisner** Guest Columnist

Q: I am looking to sell my house and have been approached by someone who guarantees the sale of my home within a certain period of time. What do you think?

A: Make sure that the company you are dealing



with is reputable by asking for references. Be sure you get a written listing agreement

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**Robert Meisner** 

the nature and extent of the guarantee, and, before you sign it, have an experienced real estate lawyer review it to be sure that you are adequately protected with respect to the sales price, among other things. If it sounds too good to be true, it may well be!

Q: I am the landlord of an apartment building and require carpeting in each of the units. However, one of my tenants has a wheelchair and indicates that they cannot navigate the carpeting. They want me to allow the installation of a wood floor. What do you think?

A: There are obviously disability discrimination issues involved in this request and your response. While each case has to be evaluated on its facts, I would allow the installation of the wood floor with two provisos: (1) appropriate cork noise-attenuating underlayment is required; and (2) the handicapped owner agrees to minimize any noise within the unit that might disturb the unit owner below. Typically, wheelchairs have rubber wheels that will not generate noise on a wood floor, but if that is a concern, it can be a requirement of approval. Finally, I would facilitate a conversation between the handicapped tenant and the tenant in the unit below so that they can address any problems that may arise in an amicable fashion. If there is still a concern about noise transmission, there could be a requirement that the wood floor be carpeted over when the handicapped tenant departs as part of your lease.

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### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 22-26, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, ad- dresses, and sales prices.	BLOOMFIELD HILLS           6968 Cedarbrook Dr         \$191,000           648 Deauville Ln         \$445,000           1122 E Glengarry Cir         \$1,441,000           2007 E Hammond Lake Dr \$175,000         65 Hillsdale Rd           3341 Kernway Dr         \$249,000           1840 Long Pointe Dr         \$405,000           542 Newburne Pointe         \$145,000           4212 Ramsgate Ln         \$435,000	23921 Fairview Ct       \$250,000         23080 Gill Rd       \$380,000         30789 Shiawassee Rd # 9B \$35,000       FARMINGTON HILLS         27028 Arden Park Cir       \$142,000         29983 Ardmore Dr       \$160,000         29820 Briarwood Ct       \$315,000         32374 Craftsbury Ct       \$169,000         34300 Glouster Cir       \$160,000         21670 Hancock St       \$88,000	LATHRUP VILLAGE 18769 Saratoga Blvd \$130,000 MILFORD 2846 Canterbury Ct \$773,000 54184 Derek Dr \$230,000 961 Geneaire Way \$308,000 2865 Hidden Pne \$115,000 NOVI 27555 Belgrave PI \$231,000 27665 Cromwell Rd \$218,000	408 Jean Rd       \$180,000         61171 Ladbrooke Dr       \$260,000         20990 Laser Ln       \$320,000         575 N Hagadorn St       \$95,000         61091 Palamino Ct       \$267,000         61091 Preakness Blvd       \$258,000         61141 Saddlecreek Dr       \$310,000         53596 Valleywood Dr       \$25,000         640 Woodland Dr       \$206,000         SOUTHFIELD       \$2000
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## Match your communication skills with the right job

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Did you get an A-plus in your public-speaking class but struggle in creative writing? Can you sit for hours and hours on Facebook but despise making small talk at parties? Are you the one your friends go to when they need a good listener but you don't like being the center of attention?

Communication takes many different forms, and people's strengths may differ from one form to another. You may know you're good at a specific type of communication, but you may not know what job would best suit your skills. If you possess one of the following communication abilities, these are the jobs that might be a match based on those skills.

### If you're comfortable in the spotlight, consider these jobs:

Public-relations manager: As a public-relations manager, your job is to represent a company, brand or person. Often, you're the one on the front line, giving television interviews, calling reporters or representing your company at a trade show. You'll need to be articulate, enjoy public speaking and be comfortable talking to people whom you may not know.

TV personality: Whether you want to anchor a news show, report from on the scene or give play-by-plays during a sports game, you'll need to have great speaking skills. You'll also need to be comfortable receiving attention both professionally and personally; once you become a public figure, you open yourself up to both public praise and sometimes harsh criticism.

### If you'd rather Tweet than talk, consider these jobs:

Social-media manager: As a social-media manager, you'll be responsible for maintaining a company's online presence. You may be the face of the company's social pages, such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram. You'll also need to monitor what others are saying about your company so you can respond or react appropriately.

Online content creator/ manager: People in these jobs employ both social-media and writing skills to develop content across a company's digital



properties. You may write blog posts, update the company's website, develop a calendar of Tweets or help produce corporate videos for the company's YouTube channel.

## If you'd like to write a book, consider these jobs:

Blogger: You may love blogging, but did you know you could make a career out of it? Bloggers who write on a particular topic, have a strong following and have a reputation for integrity and transparency may be tapped by companies to represent their brands. These bloggers may also advertise on their websites as a way to generate revenue. If you're looking for a more structured position, many companies hire writers speciifically for their corporate or brand blogs.

Copywriter: If you're more of the short-story type, you may enjoy working as an advertising copywriter. Copywriters are responsible for developing content for advertisements to help sell a product or service. They may work in-house or for an agency to produce advertising themes, jingles or slogans. They may also be tapped to create brochures, presentations or sales materials.

## If you can think on your feet, consider these jobs:

Customer-service representative: These workers interact with customers on behalf of a company or organization. Since customers often call to report a problem or issue, customerservice reps must be patient, possess good listening skills and think and act quickly.

Advertising sales agent: Advertising sales agents need to be comfortable cold calling, making sales pitches and dealing quickly and effectively with client issues. They also need to handle rejection well, since not every call or presentation will end in a sale. If you thrive in a high-pressure environment, this may be the ideal position for you.

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### Ford makes sales a bigger goal in new 'Fiesta Movement'



Ford wrote a new playbook for social-media marketing with its first "Fiesta Movement" in 2009, but it didn't help sell the new Fiesta for very long.

**By Dale Buss** 

So with the just-

launched Fiesta Movement "Remix," Ford seems determined to use its social-media skills to sell significantly more Fiesta subcompacts as well as to stay ahead of the fastest-moving game in marketing.

This time, Ford plans to use the online content generated by 100 social-media influencers, in their unscripted experiences with the car over the next several weeks, as the entire palette of creative for a paid-media campaign around the launch of the 2014 Fiesta later this year.

"We're turning to our 100 Fiesta 'agents' and saying, 'We're going to use only your content for our ad campaign for the new Fiesta," Scott Monty, global head of social media for Ford, told me. "That's never been done before in the auto industry."

Fiesta Movement: A Social Remix also will include ties with prominent TV, entertainment and sports programing including American Idol and the X Games as well as the Bonnaroo music festival in Tennessee. And Ford will curate all the content generated by the bloggers and other Fiesta-driving digerati on a new web site.

Ford's original Fiesta Movement in 2009 was hailed for raising awareness of the Fiesta — which was coming off a new global platform to the U.S. market for the

first time — to sky-high levels and setting a new, high bar for big brands' socialmedia marketing programs. It essentially kicked off a new era of digital marketing for the car business.

Propelled by the "Movement," Fiesta enjoyed a steep takeoff, selling more than 23,000 units in just the second half of 2010, and soon skyrocketing by nearly 300 percent for all of 2011, to a total of more than 69,000 sales for the year.

Problem was, the initial burst of attention didn't create a long-term boom in sales for Fiesta. By last spring, Fiesta sales had begun slumping badly. For all of 2012, Fiesta sold 17 percent fewer units than a year earlier, sliding to under 57,000 sales overall (though in December they rose by more than 50 percent versus a weak year-earlier month, and ticked up by more than 20 percent last month).

At least a couple of factors were to blame for Fiesta's flame-out from socialmedia star to showroom bust. One was the introduction about a year ago of the new Ford Focus, a little bigger than Fiesta but not all that much more expensive; Focus's appeal and Ford's promotion of its breadand-butter small sedan surely sapped



The 2014 Ford Fiesta.

thousands of sales from Ford's Fiesta.

> Secondly, the Fiesta began facing more competition in the subcompact sector, \$3-a-gallonas and-up gasoline became a staple of the American scene. Chevrolet's new Sonic, for instance, proved to be a worthy alternative.

Which brings us to the 2014 Fiesta. Monty told me that the Movement "remix" and eventual ads will generate content "about a lifestyle and everything in concert and in particular being able to get the value with Fiesta that we can prove to customers." Ford will do that by tasking the influencers "to say whatever they're going to say" based on monthly themes that each will be related to different aspects of the car's appeal and personality, including travel, adventure, entertainment, technology, a "healthy lifestyle" and "social activism."

From what it learned during the first Fiesta Movement, Monty explained, the brand needs to be careful to emphasize such "lifestyle" elements "rather than be in your face about product features. We think it's a more powerful approach because, ultimately, when someone buys a car — and particularly someone in the target Fiesta demographic — they're interested in what it can do to support their



lifestyle, not whether it has this or that

about and sharing."

product feature. "So by designing missions" for the influencers, and their content, "around these broad themes, we'll be much more authentic and in line with what [target consumers] are interested in learning

Nevertheless, Monty recognizes that Ford is in business to sell cars, not just social-media-marketing platforms, and to that end the company is counting on at least two significant differences with the 2014 Fiesta from its effort of three years ago.

First, it will tie a program of paid TV spots and other advertising directly to Fiesta Movement content - and derived only from it.

Second, the new Fiesta will have some significant advantages over the version three years ago. Primarily, it'll offer as an option a 1-liter EcoBoost engine, and Ford has been very good at promoting the capabilities of its EcoBoost engine line.

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