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Municipal offices for both the city and township of Northville will be closed tomorrow in observance of Good Friday.

Also, the Northville District Library will be closed on both Friday for building maintenance and on Sunday in observance of Easter. The library will be open on Saturday, March 30.



Egg Scramble

Northville Recreation, along with Friends of Maybury and Maybury State Park, will put on their annual Egg Scramble event beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 30, at Maybury State Park. The free event will feature crafts, games, face painting, seed planting and of course an egg hunt. The Easter Bunny and Smokey the Bear will also be on hand, and mingling with the crowd.


There will be plenty of prizes, including candy, toys, patches, and gift certificates. The Egg Scramble will begin after the games and crafts, which begin at 11 a.m. at the concession building.


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Township hires contractor to demolish former state prison

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

One of Northville Township's main eyesores should be gone by the end of the year.

At its Thursday meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a contract with a salvage company to demolish the sprawling former Robert Scott Cor-

rectional Facility located on 53 acres at Five Mile and Beck roads. And it won't cost the township a thing. In fact, the contractor — the Detroit-based Adamo Group — will actually pay the township \$1 for the contract. In return, the company will make its money by salvaging all materials from the site.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Now that Northville Township has a demolition plan in place to remove the old prison facilities at Five Mile and Beck roads, what would you like to see done with the site, which is the gateway of the community? Please email your opinions to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com.

Township Manager Chip Snider said Adamo should net more than

\$400,000 from the deal. He said they will own everything on the site,

including a large generator that is probably worth around \$250,000, which they will be able to sell. They will also get plenty of steel and other metals, plus concrete rubble, all of which they will be able to sell on the open market. There is also value in the gymnasium and kitchen.

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The new owner and manager of Brick's of Northville, George Subu and son Mike (right) toast their fortune.

Laying down a new foundation

New ownership hopes to keep Brick's a downtown staple

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

For the new ownership of Brick's of Northville, the goals to be part of the community and offer a great place to eat and have fun shouldn't be too difficult to achieve.

The new ownership has lived in the Northville community for years and brings a ton of experience in making restaurants successful.

Although not exactly new, for the last eight months Brick's has been under the ownership of George Subu and managed by his son, Mike. Since then the menu has been refined and its live music on weekends has continued to make it a great downtown attraction.

The ownership officially changed with the North-

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ville City Council's 5-0 recent approval of a liquor license resolution allowing the transfer of ownership of the Class C licensed business with outdoor service, which allow entertainment and Sunday sales, from JR4, L.L.C. to the G. S. Restaurant Group.

Northville City Police Chief Gary Goss gave his recommendation to the council and said the new ownership has

been more than reliable in its management and has no previous violations.

For the Subus, this is an opportunity to bring to Northville what they've been doing at other locations in metro Detroit for a long time.

George Subu has more than 35 years in the restaurant business. He also owns the Leather Bottle restaurant in Livonia and has previously been with the Topper Restaurant, Sandtraps and Subu's Pizza. He first got started in the restaurant business in 1973 with his family's restaurant called the Banat Restaurant in Dearborn.

"We want to be part of this community, so we're committed to doing our best," George Subu said. "We have a lot of

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District narrowing options for school boundary changes

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

As Northville Schools officials begin to narrow down boundary change options for the district, some parents are pushing for Hillside Middle School's overall enrollment to be increased to more than 1,000 students rather than splitting up elementary students.

Some on the school board see that as a potential mistake and would rather balance out both middle schools and all elementary schools in a more even way.

These were some of the scenarios talked about at the Northville Public Schools Board of Education meeting on March 19 for the Committee of the Whole, which is more of a study session than decision-making meeting.

The meeting had a number of things on the agenda, but much of the discussion was on the consideration of adjusting the elementary and middle school attendance boundaries beginning with the 2013-14 school year, which was last addressed in 2007-08.

Around 50 parents went to the committee meeting and commented about the possible changes. Usually this meeting is sparsely attended, but this decision has many parents concerned.

Parent Derek Albert echoed a lot of other opinions when he pointed to the enrollment projections put in the district's report that stated levels at the elementary schools will probably go down in the next five years. He lives in the Stonewater neighborhood, which in some of the options is being considered to be divided with some kids going to Ridge Wood Elementary.

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friends and family here in the area, so we understand what it means.”

They’ve already been giving back to the community in various ways by helping with the TURF Club fundraiser and making donations to Our Lady of Victory.

George said they will expand the menu to include more seafood dishes, but will also keep dishing out the tasty pizzas that many customers enjoy. Adding the wealth of knowledge he has in the kitchen should continue to enhance an already great food selection.

Behind the bar, Mike Subu said Brick’s has an assortment of drinks and beer. It has 22 beers on draft and expects to add more in the near future. Many of these are Michigan brewed; bringing the

local flavor the Subus pride themselves on.

For Mike, 26, this opportunity couldn’t be more ideal. With his business degree from Central Michigan University and a lifetime of experience, he aims to give patrons a great meal and time each visit.

“I grew up in the kitchen, so I know what makes a place like this successful,” he said. “The first being great ownership. We will always be on hand to ensure things are running smoothly.”

He said the entertainment will keep on being good and should only get better.

Offering great food at quality prices for families while also being a great night spot to go out with friends is what they want Brick’s to be.

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en facilities.

“It’s all theirs,” Snider said.

A couple weeks ago, Public Services Director Tom Casari had discussions with three salvage companies and put the demolition contract out for bid. The township received three bids. Two of the bids — from 21st Century Salvage Inc. and Homrich Inc. — would have cost the township money. For example, 21st Century Salvage wanted to charge the township \$177,600 to do the work, while Homrich would have charged \$96,000.

So township officials were thrilled with the Adamo bid.

Snider said Casari deserves much of the credit for reaching out to Adamo, a global company that has worked on some high-profile demolitions, including the former Ford Wixom plant.

According to the contract, Adamo has one year to complete the demolition, though Snider said he is hoping they have it done sooner.

“If all goes according to plan, I’m hoping they start work not too long after the Easter Bunny



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville Township has hired the Adamo Group to demolish the former Robert Scott Correctional Facility at Five Mile and Beck roads. Work should begin in April.

hits town,” Snider said.

The township is still dealing with legal issues at the site, most notably the fact that both the state of Michigan and the City of Detroit, which sold the land to the state in the 1960s, have right of first refusal claims on the property.

The state, which sold the land to the township back in September for \$1, could take the land back if state officials don’t approve of the township’s plans for the property if it is sold to a third party for development. The only case where that could not happen is if the township were to use the

land for a public purpose, such as a park or recreation center.

Detroit would have to pay full market value for the property if it were to try reclaim it through legal means. Considering Detroit’s perilous financial situation, township officials don’t foresee that happening, however.

Bill Bullard, who is acting as the township’s lobbyist in Lansing, was at Thursday’s meeting. He said he has been working with legislators on the issue, and hopes to get it resolved in the township’s favor.

Township Supervisor Robert Nix said the legal process will work itself out, but whatever happens, the best case scenario is for the prison facilities to be removed.

“We’ve concluded it’s in the township’s best interest to move forward. This

will not cost us one cent,” Nix said.

The township purchased the former prison for \$1 from the State of Michigan in September. The property includes multiple buildings and is surrounded by barbed wire fencing. Adamo will keep some of the fencing up during the demolition process to keep the site secure, and take it down at the project’s conclusion.

Township officials have expressed a desire to sell the land to a developer, and have some kind of mixed-use site that would act as a gateway into the community. If successful, the township would split the money with the state. However, there are no concrete plans at this point.

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Firsthand tale of war and integration

Tuskegee Airmen survivor tells middle schoolers what life was like during WWII

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Historical stories came straight off the movie screen and into their school auditorium on Thursday as Hillside Middle School students listened to a firsthand account of air combat in World War II from Lt. Col. (ret.) Alexander Jefferson, a member of the renown Tuskegee Airmen.

The entire sixth and seventh grades had the opportunity to listen to Jefferson tell his stories from his time as a ground-breaking pilot with the Tuskegee Airmen, which was an elite group of African-American pilots in the 1940s. They were pioneers in equality and integration of the armed forces.

Jefferson told the students he learned a lot during this time as a 20-something second lieutenant in WWII. However, there was one lesson that really stuck with him and that was what it meant to be an American.

“Freedom isn’t free — someone has to pay for it,” he said. “Being an American means we have certain responsibilities, and one is to defend our way of life. That’s one big reason why we jumped at the chance to be in the Air Corps.”

Students had learned a little bit about his story prior to the presentation by watching some of the movie *Red Tails*. This was based on the men, such as Jefferson, who earned the nickname “Red Tail Angels” due to the fact that the bomber pilots they escorted



Hillside Middle School students listen to WWII veteran Alexander Jefferson talk about his experience in Europe as a Tuskegee Airman.

over Europe considered them their “angels” and because of the red paint on the propeller and tail of their planes.

Sixth-grader Noah Luikart was one student who saw the movie.

“It was really cool to hear him tell the actual stories that I saw in the movie,” Noah said. “They really helped out in World War II and fought for freedom.”

Hillside parent Jackie Handy met Jefferson, a Southfield resident, at the Novi Library and arranged the invite at the school in honor of Black History Month.

The term “Tuskegee Airmen” refers to all who were involved in the segregated Army Air Corps program to train African-Americans to fly and maintain combat aircraft during WWII. Jefferson not only piloted a P-51C Mustang, but he flew nearly 20 missions over Europe during the height of the war in 1944.

His last mission was an

attack on a radar station in France. He described that eventful day down to every detail.

He was in a group of four Mustangs and went in last to fire his shots at the station. But his plane was hit with anti-aircraft fire. As his plane caught fire around him, he had to bail out and use his parachute for the first time.

He reached the ground safely, but was captured by German soldiers. His fellow pilots did not see his parachute, so the worst was assumed. His parents were informed that he was “KIA” — killed in action — but he wasn’t. He spent the next nine months in a POW camp.

Upon his return home, he found a country torn by racism and segregation. So again he told the students he worked on a mission for freedom, but this time it was in the civil rights movement.

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Alexander Jefferson, a Southfield resident, is given a signed thank you poster by Hillside math teacher Jennifer Lawson during the WWII veteran’s March 21 visit to the school. Lawson’s seventh grade classroom signed the poster thanking the airman for his service during the war.



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Alexander Jefferson of the Tuskegee Airmen displays a model of the P-50 Mustang, a plane he flew during WWII in Germany on raids against the Axis power — until he was shot down in 1942. Alexander visited Northville’s Hillside Middle School on March 21.

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Members of Northville High School's Indian American Student Association (IASA) hosted their annual Multicultural Benefit Showcase on Saturday, March 16, in the Northville High School auditorium. IASA students include (standing from left) Donny Yamin, Lia Busse, Abhi Narsinghia, Esha Bedi, and Yash Bajaj. Students kneeling are Bhavana Pabbati (left) and Puja Patel.



NHS students share Indian culture during multicultural showcase

Soothing sounds of violins, the lively beat of Indian dance music, and the delicate movements of classical dance were all part of the sights and sounds of this year's Multicultural Benefit Showcase held at Northville High School on March 16.

"The Indian American Student Association (IASA) held an 'all Indian' showcase last year, and this year decided to expand the program in an effort to celebrate Northville High School's diversity and student talent," said Esha Bedi, IASA co-president. "We felt that IASA has an important role in helping promote diversity not only in our school but throughout our community."

In addition to Indian dance, this year's program included a piano

solo, classical dance and strings, Northville High School Drum Line and a rock band. Sponsored and organized by IASA, all proceeds from ticket sales went to the Miracle Foundation, supporting orphanages in India.

"This program was a great opportunity to expose our fellow students and the community at large to the Indian culture," said Lia Busse, IASA's publicist, and the only non-Indian member of the IASA board.

Indian dances made up the bulk of the show and were comprised of the many varied styles of dances that developed according to local Indian traditions, as well as contemporary interpretations.

"Both folk dances and contemporary dances are a way to keep

the culture alive," said Busse.

"And when they are refined with experimental fusions of classical, folk and modern forms of dancing, they become new, like the Bollywood dancing we see in Indian movies. When I got to experience some of the more modern Indian dance it was like having the traditional Indian influence mixed with some hip hop moves."

Puja Patel, IASA co-president, said the showcase was great opportunity to share the vibrant Indian heritage and culture with the community.

"I believe the program was a chance to share the beauty of my culture, help get rid of stereotypes, and embrace diversity," Patel said.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Dance meeting

The Northville High School Varsity Dance Company is preparing for next year and is inviting students interested in dance to attend an informational meeting, along with their parents/guardians, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 11 in the Forum at the High School. The meeting will last approximately one hour. Those attending will have the opportunity to find out what the Dance Company is all about, meet current dancers and their parents, and find out the participation requirements before auditions on May 3.

For those who can't attend, or for more information, contact Kelly Agnello at (248) 344-7125

or ksagnello@hotmail.com.

Pom meeting

The NHS pom pon program is hosting an informational meeting at 7 p.m., April 10 for students interested in participating next year. The meeting will take place in the Forum at the high school. Coaches will be presenting information regarding tryouts, prep clinic and plans for the next season.

The prep clinic, which is open to any girls (4th grade and up), will take place April 15-17 (from 6:30-8:30 p.m.) at the high school. The cost is \$40. If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to Northvillepompon@comcast.net.



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Taking his best shot

Peyton McCaslin, 7, enjoys an inflatable game at the March 8 Hillside School Carnival. The carnival, an all night long fundraiser for the school's PTSA, featured dancing, food, temporary tattoos, games of skill, a bake sale, and lots of inflatable rides and amusements.

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ry and others going elsewhere.

"I would strongly ask you to consider the do-nothing (approach to the elementary schools)," he said.

He added, "The one thing that everybody in this room wants is to make sure their children stay in their school and the community stays together. That is the most important thing."

This was followed by applause from the gathered parents.

Both Ridge Wood Elementary and Meads Mill Middle School are at capacity and cannot take on that many more students, according to the district. Ridge Wood currently has at least 730 students, which is followed by Amerman's 520, while Meads Mill has nearly 950 students with Hillside at around 750. It's this imbalance that needs to be corrected district leaders say.

The report put together by the consultant Plan-te Moran CRESA does state that after next school year (13-14) each elementary school will see a gradual decrease in enrollment. Ridge Wood is projected to be at 600 by 2017. However, also during that time Meads

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

As Northville Schools officials narrow down school attendance boundaries, which option do you think makes most sense? Email your opinions to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com.

Mill is expected to grow, potentially beyond 1,000 students.

After much discussion, the school board narrowed down the options.

According to the district, the options moving forward for consideration include two elementary boundary options, both of which move a portion of the current Ridge Wood attendance area to Winchester Elementary School.

And there are three middle school attendance boundary options moving forward for continued consideration: one scenario reassigns a portion of the current Silver Springs/Meads Mill attendance area to a Silver Springs/Hillside attendance area; another scenario reassigns a portion of the current Ridge Wood/Meads Mill attendance area to a Ridge Wood/Hillside atten-

dance area; and the third scenario reassigns all of the Silver Springs attendance area from Meads Mill to Hillside for middle school.

At this time, it appears the school board is leaning toward a scenario to not have a 1,000 or more students at Hillside. Board member Adam Phelps was the lone voice for looking at this scenario. Board member Cyndy Jankowski was absent due to sickness.

Phelps said he understands that mark may not be what some in the district want, but it is one being pushed by many parents in the community. He added that as the former High School, Hillside is estimated to be capable of having 1,200 students.

"We need to weigh that versus splitting up elementary schools," Phelps posed during board discussion.

Board President Ken Roth countered by saying this would then shift the imbalance to Hillside.

"Why would we want to create a situation that isn't as even as possible?" Roth asked.

The school board is expected to make its final decision at the April 9 meeting at Hillside Middle School,

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Amerman Olympiad team shines



Amerman Elementary's Science Olympiad team came in first place at the South Macomb Regional Science Olympiad tournament held March 9 at Roseville High School in Roseville. Teams from 25 school participated in the event.

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Northville reaches deal with DPW employees with no raises until 2014

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Under a newly extended agreement, Northville City Department of Public Works employees will see their wage freeze extended for another year until Jan. 1, 2014.

It has been in place since 2010. However, the negotiated contract will eventually provide for a modest wage increase (2 percent, 1 percent, and 1 percent) over the next three calendar years, starting in 2014.

“The concessions, especially in the health care area, which is a budget driver, are very significant in this proposal,” said Mayor Chris Johnson prior to the vote. “It really allows the city a lot more flexibility than we had in the past, so I really think it’s a good idea. There are good concessions in here for the city and I think it will make things smoother in the future.”

City Manager Patrick Sullivan said for the city the eventual wage increase will be offset by significant health care savings through the implementation of a high deductible/Health Savings Account (HSA) Plan with the employees sharing the cost of both premiums and HSA contributions.

At a special meeting on Monday, the Northville City Council approved by a 5-0 vote the contract extension between the City of Northville and AFSCME

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CHRIS JOHNSON
Northville mayor

Council 25 and its Local 2720, until Dec. 31, 2016. This expiration will line up with the city’s annual health insurance contract renewal.

The city worked out a similar health care deal with its non-union employees this past year.

The DPW primarily oversees maintenance projects. Among its different responsibilities, the DPW is in charge of the maintenance for downtown street lighting, landscaping, sidewalks, parking structures, and parking lots.

There are eight DPW employees. The city has 17 non-union employees. Sullivan said the city also uses a number of seasonal non-union employees, but they are not offered any benefits.

According to Sullivan, the last negotiated contract between the city and AFSCME group (DPW) was set to expire on June 30, 2011. This was due to the city’s challenged financial position in 2010.

All four collective bargaining units in the city, including AFSCME (DPW), police, fire and police command unit (sergeants) agreed to forego a wage increase which was scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2010. They also agreed

to extend the contracts with a wage freeze until June 30 of this year and some other concessions were also granted by the unions at that time, Sullivan said in his report to the council.

“In order to meet the challenges of rising health care and legacy costs, the city and AFSCME have been meeting in order to reach an agreement that would provide a modest wage increase, and significant health care savings, while keeping the remaining contract provisions status quo,” Sullivan said of the negotiations that led to this agreement.

Under this extension, the city will phase in higher employee contributions for health care, which would increase to 20 percent of costs for the Blue Care Network Plan (HMO) Plan, and 35 percent for the Community Blue (PPO) Plan, by 2016.

It would also reduce payments to employees who opt out of health insurance and caps the monthly payment at a fixed amount. And it will allow the city to switch insurance carriers if substantially equal coverage can be provided for the same, out of pocket, cost to the employees.

Sullivan said, “If the

city were to implement the same insurance plan, and wage increases with the other union and non-union employee groups, the net cost for the next three calendar years is projected to be \$325,000 less than keeping the existing health care plan with no wage increases.”

The new terms also provide for a contract “re-opener” in July, 2016 to bargain the subject of retiree contributions toward health care.

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The City of Northville reached a new contract with its DPW employees. The new contract runs through Dec. 31, 2016.

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From great loss comes musical resolve

Wife's death leads local musician to support leukemia research

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Steven Ross Jahn, 53, lost his wife, Renee, to leukemia in 2010, when she was only 46. “I really didn’t pay much attention to what leukemia was,” said Jahn, who lives in Salem Township with a Northville address. “It’s a very hard thing to overcome and beat.”

He’s a musician and songwriter whose Dreamway Entertainment is involved in performances to benefit leukemia research. Jahn is also owner of Dreamway Mobile Homes/Steven Ross Jahn Realty, and seeks to have a substantial portion of commissions they receive given to leukemia research.

He recalled when the housing market imploded in 2008 and the stress that put on their family.

“I think that caused her immune system to be compromised,” he said. His wife didn’t have a bone marrow transplant.

He works in the manufactured home brokering business, and met Renee in 1980 at an earlier job.

“It was my turn to wait on her,” said Jahn, whose performances include tributes to Toby Keith.



Steven Ross Jahn, who lives in Salem Township with a Northville address, is involved in fundraising for leukemia research. He lost his wife, Renee, to the disease in 2010.

“Three months later, we were married.” The couple has three children ages 33, 30 and 25, as well as five grandchildren.

After they married, the man he worked for and that man’s wife died in a plane crash. Jahn went to another business. After that, the Jahns relocated to south Texas.

“Boy, what a culture shock that was,” said Jahn, who was born in Flint and sang gospel as a child.

He was later in a *Star Search* contest in Texas, advancing multiple times but not appearing on the Ed McMahon TV show.



Steven Ross Jahn appears at a Detroit Pistons function as Toby Keith.

Jahn recorded an album here of songs about living in south Texas, *South Texas Wind*.

In 1990, he went to Nashville to record his *Santa Bring My Daddy Home*, based on a real-life girl with a dad in Iraq she wanted home for the holidays. That song got a lot of airplay in Michigan. He’s written and recorded other music, including *Christmas Is My Favorite Time of Year* and *I Saw*

Your Picture in the Paper.

Jahn opened his own manufactured home business, noting the difficulty of touring as a musician with family responsibilities. His subsequent recorded and performed music has included both Christian and country.

His wife was diagnosed July 23, 2009, and went into remission but then had a relapse.

They had lived on Portage Lake, where he’d built them what was to be a retirement home. Jahn’s move to the Northville area had him buy a home from a man who lost his son to leukemia, also at a young age.

His business is sup-

porting the Leukemia Research Foundation of America, based in the Chicago area. Jahn has worked some time to get provisions for tax write-offs for support, noting the complexity of IRS regulations.

He’s also doing benefit performances as others and himself, as are friends, one of whom appears as Willie Nelson. Jahn recently did a K-Wings show in Kalamazoo as Toby Keith.

“We had fun with that,” he said.

His wife was working on a banner for him when she had a brain hemorrhage and was rushed to the hospital.

“She was trying to help me get the show going,” said Jahn, who knows his wife would be proud of the work being done now.

He’d tried to perform right after she died but couldn’t: “It was just too hard. I wasn’t emotionally ready.”

For more information on Jahn, including how to contact him, visit www.stevenrossjahn.com. He and the others are available for private parties and fundraisers. Reach Jahn at www.dreamway-entertainment.com, via e-mail at info@dreamway-entertainment.com or by phone at (734) 545-3407.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – PUBLIC HEARING**

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The ZBA will consider a variance request **for property located at 40062 Millpond Court (Chapter 170, Article 18, Schedule of Regulations—Setbacks)**. Written comments regarding this request will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

Paul Slatin
Zoning Board of Appeals

Publish: March 28, 2013

**CITY OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF ENACTMENT
ZONING ORDINANCE #02-19-13Z**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 02-19-13Z for the purpose of amending the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The ordinance amends Section 2.06 Permitted/Special Use Chart, Sections 13.03 and 14.03 Wireless Communication, Section 16.13 Cellular Telephone, Section 18.23 Wireless Communication, Section 19.04 Preliminary and Final Site Development Plans, Section 19.12 Process and Applicability, Section 22.01 Non-Conforming Sites, Section 25.01 Board of Zoning Appeals Creation and Membership, Section 25.02 Meetings, Section 25.04 Powers and Duties/Use Variances, Section 26.01 Definitions, and other miscellaneous changes including Table of Contents.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on February 19, 2013 and was adopted by the City Council on March 18, 2013. The ordinance shall become effective on April 5, 2013. The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the City’s website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

JIM PENN, BUILDING OFFICIAL

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION
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SPECIAL ELECTION
TO BE HELD ON MAY 7, 2013
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To the qualified Electors of the Township of Northville, County of Wayne, notice is hereby given that Monday, April 8, 2013 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the Special Election to be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2013.

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

Please note that a person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in Michigan (MCL168.509t.), are at least 60 years of age, disabled as defined by law, or temporarily living overseas.

The full text of the proposal and a “sample” of the ballot for the Plymouth/Canton Community Schools Bonding Special Election is available at the Northville Township’s Clerk’s department and on the township’s website: www.twp.northville.mi.us.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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Northville Public Schools

The Northville Public Schools (also referred to as the District or NPS in these documents) will accept sealed bids for:

Relief Air System Renovations -Bid Package 1

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Thursday April 4, 2013 at 10:00AM. Meeting will be held at Thornton Creek Elementary School 46180 Nine Mile Road, Novi MI 48374. The meeting will then proceed to Ridgewood Elementary School located at 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. The drawings, specifications and bidding documents will be made available online at: www.bid4michigan.com and www.northville.k12.mi.us.

Sealed bids should be submitted to Mr. Mike Zopf, Assistant Superintendent, Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main Street, Room 307, Northville MI 48167. Bids are to be submitted no later than **1:00 PM local time Friday April 12, 2013**. The District will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for bid submission. Bids will be publicly opened immediately following the close of receiving bids. No oral, email, telephonic or telegraphic proposals shall be considered.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part; or, for reasons of establishing uniformity, delivery time or preference, to award the contract to other than the low bidder.

The contents of RFP and Bidder’s (also referred to as Contractor in these documents) Proposal will become contractual obligations, if a contract ensues. Failure of the Bidder to accept these obligations will result in cancellation of the award. Award of a contract by the District is subject to the Contractor executing a Contract, which shall incorporate the contents of this RFP and the Contractor’s Proposal and final approval if the same by the District’s legal counsel.

In compliance with MCL 380.1267, the bid shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, or the superintendent of the school district. The Board shall not accept a bid that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Certified check or Bid Bond must accompany each proposal by an approved surety company in an amount not less than 5% of the proposal amount. All bids shall be firm for at least sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids. length of time required for completion shall be specified in the bid. All bids submitted must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

Bids are to be submitted on the District’s Bid Proposal Form, signed by the Bidder, in a sealed envelope and clearly marked. Two (2) copies of the Bid Proposal Form should be addressed to the attention of:

Mr. Mike Zopf, Assistant Superintendent
Northville Public Schools
501 W. Main Street Room 307
Northville, MI 48167

“Relief Air System Renovations -Bid Package 1 -BID”

One (1) copy of the bid form should be retained for your files. Any questions should be referred to Robert Roop from Peter Basso Associates Inc. (248) 879-5666.

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**SYNOPSIS
MARCH 21, 2013 – REGULAR MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

DATE: Thursday, March 21, 2013
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
Present: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor, Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk, Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer, Marv Gans, Trustee, Symantha Heath, Trustee, Mindy Herrmann, Trustee
Fred Shadko, Trustee
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas:**
 - Approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items - approved
 - Minutes – Board of Trustees Special Meeting of 3-07-13
 - Minutes – Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of 2-21-13
 - Northville Youth Assistance Program Report
 - Minutes – Historic District Commission 2-28-13
 - Financial Memo– Escrow and Performance Guarantees
- Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
 - Marie J. Barr – Reappointment to Beautification Commission - approved
 - Sue Hillebrand – Reappointment to Beautification Commission - approved
 - Barbara O’Brien – Reappointment to Beautification Commission - approved
 - Marjorie Faessler – Reappointment to Beautification Commission - approved
 - Michael S. Hale – Reappointment to EDC/BRA - approved
 - Richard Brown – Reappointment to Senior Citizen Advisory Council - approved
 - Kent Anderson – Reappointment to Planning Commission - approved
- Public Hearing: None**
- Brief Public Comments: None**
- New Business:**
 - Demolition Agreement – former Scott Prison - approved
 - Steeplechase Final Plan – Subs 6 & 7 - approved
 - Steeplechase Stormwater Agreement – Subs 6 & 7 - approved
 - Bid Recommendation for Lift Station Improvements - approved
 - Beck Road Booster Station – Payment #5 - approved
 - Purchase Cat-loader for DPS - approved
 - ARC dues for 2013 - approved
 - General Property Tax Resolution - approved
- Unfinished Business: None**
- Ordinances: None**
- Check Registry:**
 - In the amount of \$1,918,510.92 - approved
- Board Communication & Reports** from Supervisor Nix, Clerk Hillebrand, Treasurer Marjorie Banner, Trustee Gans, Trustee Heath, Trustee Herrmann, Trustee Shadko, Manager Chip Snider
- Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees: None**
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

This is a synopsis of the meeting. A draft of the unapproved minutes will be available after April 2, 2013.

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There will be a fundraiser, Cabaret for a Cause, for the Northville SPROUTS Autism K-5 program on Thursday, April 11 at Genitti's Hole-in-the Wall restaurant and theater, 108 E. Main Street, Northville. Doors open at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30.

The Cabaret for a Cause performance is courtesy of "Encore!" — Eastern Michigan University's talented group of musical theater performers. EMU's CTA Music Director Ryan Lewis is creating a musical, Cabaret-style show specifically for this special event, while choreography will be by musical theatre professor and Broadway veteran, Phil Simmons.

Tickets for dinner and the show are \$35 each. Cost includes a five-course family-style Italian dinner, dessert and all non-alcoholic beverages, as well as the show. There will also be a silent auction featuring Red Wings tickets, a professional a photography package, spa package and more.

All proceeds will fund the SPROUTS Autism Program at Thornton Creek Elementary, Northville Public Schools. The first \$1,000 in donations will be matched by the Northville Educational

Foundation.

To purchase tickets, call Genitti's at (248) 349-0522. For more information, send an e-mail to sproutwatchusgrow@gmail.com.

Garden club meeting

The Northville Garden Club will hold its next meeting at noon on April 8 at the Cady Inn at Mill Race. The program is Flowers and Plants in Art presented by Margaret Prizer, of the Detroit Institute of Arts Speakers Bureau.

Guests are always welcome. For more information, contact Mimi Kibbey at (248) 348-2299.

Med collection

Those looking to get rid of their unused, unwanted, or expired medications can now visit the permanent drop box inside the lobby at the Northville Township Police Department, located at 41600 Six Mile.

Proper disposal of medications has long been a difficult problem. Flushing them pollutes the water supply. Throwing them in the trash makes them an easy target not only for thieves, but for pets and wildlife. And pharmacists are not allowed to take medications back once they are

dispensed.

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Maple syrup tours

Maybury Farm will host its Family Maple Syrup Tours each Saturday and Sunday 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 guests to experience first-hand how maple syrup is made. 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 the 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.



Northville artist Barbara Eko Murphy's "I am Woman."

Artist to be featured

Northville artist Barbara Eko Murphy will have an exhibit "Life Portraits" running April 2-29 at the Menagerie Room, located at 116 N. Lafayette in downtown South Lyon. The exhibit will feature her life draw-

ings and paintings. Murphy enjoys the challenge of drawing live models, rather than creating from photographs, and the collection includes charcoal, inks and watercolor images.

Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call the Menagerie Room at (248) 446-0411, or the artist at (248) 982-7041.

Lincoln Reagan Dinner

The Wayne 11th Congressional District Congressional Committee will host its annual Lincoln Reagan Dinner on Thursday, April 25 at the Laurel

Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. The event will present an opportunity for voters to network with elected officials, community activists and precinct delegates, as well as to hear firsthand the Republican message.

The featured speaker for the event is South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, considered on of the strongest fiscal conservatives in state government.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for a private VIP photo reception with Haley. A social gathering time for general attendees will take place at 6 p.m. and the dinner program begins at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$75 per person and a table of 10 is \$700 (deadline is April 19). Tickets for the VIP reception with Haley are \$150 per person. For more information, e-mail chair@wayne11th.com, or visit www.wayne11th.com.

The Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee covers the communities of Canton Township, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Gluten Free Food Fair

The Tri-County Celiac Support Group is hosting a Gluten Free Food Fair on Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington. Some 25 vendors will be there with samples of their gluten free products, which can also be purchased during the food fair. Admission is free to TCCSG members, and \$10 for non-members. For more information, send an e-mail to maorlando39@gmail.com.

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Silver Springs Elementary School students listen to authors Darrin and Karen Brege during their March 15 visit to the school.

At right, Michigan author Karen Brege excitedly talks about her efforts — along with her illustrator husband Darrin — in creating the Mick Morris Myth Solver series during a March 15 visit to Silver Springs Elementary. The two, from nearby Livonia, were visiting the school for March is Reading Month.



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CHRISTINA ZAYTI

‘Velveteen Rabbit’ playing

Emma Pickett of Southfield plays Jerry and Jeremy Salvatore of Ann Arbor plays the Velveteen Rabbit in the live on-stage production of “Velveteen Rabbit”, a classic tale of how toys become real now playing at the Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville. The musical, which runs through May 5, plays at 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays (April 6, 13, 20, 27; and May 4), 2:30 p.m. on Sundays (April 7, 14, 21, 28; and May 5), and 2:30 p.m. on April 2-5. Tickets for all performances are \$9 each. Group rates and reserved seating for groups of 20 or more. No children under the age of three. Birthday parties and Scout Days available. For more information please call the Marquis Theatre at (248) 349-8110 or visit our website www.northvillamarquistheatre.com.

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O.U.R. Camp offers social opportunities in Northville for special needs children

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Erik and Stacey Trox-tel of South Lyon are glad to have a camp for their special needs son, Aid-an, 5.

Son Aidan, an only child, attends O.U.R. (Opportunity — Under-standing — Recreation) Camp in Northville. He has also been to SCAMP in Bloomfield.

“We actually like the O.U.R. Camp better,” said

Erik, a member of the O.U.R. board. “We’re just trying to get the word out about O.U.R. Camp.”

“He’s developmental-ly delayed, so he’s got-ten a lot of social interac-tion with other children his age,” Trox-tel said of the couple’s son. “This gives him an opportuni-ty to do other things oth-er kids are doing. We’ve really enjoyed sending him there.”

Organizers just start-ed monthly meetings to

market the camp which runs June through mid-August. It’s one of few special needs camps in this area, Trox-tel noted.

It’s based at North-ville Christian Assem-bly on Six Mile, west of Haggerty, but not affili-ated with the church. A rental agreement is used to operate O.U.R. Camp, which has a website, www.ourcampinc.org.

It’s been put togeth-er by parents, who pay a tuition fee for it.

“It’s a pretty small camp,” Trox-tel said. Many counselors are stu-dents in special educa-tion, speech or occupa-tional therapy.

“It’s not just a bunch of high school kids running the camp,” he said.

The camp is for chil-dren ages 3-11 with devel-opmental needs.

It offers continuity with schools, stimulating cog-nitive and social skills, along with offering arts and crafts, physical edu-cation, speech and lan-guage help, and work with those with autism and Down syndrome.

Organizers try to orga-nize fundraisers throug-hout year for the camp which started in 2000. The camp meets require-ments for scholarships through such agencies as Community Living Services and local Elks Clubs.

“It was basically just a bunch of parents getting together,” Trox-tel said.

Three camp sessions are held from the end of June through mid-August weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students must qualify for special edu-cation in their home dis-trict.

Claudia Pietron of Plymouth Township is president and treasur-er for the camp. She’s available at cpietron@ourcampinc.org for those with questions.

“First I was a parent of a camper,” Pietron said. “Basically O.U.R. Camp was developed from its inception by parents.”

The previous board president moved jobs and left for Jackson.



O.U.R. (Opportunity — Understanding — Recreation) Camp, based at Northville Christian Assembly on Six Mile (but not affiliated with the church) offers stimulating cog-nitive and social skills, along with offering arts and crafts, physical education, speech and language help to children with autism and Down syndrome.

Pietron’s daughter, now 10, who is autistic, went to the camp at age 3 and has continued each year. Pietron got a lot of infor-mation on resources for her daughter to contin-ue what she learned at school.

“What O.U.R. Camp does is bridge the gap between the end of the school year and the start of the school year,” Pie-tron said.

Many children with autism have sensory issues. They can learn to adapt to the feel of water

or other textures.

“She’s doing terrific,” Pietron said of her daugh-ter. “She’s very verbal. They’ve done wonders with her. She’s an amaz-ing kid.”

She remains in the autism spectrum, but issues of not speaking have gone away.

“The counselors at our camp are fantastic,” said Pietron, noting some are in college, and some have graduated with bachelor’s degrees.

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CATTIN, DORIS
Age 94, passed away March 22, 2013. Graveside service March 30, Acacia Park Cemetery. Guest book, www.phillipsfuneral.com.

DOTSON, KATHERINE E.
Age 83, of South Lyon, passed away March 22, 2013, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, after a lengthy illness. She was born on October 30, 1929, to Anna & Henry Dotson in Lupton, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers: Jesse, Louis, Ernest, Harry, and Wayne; and her sister Henrietta. Kate will be greatly missed by her dear friend, Barbara Runavaar, brother Floyd Dotson of Tennessee, many nieces and nephews, and close friends. Kate retired from AT&T in management and then drove school bus for South Lyon and Northville schools. She was a lifetime member of the Telephone Pioneers. Kate’s hobbies included gardening and traveling in her earlier years, puzzles, reading and watching sports. Kate was well known for her sense of humor, teasing, and many funny faces. She was a very caring and generous person with a big heart. Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 28, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Noon) with a funeral service to be held at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

HORNE, IAIN G.
Age 60, passed away March 22, 2013. He was born on June 30, 1952, in Dumbarton, Scotland. Iain was a graduate of Strath-clyde University in Glasgow, Scotland and was a member of the Grand Lodge FAAM Howell #38. He is survived by his son, John (Lisa) Horne; his father, John (Ruth) Horne; his brother, Stuart (Kelly) Horne and their children; his longtime companion, Stacie Fallon and her fami-ly; his step-children, Dawn, Debbie and their families; and his brother-in-law, James Cairney and his children. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mari-on Shearer and his sister, Marion Cairney. Visitation was held on Monday, March 25. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, March 26, at 10:00 a.m. at PHIL-LIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to U of M Cancer Center. Online guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

SEASER, KATHERINE 'KAY'
Age 60, entered Heavens gate on March 22, 2013. Kay began her life on February 18, 1953, in De-troit. Kay’s active and loving lifestyle kept her surrounded by many loving and devoted friends and family members. Kay is sur-vived by her loving husband of 25 years, Paul Seaser; her moth-er Dorothy "Shirley" Kenney; her siblings: Chuck (Judy) Ken-ney, Patrick (Valerie) Kenney; and by 4 nieces and 5 nephews. She was preceded in death by her father John "Jack" Kenney. Visi-tation was held on March 25, Monday, from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. and March 26, Tuesday, 2:00 - 9:00 p.m. with a Rosary prayed at 7:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FU-NERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. A funeral mass was celebrated on March 27, Wednesday, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 711 Rickett Rd., Brighton, MI 48116. In lieu of flowers, memorial con-tributions may be made to Ka-therine Kenney Seaser Memorial Scholarship Fund payable to St. Patrick Catholic Church. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

JOHNSON, ALBERT W.
Age 77, of Northville, passed away March 24, 2013. Full obit and online condolences at: casterlinefuneralhome.com

NANTAU, EILEEN M.
Age 80, of Milford, passed away peacefully on March 22, 2013. For info, Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford. 248-684-6645 LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

PRICE, WILLIAM EDWARD
Age 88, passed away March 23, 2013. A private family service was held. Phillips Funeral Home.

SCHMIDT, WESLENE ANN
Age 77, of South Lyon, died on Thursday, March 21, 2013, from pneumonia. Wes was born on Ju-ly 8th, 1935, in Detroit MI. She grew up a working farm girl, graduated high school, and en-joyed her life in her home town of South Lyon. Wes finished high school and married Donald Schmidt at age 21. Together they adopted two newborn babies to raise and love. She worked in many of the local businesses as an accountant and finally settled into banking. Wes enjoyed gather-ing with friends, playing cards, and in her golden years, making sure her children and their fami-lies had unending love and sup-port. She was widowed in March of 2009, and had a very strong Faith and love for God. She was nothing shy of a prayer warrior for a life’s worth of friends and family. Wes demonstrated a lov-ing grace, a tenacious care and thoughtfulness for others, and helped us all understand the meaning of long-suffering trials, both in spirit and physical health. Wes worked a lot of good, and she secured a large devoted group of friends. Wes had the very best of a hometown com-munity always checking in on her, and she was grateful. Weslene is survived by: daughter Nanci Schmidt and son Brian Schmidt; grandsons Shawn Chouinard and Gabriel Schmidt; a nephew Steven (Trina) Lahser and a niece Linda Newman-Thomas, and is a great aunt from their children. A Memorial will be held on Saturday, April 13th, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Gathering at 10AM, Serv-ice 11-12AM. Directly after a reception/potluck at the VFW Hall 125 E. McHattie St., South Lyon. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Weslene Schmidt family, c/o Phillips Fu-neral Home. Please make checks payable to Phillips Funeral Home. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

WOLF, KAY D'LYNN
Passed away quietly, leaving a caring mother, Lou Wolf, won-derful brother and sister-in-law Kurt and Ana Wolf; two loving nephews, Marcel and Arnaud; a precious niece, Marina; three adorable and spoiled kitties and many, many friends throughout the country to mourn her. Born October 7, 1963 in Detroit, Michigan, Kay was a proud and accomplished graduate of Michi-gan State University. She began her career in advertising working with several small firms in Michi-gan and Chicago. She later joined Konami, working in the then nascent online gaming in-dustry where her creativity and out-of-the box thinking did not go unnoticed. Buoyed by her success she moved to the San Jose area where she put her mar-keting skills to great use. Her early endeavors included work with one of the first photo-sharing companies in the world. A natural entrepreneur and gifted creative person, Kay left cor-porate life to become a florist as the owner of Posey Garden. Her lat-est work, and possibly her most rewarding, had been working with adults with developmental disabilities at Mainstream Sup-port where she felt like she was truly making a difference in many people’s lives as well as enhancing her own. Regardless of where she lived or worked, Kay made friends easily. Her good nature, quick wit and en-thusiasm for life were a beacon to the many people in her world. She loved music, dancing, learn-ing, laughter and the Price is Right. Her natural wisdom and curiosity for all subjects; be it sports, world events or people, kept her friendships alive with conversation filled with laughter and love. Her warmth was a con-stant with every smile and hug she freely released. The memory and light of her smile will al-ways illuminate our hearts and her hugs will warm our souls forever. Friends and family will gather to celebrate Kay’s life on April 6th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at the Los Gatos United Methodist Church with a short service followed by a reception at the church. Please RSVP if you are able to come to the celebration at celebratekayslife@gmail.com In lieu of flowers, dona-tions can be made in memory of Kay to The American Diabetes Association at www.diabetes.org or the Humane Society at www.hssv.org

FORTUNATO, MARJORIE I.
South Lyon, MI (formerly of Ypsilanti)
Age 92, passed away Friday, March 22, 2013 following a short illness. She was born Au-gust 22, 1920 in Marian, VA, the daughter of Irvin and Minnie (Horne) Steffey. Marjorie worked for Eastern Michigan University for twenty years, re-tiring in 1989. She was a mem-ber of St. John the Baptist Catho-lic Church in Ypsilanti and then St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon. Survivors include: four children, Peter (Suzanne) of Goodyear, AZ, James (Karen) of Parchment, MI and John (Nancy) Fortunato of Scottsdale, AZ and Ann Marie (Michael) Soranuf of Hamburg, MI; nine grandchil-dren; three great grandchildren; one sister, Frances Taylor of Elizabethton, TN; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her hus-band, Charles, two daughters, Nancy Wagner and Angela Fortunato and eight brothers and sisters. The funeral mass was at 11 am Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Ypsilanti. Burial fol-lowed in St. John Cemetery. Contributions in her memory may be made to either Arbor Hospice Residence or the St. Louis Center in Chelsea. Enve-lopes are available at Stark Fu-neral Service where the family greeted friends on Monday. Visi-tation was at the church on Tues-day. Please sign her guest book at www.starkfuneral.com

QUILLEN, KEVIN
Age 61, died March 22, 2013. Contributions to: Last Chance Animal Rescue, PO Box 1208, Howell, MI 48844. Guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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SUTTON, ALFRED
Age 79, passed away March 25 2013. A private family service was held. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home.

NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Home invasion

A home on S. Center Street was recently burglarized by someone who carefully removed a window pane to gain entrance.

On March 17, the Northville home-owners went to police after being told by a neighbor their house appeared to have been broken into. The homeowners were out of town when it was discovered. Northville City Police reported the strips around a window had been removed in order for the pane to be taken out and door unlocked.

A number of items were reported stolen, including three lap top computers, prescription pills, and a \$11,000 engage-ment ring. The case is currently under investigation.

Poker chips stolen

The poker room manager at Northville Downs reported to police that a tip jar full of poker chips was stolen possibly by a person who is a frequent visitor.

Northville City Police were dispatched to the Downs on March 20 on a larceny report. The manager told police he had closed down the blackjack table, but then realized he forgot to empty the tip jar.

However after going back to it he found it empty. A follow up look at security vid-eo showed that someone may have tak-en them.

The case remains open for further investigation.

Suspected drunken driver

The Northville City Police stopped an out of town driver for erratic driving, which has led the department to seek a warrant for an OWI charge.

On March 18, the police stopped the 48-year-old San Diego man at Eight Mile Road and Lexington Boulevard after spot-ting his vehicle moving along in both lanes on Eight Mile. The report stated the man was slow to react to police orders and smelled of intoxicants. He reported-ly also had trouble with the field sobriety tests, even refusing to perform the count-ing task. He told police he had not had a drink.

Police cited the man for refusal to take the Breathalyzer, but later gained a war-rant to draw blood from him in order to test the level of intoxication, if any. The man has a previous drunken driving con-viction from Nevada.

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Taking shape

A beginning of an iron skeleton of the multi-million dollar Park Place development at Seven and Haggerty is seen in this March 19 photo. The site will be anchored by the \$39 million dollar University of Michigan Health System medical complex. Northville Township Manager Chip Snider said construction is on schedule, and he expects the developer to be at the April planning commission meeting to finalize landscaping plans for the site.

LIBRARY LINES

The Northville District Library, which is located at 212 W. Cady Street, has a number of upcoming programs. For more information about these events or about the library, call (248) 349-3020 or visit <http://northville.lib.mi.us>. Upcoming events include:

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OUR VIEWS

Tough decisions

School board must choose most sustainable redistricting option

Back at the beginning of the school year, Northville Public Schools was the target of constant criticism from many parents in the district due to overcrowded conditions in some of the buildings. At school board meetings, parents stood up and complained, many threatening to move out of the district or send their children to charter or private schools rather than have them learn in classrooms splitting at the seams.

Frustrated district officials acknowledged from the beginning that overcrowding was an issue at several schools, while at the same time trying to explain the reasons.

First, the district, like others across the state, is receiving less funding from the state. According to Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher, the district has 30 percent less funding compared to 2004, which has led to many tough budget decisions in recent years. The district could use more teachers, but because of cuts from Lansing simply can't afford to pay or hire them.

At the same time, the Northville community is beginning to boom again. Housing starts are up in both the city and township, and at levels not seen since the economy crashed the housing market during the big recession. Families are relocating to Northville in droves, and the solid public schools are a big reason. So, in a way, the school district is a victim of its own success.

Much of the growth is impacting a couple of the district's schools — particularly Ridge Wood Elementary and Meads Mill Middle School — more than others. As a result, school officials began a process back in the fall to study how they could more equally distribute students across the district. They hired a consultant, and have had numerous public meetings over the course of the last couple of months, including the latest at Tuesday's school board meeting. In addition, Gallagher has held several "community coffees" to speak to concerned parents in a less formal setting. So parents have had plenty of input in this process.

As of now, the school board has whittled down the various ideas to two elementary boundary options, both of which move a portion of the current Ridge Wood attendance area to Winchester Elementary School. There are also still four options in play for the middle school boundaries — one reassigns a portion of the current Silver Springs/Meads Mill attendance area to a Silver Springs/Hillside attendance area; two scenarios reassign either a smaller or a larger portion of the current Ridge Wood/Meads Mill attendance area to a Ridge Wood/Hillside attendance area; and the fourth scenario reassigns all of the Silver Springs attendance area from Meads Mill to Hillside for middle school.

The administration and school board have taken some fire recently from parents who don't want any subdivisions split up into different school boundaries, as well as from some parents who simply don't want their students to be uprooted to another school. While it is understandable why parents would feel this way, the school board is in a tough spot. No matter what the board ultimately decides, there will be some parents who are upset. That is the nature of the redistricting process.

At one of the most recent public meetings, a group of parents who are unhappy with some of the proposals suggested the district increase enrollment at Hillside Middle School to more than 1,000 and not split up any of the elementary students. How does that solve the overcrowding issue at Ridge Wood Elementary?

Make no mistake, we are sympathetic to the students who will be moved to another school. But children are resilient, and can adapt.

The school board, which is expected to make its final decision at the April 9 meeting at Hillside Middle School, should remember that the district had to adjust boundaries back in 2007-08. Officials need to make the best decision so we aren't in the same situation a couple of years from now. The board can't let a small group of upset parents derail the process.

People elected board members to make the tough decisions. This is certainly one of those times. This process is about creating the best learning environment possible for the students. Overcrowded classrooms, as was pointed out by upset parents last fall, is not an ideal environment.

COMMUNITY VOICE

The Detroit Tigers open the 2013 season at Minnesota on April 1. How do you think they'll do this year?

We asked local Tigers fans.



"They will get to the World Series."

Dave Rouse
Jack's Barbershop
in Northville



"Optimistically, they will do really well and get to the playoffs, and hopefully even further."

Nick Westerkamp
Town and Country Bike of
Northville



"With Torii Hunter and Victor Martinez added to the lineup, the Tigers are going all the way this year."

Chris Roosen
Northville Township



"I think the Tigers will be very competitive and fun to watch. With the addition of Torii Hunter and a full season of Omar Infante, their regular season record should be much improved with the improved defense. As long as they stay healthy and their pitching staff continues to build on last seasons success they will definitely have a great chance of a repeat trip to the World Series."

John Kostrzewa
Northville H.S.
varsity baseball coach

LETTERS

Where was Kerry?

I admit I made a mistake. When I saw local press releases that said Congressman Kerry Bentivolio's mobile office would be making stops in Northville last Friday, I made the erroneous assumption that the congressman, himself, would be in attendance.

I was at the Community Center at the appointed hour (where the staff had no clue that a visit from Bentivolio's office — with or without the congressman — was planned) and waited a good long time, but nobody showed up. No congressman, no office, nothing. Subsequent research of the Congressional Record showed that our congressman was in Washington last week, so I should not have expected a personal showing from him. What happened to the office is another matter.

Actually, a personal showing by our congressman is a very rare thing, indeed. During the election campaign, he made himself systematically unavailable for any sort of "meet the candidate" event, or any similar forum where he might be asked to express, or defend, his views. As a Republican, running in a Republican district, this was probably a very wise move. Burrowing into the earth like a groundhog is a good strategy in this case, because, unless armed with information that would indicate otherwise, many people will cast their vote along party lines.

Making himself available to the press and the public would only have cost him votes.

Thinking that Kerry, like that lying groundhog Punxsutawney Phil, had decided to make a public appearance at long last, I was looking forward to being able to ask him all the questions that have been burning in my breast these many months since his campaign. Things like: "Do you still stand by your pledge to Grover Norquist that you will never compromise when it comes to taxes?" Or, more fundamentally, "Do you realize that by pledging not to negotiate you have, tacitly, pledged that you will not carry out the duties of your office?" Or, "In your years of teaching history did you skip over the great legislative compromises that have moved this country forward for almost 250 years? Did you gloss over the fact that it was compromise, and only compromise, that made it possible for the very diverse factions represented in the Constitutional Convention to draft the Constitution that you pledged to support?"

I will keep my list of ques-

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tions fresh. He has to make an appearance sometime, and I will be there.

I will also be there on Nov. 4, 2014, with my ballot in my hand.

John D. Webster
Northville

Innocent until proven guilty

I hope you will reconsider your method of covering the story of Joseph Miklos, the young man accused of molesting a neighbor. In the U.S., we believe in "innocent until proven guilty." Much of our media has interpreted this to mean that in alleged sexual misconduct cases they give total anonymity to the potential victim (as you are doing). For the accused perpetrator they often print a name, but omit the picture until a guilty verdict is returned.

It saddens me to see Joseph's police photo repeatedly plastered across the newspaper prior to his trial. It is not a flattering picture and I fear that it will worsen stereotypes of students in special education. It does not seem fair for a young man with his disabilities to be exposed like this when no jury has ever determined him guilty of breaking the law.

I believe that you should run all future stories without the accompanying picture — unless and until a guilty verdict is returned.

Barbara Soyster
Northville

When will media catch on?

The national media's fidelity to the left chisels most rough edges from the obvious. Solyn-dra only wasted tens of millions,

others are abominations. Was Benghazi a big cover-up by our State Department? The dark event followed disregarded appeals from Americans stuck in the forsaken place. All left naked for uncontested kills by a vicious enemy. Media curiously remains too restrained over Benghazi. Thin air coughed up an obscure video oddly delaying discovery, or shield any guilt, or muddle the facts and responsibility. State Department leader provided indignation when questioned by the Senate with precision to unload her own responsibility. Yet with any actual notice to the military it would have managed any threat.

All bloated bureaucracies have brought us are loads of senseless waste and excess, while watchdogs sleep. Like elder sons allowing a drunken father to continually abuse a family. Not a peep over administration money reallocation game permitting claims of \$2.5 trillion cuts by shifting accounts with no effect on debt. Some say we can survive simply paying interest with possible stagflation coming? Can the media still be silent observing debt as the beast consuming America?

Once a different political alliance brought media to righteous campaigns against slavery? Now with Obamacare, could federal control of public education into common core socialism stir anyone? An excuse being an appalling collective decline in urban public education noting 80 percent of NYC graduates being designated illiterate? Troubles in Detroit, too, at one time a model. Blame the parents, of course, for low expectations or the educators for too few productive methods and old stresses of competition muted.

No media arguments over absurd cost of higher education as those royal tyrants manage student indentures beyond reality. Has fetish over bewitching words of hope and change brought us surrendering America into a sinkhole culture of dependency and despair? Current accusations and maligning of achieving and resourceful Americans may be the decoy to preview of greater taxation to spend from everyone. Now the principal political educator circulates all tired and demeaning wedgies of class warfare for low information ears to place another spear, wounding America. Aggressors often confess their purpose in attacking others. Debt, however, could very well dismember the economy and all guarantees of the Constitution.

Jim Nowka
Northville

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Battle of the books

Middle schoolers show off their reading skills in annual contest

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

More than 150 Northville middle schoolers came together last week to test their reading skills against one another during the Northville District Library's annual Battle of the Books.

The 32 teams, from Meads Mill and Hillside middle schools, as well as Our Lady of Victory and St. Paul's Lutheran schools, gathered Wednesday night at Northville High School. Each team, consisting of between two and six members, was asked to answer 50 questions about those books, which ranged from "The Ruins of Gorlan" by John Flanagan and "The Grimm Legacy" by Polly Shulman, to "Inside Out and Back Again" by Thanhha Lai and "All Shook Up" by Shelley Pearsall. Other titles included "The Candy-makers" by Wendy Mass, "The Great Wide Sea" by M.H. Herlong and "Payback Time" by Carl Deuker.

According to Karen Fehl, public relations librarian for the library, the books were chosen by the library's youth librarians and assigned to the teams back in December.

"They chose well-reviewed young adult novels in a variety of genres, including historical fiction, humor, science fiction, fantasy and adventure stories," she said.

Suzanne Schimanski-Gross, Teen Services librarian, who helped pick the books, said variety was key.

"We wanted to have books that would appeal to different readers, both boys and girls. When you are dealing with 6th through 8th graders, you have a variety of reading levels. Some are a little further ahead than others. So we chose titles that could appeal to all levels. We also try to pick books that are pretty current," she said.

The book titles were kept secret until December when the competition kicked off.

"They had three months to read the books," Fehl said. "Either all the members read all the books, or each team assigned a member to read one book. It was up to them."

It all culminated Wednesday. As the questions were asked and answered, the teams cheered wildly. With each correct answer, teams — many of which dressed in costumes matching the characters and themes from the books they were assigned — received points.

And in the end, the winning team was Hat Trick from Meads Mill with a total of 262 points. The team consisted of 7th graders Sahil Tolia and Jenny Yu, as well as 8th graders Carolyn Wu, Larry Zhao, and Michael Zhang.

They were followed by the Cheer Readers from OLV with 255 points, and the Book Burglars from Meads Mill with 247 points.

Schimanski-Gross said the event was success, if for no other reason that



Fighting to keep his fake moustache on his lip, Nick Volakakis, of Team Anonymous, prepares to compete in the March 20 Battle of the Books. Many of the competitors dressed up in costumes matching characters and themes from the seven books they were assigned to read.



A total of 159 middle schoolers took part in the Battle of the Books March 20 in the Northville High School cafeteria.

it got the students reading.

"This is just another way for us to encourage reading. When you get them together on teams, and they have to work together, it can really be fun. And we have fun, too," said Schimanski-Gross, who asked the questions during the competition.



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Carol Chan confers with some of her teammates of the Mousekateers during the March 20 Battle of the Books sponsored by the Northville District Library. The contest, for sixth through eighth graders, featured quizzes of facts and figures from a number of books read by the various teams of up to six members.

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Baseball
team plans
to defend
district title

Squad will use pitching
depth, strong returning
lineup, to reach goals

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs baseball team ended the 2012 season with a district and conference title and an impressive 32-5 final record.

This year, they hope to repeat those fantastic feats, and are looking to use a lot of returning seniors and a deep pitching staff to accomplish them.

“We have seven seniors that will all be counted on to lead the way this season,” said coach John Kostrzewa, who has been coaching the team for about a decade.

Three-year starter Jake Hanson, a pitcher, will be counted on to lead the team out of the gates this year and will be complimented by Brandon Patrone’s offensive capabilities. Ron Rounsifer, a three-year letter winner, has played all over the field in his career, and will be needed to lead the infield for the Mustangs to make a title run in 2013.

Also back this year is Jack Gessert, who will spend plenty of time in the outfield along with returner Thomas Huber and pitcher/outfielder Nolan Waldeck. Brad VanHulle is back this year as well, bringing strength and depth to the mound as well as spending time playing infield.

“All of our seniors are very coachable and possess great leadership qualities,” said Kostrzewa.

Rounding out the returning players this year are juniors Jake Slominski, Eric Fox and Evan Wieland — all of whom will be looking to make an impact this year.

Newcomers to the team are juniors Jake Cheslik, Taylor Turner, Zach Wilds, Sam Houston, Tim Eis, Henry Chang, Chris Komorous and sophomores Evan Flohr and Connor Walters.

“Our biggest strength is our depth of pitching this season,” said Kostrzewa of the staff headed by Hansen. “We have a lot of versatility and depth in this year’s staff. Overall our team is very coachable and gritty. They collectively work very hard and are very competitive.”

Despite the strong core of returning players, there is still a lot of inexperience on this year’s roster, but Kostrzewa said his team will be looking to fill in those holes in the early weeks of the season.

And they’ll have to in order to reach the team goals: Win the Central Division, make a run at the Kensington Conference and KLAA titles and be playing their best baseball come state tournament time in order to defend last year’s district title.



Catcher Allie Chapekis and pitcher Laura Pond celebrate the regional championship over Mercy High School. Chapekis returns as a captain and Pond is now pitching for Oakland University.

Softball team
focuses on
basics, effort

Mustangs have multiple returning
players from record-setting season

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs softball team has to make sure to not dwell too much in the past when they take to the diamond this season.

The squad, coached by first-year head coach Jim Ritz, went 26-12 last season while winning the Central Division, the district and regional championships and then fell to defending state champion and 2012 state finals Mat-tawan by one run to end their season.

But that, quite simply, is in the past.

The softball team must focus on the future from this point forward. Sure, six players return from that team, including two All-Area selections in catcher Allie Chapekis and first baseman Micaela Petrucci. Also returning is Nikki Thibodeau, a pitcher, and Grace DeRidder, Jessica Jones and Ashley Schiffer.

Out of all the returning players, Thibodeau has likely the most pressure on her, being asked to take on the role vacated by the graduated of Laura Pond, an Honorable Men-

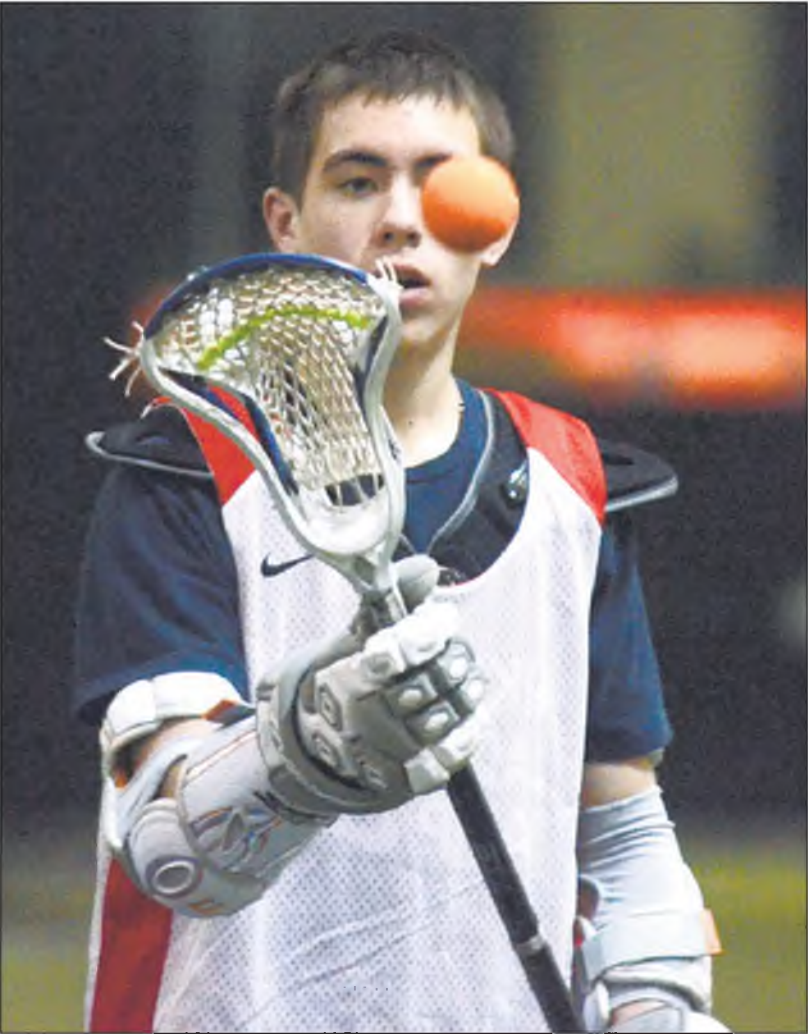
tion All-state selection on current pitcher for Oakland University. But Thibodeau, a senior, is ready for the challenge, and has also accepted a leadership role as team captain along with Chapekis, a junior.

The team will focus on stressing fundamentals this season with an emphasis on effort, attitude and intensity.

“The players are young but really believe in one another,” said Ritz when asked about the team strengths. With three seniors, four juniors, three sophomores and three freshmen on the team, coming together as a single unit is important. “We’re well on our way to doing that.”

Seniors on this year’s team are Thibodeau (P/OF), DeRidder (OF), Holly Holshouser (OF) while juniors are Chapekis (C/IF), Petrucci (IF), Jessica Jones (P/IF), Kirsten Jones (P/IF). Sophomores this year include Ashley Schiffer (IF/OF), Melissa Swart (OF) and Lexi Tiller (OF) and freshmen are Shannon Rounsifer (C/IN), Allison Zwarka (P/IF/OF) and Brianna Nayh (P/IF/OF).

Mustangs set sights on KLAA title



Mustang lacrosse player Kyle Wright warms up with his teammates on March 15 at Wixom’s Total Soccer complex as they get ready for the season.

Lacrosse team needs to develop
midfield in order to achieve goals

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Greg Durham has been the head coach of the Northville Mustangs boys lacrosse team for 12 years, and in that time he’s learned to just speak what’s on his mind.

So when he was asked what his team needed to do to make a return trip to the regional finals and to reach their goal of a KLAA title this year, he just came out and detailed Northville’s needs.

“(We need to) develop our middies so they can take over games and gain confidence and experience as we play our tough non-conference schedule this season,” he said.

Part of the challenge will be filling in the gaps left by graduating seniors from last year’s team. Northville lost three starting defensemen, an All-State face-off specialist, two All-State attackmen and an All-State goalie.

“Those are big shoes to

fill, yet we will find a way to reload and develop our younger team,” Durham said.

Last season Northville finished 11-9 overall and made a run to the regional final with a win over Detroit Catholic Central in overtime. They fell in the regional title game, 15-12, to Birmingham United.

This year, Northville will be looking to captains Joe Chase, Colin Bailey, Tyler Gozдор and Jake Fuller to lead the team, while returning players like Alec Melucci, John Cooke, Kevin Piwowar, Greg Stewart and Andrew Rosati will have plenty of responsibility as they work to help bring the younger players up to speed.

“We have to get to know one another and become a defensive-oriented team,” Durham said. “This may take some time, but we should get there hopefully after spring break.”

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Girls lacrosse team looks for improved season

Squad starts year with victory

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs girls lacrosse team isn't looking for a state championship or any sort of lofty goals. Instead, their singular focus in 2013 is to see improvement and to construct a solid base on which to build success.

The team, coached by Stacey Tardich in her second year at the helm, was bounced out of the playoffs in the first round last season following a struggle-filled regular season. This year, the team has already started the year off on the right foot, earning a season-opening win over Walled Lake Northern, 14-9, at the varsity level. The junior varsity team took a 14-4 victory away from the Knights.

The team doesn't come into 2013 without a few weapons. They have a solid nucleus of seniors, including captains Rylee Donovan, Meredith Brady, Tenley Mustonen and Erica MacDonald. The team also has a concrete goalie in returning senior Kali Maisano.

"We have a solid goalie, experienced seniors and some

young players that we brought up who have a lot of athleticism," said Tardich of her team's strengths.

Other seniors this year include Erin Vogel, Alivia DuQuet, Maria Siddiqui, Logan Van Riper and Lauren Syverson. Also on the team this year are Christine Joseph, Christina Hui, Claire Beaudoin, Grace Guibord, Becky Chase, Anne Dulzo, Nicole Evangelista, Cami Bui, Alex Sheremeta, Mary Dalrymple, Audrey Tatge, Maria Jones, Sara Cohen, Hope Miller, Ashten Tucker, Alyssa Alvarez, Liz Hansell, Serena Sherry and Samya Ahmed.

The challenges are apparent, too. Even with the returning core of players, there is a lot of work to be done, said Tardich, such as working together as a team and learning how to play lacrosse at the next level.

Northville 14, Walled Lake Northern 9

The Mustangs followed the lead of four different players who scored two goals each as they ran out to a lead and a victory over the Walled Lake Northern Knights.

The Mustangs led, 8-6, after the first half after falling behind, 2-0, in the opening minutes of the game. The squad bounced back, however, scoring a goal by Vogel, assisted by MacDonald, to make it a 2-1 game before Northern added another tally of their own.

But the Mustangs went on a tear, scoring five straight goals before Northern could adjust, and didn't look back as they raced away in the second half to secure the victory.

Goals were scored by Guibord (2), Tatge (2), DuQuet (2), Miller (2), Vogel, Donovan, MacDonald, Sheremeta, Chase and Beaudoin. Assists were gathered by Chase, Sheremeta, Dalrymple, MacDonald and Miller.

The defense was strong, holding the Knights to just 12 shots on goal throughout the day. Maisano earned the win in the net.

Northville girls tennis looks for top-five finish



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Northville High School freshman Reeshma Kumar warms up at the Sports Club of Novi on March 25.

Squad under leadership of new head coach

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs girls tennis team will be looking to make some adjustments as they head into this season.

First and foremost, like every team, they are dealing with a late arrival for spring as compared to recent years. Secondly, they have some new faces fighting for spots in the line-up. Third, they have a brand-new head coach.

Linda Jones has taken the helm of the traditionally-successful program and she missed no beat in setting some hefty goals for her team.

"(We want to) finish in the top five in state competition," said Jones.

The goal isn't out of reach by any means. The squad, which finished eight in the state last season, returns several quality players to the line-up for the 2013 campaign. Elizabeth Sakorafis and Shannon Williams are back this year and will be leading the team as captains while Jordan Hermiz, Claudia Ma, Paige Baal, Anika Mukherji, Danielle Romano and Chloe Page all return to the line-up. Joining them will be Rachel Crittenden, Alex Jeannotte, Nicole



Northville High varsity tennis player Emma Worley warms up at the Sports Club of Novi on March 25.

Khamis, Molly Bis, Emma Worley, Reeshma Kumar, Alison Kozerski, Libby Quinn, Amelia Albanelli and Malika Sachdev.

One of the team's biggest challenges this year will be assigning a line-up from top to bottom out of the talented pool of netters.

When asked about the strength of the team, Jones replied that "our depth at all positions" was the squad's biggest asset for 2013.

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Girls track team hopes to compete for titles

Defending regional champs are looking for long run

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Tim Dalton is no stranger to what it takes to be a success on the track. The former standout Northville Mustang runner will be passing on that knowledge and experience to a new generation of athlete now that he's taken the reins as the head coach of the girls track and field team.

Dalton didn't take long to familiarize himself with the team, and didn't hesitate when asked what Northville's strengths are going to be in 2013.

"Our kids," he said. "We have a great group of dedicated athletes who are eager to learn and get better each and every day."

Among those athletes are several returning standouts. Alexa Abbott, Nadia Affes, Vanessa Cousino, Rachel Coleman, Molly DeDona, Erin Dunne, Kara Ernst, Nicole Mosteller, Alison Robinson, Lauren Rodriguez, Alex Rodriguez, Taleen Shahrighian and Erin Zimmer are all key members of last year's regional championship team who are back this season.

Despite such a solid

nucleus of returning talent, Dalton said there are holes to fill in the line-up.

"We lost a great group of seniors who were very important to our team," he said. "We are looking for some girls to really step up this year to ensure we keep heading in the right direction as a team."

The Mustangs will be looking to compete for the conference title and, hopefully, defend their regional championship. The squad will try to put as many athletes in the state meet as possible.

This year's team will be led by captains Abbott, Affes, DeDona and Shahrighian.

Joining them on the team are: Chloe Abbott, Jamie Allcorn, Brianna Andress, Taylor Annette, Carly Armaly, Audrey Baetz, Maggie Blissett, Madeline Blomberg, Haley Broda, Sungui "Elizabeth" Choi, Serena Chouman, Alyse Clevenger, Emily Comben, Emily Cornelius, Zahra Dawson, Lidia Drury, Sherilyn Foster, Gracie Goble, Amita Goinbi, Divya Gumudavally, Olivia Gunther, Hailey Harris, Erica Halverson, Emma Hermann, Stephanie Hong, Julia Hopkins, Lauryn



Northville sophomore Lauren Rodriguez running her leg of the fifth-place 4x400-meter relay at the Huron Relays.

Johnson, Valissa Kanelopoulos, Emily Katynski, Clara Kim, Tiffany Loh, Sam Lu, Mary Catherine McLaughlin, Aimee Montambeau, Nicole Mosteller, Peri Patel, Kaitlyn Perry, Aya Pickett,

Sandra Pui, Eveline Que, Milan Robertson, Morgan Robertson, Alison Robinson, Mia Rodgers, Emma Ryding, Ashley Scoggins, Rebecca Shoup, Ana-leah Shurtleff, Lauren Sirois, Julia Slatin, Chloe

Smither, Nicole Souphis, Brooke Stecker, Elizabeth Storm, Stefani Taskas, Nicole Thayer, April Thomas, Lindsay Walters, Hayley Wixom, Somer Wixom, Marie Zimmer and Paige Zimmer.

Huron Relays

The Northville Mustangs girls track team has several strong finishes in their first meet of the season as they ran to fourth place overall.

Most notable was the performance by Coleman in the mile as she ran a 5:08 — just one second shy of her own current school record in the event. Erin Zimmer was right behind her, running a 5:17 to set a personal record.

Robertson ran to second place in the 60-meter hurdles, followed by Lauren Rodriguez in third place, while Alexa Abbott took third in the 60-meter dash in 8.07 seconds.

In the 4x800 relay, the team of Coleman, Robinson, Mosteller and Erin Zimmer took second in 9:43.93, while the 4x200 meter relay team of Alexa Abbott, Affes, Morgan Robertson and Lauren Rodriguez took fifth in 1:49.02.

"I was very pleased with our overall effort on Saturday," said Dalton. "As a coaching staff, we needed to see where our kids were at fitness-wise. Lauren and Morgan are going to be a nice one-two combo in the hurdles all season. Rachel Coleman had a very strong race for this early in the season and senior captain Alexa Abbott had an exceptional day, running well in three different events."

Northville boys track under new leadership

Squad is eyeing run for Central Division title as 2013 goal

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Rumor has it that new boys track and field head coach Brandon Langston knows how to win.

The former national championship football player with Grand Valley State University and multiple Northville High School record holder has had his fair share of success.

The mentality he has formed over the years as a successful athlete he hopes to pass on to his talented boys track and field team at Northville. Last year the team finished eighth in the conference and had two runners qualify and compete in the state finals.

This year, Langston and the Mustangs are looking to build success a little closer to home.

"The goal this year is to beat Novi and win our division," Langston said.

And he'll be looking to several key returning players to help accomplish that task. Leading the way will be Dan Sims, an All-State runner who will lead the team in the mile and two mile runs this year. Jason Ferrante, an up-and-coming distance runner, will focus on the 800-meter run while Justin Hseih will be back to showcase his abilities on the hurdles. Northville will also have Eric Tang running the 200 and 400 meter races while Sean Wagner will be a tough competitor on the field in the pole vault and high jump.

"Our biggest challenge this season will be filling in vacated spots and preparing to immediately contribute to the team," Langston said. "We lost a lot of key components from last year's team. We'll have to work harder than last year to earn those points."

The Mustangs, which had to shovel off the track just to get

the season started, will be looking to get into shape both physically and mentally to get ready for the year.

"A lot of our athletes play other sports or compete for indoor track clubs in the off-season, so they haven't been just sitting around," said Langston. "But the mentality — to come out every day and outwork your opponents, push your teammates, and make yourself get better — is the best way to prepare to be a winner in outdoor track and field."

The team does bring plenty of depth to the table, said Langston, and the coaching staff will be looking to maximize on the talent so athletes can begin to reach their potential.

This year's team includes: Kamran Ahmed, Jake Anderson, Anthony Aron, Haden Beaudoin, Nathaniel Benedict, Eric Bochart, Mark Boeve, Colin Bondy, Joe Breaton, Jimmy Castellano, Ezra Chang, Andy Chen, Alex Chevoor, Neeraj Chopra, Andrew Chouman, Ryan Ciric, Sean Coleman, Harish Danasekaran, Justin Days, Mike Dazy, Max

DeDona, Andrew Denniston, Darsh Dholakia, Weiyi Ding, Jeremiah Dunne, Conner Elliot, Zachary Ellis, Jason Ferrante, Christian Field, Ryan Flanagan, Sean Flanagan, Christian Freiburger, Derek Gan, Adam Ghabra, Steven Gietzen, Alessandro Gonzalez, Kenny Goolsby, Redding Haines, John Hamilton, Jacob Hanlon, Andrew Hopkins, Justin Hsieh, Nikola Jaksic, Matt Jankowski, Perry Jiang, Jordan Johnson, Daniel Jomaa, Jacob Kamm, Phil Kamm, Nicholas Karbownik, Ed Katinski, Leo Keyes, Felix Lee, Connor Lepish, Trevor Lerner, Andrew Lewis, Jonathon Li, Nathan Lwo, Nick Martin, Peter Martin, Charlie May, Sean McCullough, Sam McMeekin, Parker Meyers, Andrew Michalek, Nick Milewski, Rick Momoi, Mitchell Morrell, Conor Naughton, Nick Noles, Jomi Ogunfiditimi, Muralidhava Pala, Priyank Patel, Rohan Patel, Nicholas Peck-Dimit, Karthik Pittala, Silvio Porco, Matthew Priebe, Alec Przybocki, Michael Pui, Umair Rao, Ryan Shanahan, Joni Shaska, Jonathon Shu-

make, Dan Sims, Alex Skedel, Aaron Slusser, Anthony Sources, John Stroud, Brandon Sulkey, Nathan Tajer, Eric Tang, CJ Thompson, Tommy Tsuchiya, Lem Wang, Sean Wagner, Jacob White, Dan Wickett, Jiarui Yang, Himanshu Zambare and Jacob Zimmer.

Huron Relays

The Northville Mustangs finished their first meet of the season — and indoor race — with a sixth-place finish out of a field of 25 teams.

The highlight of the meet was the victory in the mile by All-State runner Dan Sims, who took the top spot in a time of 4:23.

Also turning in a strong performance was the distance medley team of Conor Naughton, Ryan Flanagan, Nick Noles and Sims, which took second overall. Finishing seventh in the mile was Nick Noles, who ran it in 4:37, while the 4x800 team of Naughton, Nathan Tajer, Jimmy Castellano and Rick Momoi finished eighth and the 4x400 team of Anthony Sources, Eric Tang, Alec Przybocki and Jordan Johnson took 10th.

Northville Parks and Rec champions



The Wolverines won the combination fifth-, sixth- and seventh-grade Northville Parks and Rec League championship on March 16, by beating the Heat, 25-20. Players are (bottom row from left) Alex Vannocker, Ayush Trivedi, Michael Gertley, Joe Jankowski, Rohan Esrasala, (standing from left) Connor Pierz, Kurt Wigent, Mark Krupp, Brendan Vanriper, and Aidan Hayek. The team was coached by Tom Vannocker and Ray Jankowski.

LACROSSE

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Northville will rely on its attack to keep them in tight games thanks to plenty of depth at that position, but it will be balanced team options Durham has this year that

will help keep the team competitive.

Northville brought back seven players on defense and three at attack and have two very capable goalies in David Blough and Jimmy McGlynn. Additionally, Gozдор is expected to be a strong competitor on face-offs

and Melucci and Fuller will be expected to step up and lead by example in the midfield.

"We still have a long way to go, but hopefully the team develops and works as hard as they did last season and we can make it back to the regional finals," said Durham.

Knights Rugby faces unique challenges

Northville-based squad draws from multiple schools

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Knights Rugby Football Club may carry the name of a particular town as part of its name, but the team has never restricted itself geographically when welcoming players to its ranks.

This year, the team, which is coached by Ron Cornell, is still mostly comprised of Northville players, but they will be playing side-by-side with athletes from several other schools this year.

"Historically, we started as a combined Northville and Novi program with the majority of the players coming from Northville," said Cornell of the team, which started in 1997. "We are still mostly Northville, but this year we have players from Novi, Detroit Catholic Central and Canton."

The team has drawn

players from Walled Lake, University of Detroit Jesuit, Farmington, Milford and Plymouth in the past as well.

But head out to a practice today and you couldn't tell which of the 30 or so players are from which school. For Cornell and his coaching staff, there has never been a problem in getting the team to come together, despite the rivalries between the schools in other sports.

"We are usually successful in having our players working well together within the first few practices," Cornell said. "Everyone is on a first name basis and we typically make no mention of the different schools. We make it a point to tell the kids that they have a say in the direction of the team so everyone feels invested."

Rivalry between players is normal, but none

of it is fueled by which school they attend. Every rugger is a Knight, and every Knight is a rugger. It's that simple.

The truth of the matter is, there isn't a lot of time to think about rivalry between schools when you're working through the drills, the fundamentals and the game of rugby. Nearly everything about the game — from the line-outs to the scrums and the rucks and mauls to general offensive and defensive strategies — requires every person on the team to be working together in tandem. Rugby is less about individuals and more about every step and every play being accomplished as a team.

"Rugby is all about team building," Cornell said. "All of our drills require teammates to rely on each other for

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NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

Spring hockey tryouts
The Northville High School boys Prep hockey team will be holding tryouts for the spring 2013 team on March 28 at Suburban Ice Arena. Tryouts will begin at 4 p.m. will cost \$15. Prospective players must be current 9th and 10th grade Northville High School students or 8th graders planning on attending Northville High School in the fall. Suburban Ice is located at 23996 Freeway Park Dr. in Farmington Hills.

Northville Pom Pon Prep Clinic
Northville High School Pom Pon program is sponsoring a pom prep clinic for girls, who would like to improve their pom skills in preparation for spring tryouts. The clinic is open to girls in fourth-grade and older at any skill level. Clinics are 6:30-8:30 p.m. April

15-17 at the high school. Participants will receive instruction from coaches and senior members of the Northville High School varsity pom pon team. Instruction will focus on proper form and placement, along with the specific skills required for a desired team. Pom pons will be available for use each day.

Softball tryouts
Northville Parks and Recreation Softball has announced it is seeking girls players ages 5 to 17 to play this season. The NBSA has teamed up with the Livonia Softball Association to create an exciting new experience for our softball players which will be one league with two divisions offering inter-league play (beginning at age 10). In addition, there are changes that will be made for all age groups: New uniforms, improved fields, umpires for all

age groups, machine pitch beginning at age 6, girls pitch beginning at age 10 and championship games. Be a part of an exciting new softball experience in Northville. Register now at www.nbsaonline.org.

Recreational softball
Now in its second year, the Kensington Valley Senior Softball League is recruiting players age 55 and up from Northville, Novi, Brighton, Howell and the surrounding areas to form new teams. Season will begin May 28; games will be played at 10 a.m. Tuesdays. Interested players/teams, please contact one of the following for additional info: Charlie Gabbear, Northville Recreation, (248) 449-9947; Tori Heglin, Novi Recreation, (248) 347-0422; Chris Galatis, Howell Recreation, (517) 404-3323.

— Compiled by Sam Eggleston

SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

Northville

BOYS BASEBALL

All games at 4 p.m. unless noted
4/9 Brighton
4/10 Wayne Memorial
4/13 @Allen Park 11 a.m.
4/15 Plymouth
4/17 Novi
4/20 @Lake Orion 11 a.m.
4/22 @Canton
4/24 @Salem
4/29 @Franklin
5/1 South Lyon East
5/4 @Southgate Anderson 10 a.m.
5/6 Livonia Churchill
5/8 @South Lyon
5/11 Salem 10 a.m.
5/13 @John Glenn
5/15 Livonia Stevenson
5/18 Lakeland 11 a.m.
5/18 Roosevelt 1:30 p.m.
5/20 Conference Crossover
5/22 KLAA Crossover

BOYS GOLF

All meets at 3:30 p.m. unless noted.
4/18 @North Farmington 8:30 a.m.
4/22 @East Lansing 10 a.m.
4/23 Novi
4/25 @South Lyon
4/29 @Seaholm TBA
4/30 @Livonia Stevenson
5/2 Salem
5/6 @Seaholm TBA
5/7 South Lyon East
5/9 @Novi
5/14 South Lyon
5/16 Livonia Stevenson
5/18 @Bedford TBA
5/21 @Salem
5/23 @South Lyon East
5/28 KLAA Conference
5/30 MHSAA District
6/6 MHSAA Regional
6/14 MHSAA State Finals

BOYS TRACK

All meets are at 3:45 p.m. unless noted.
4/9 @Salem
4/16 South Lyon
4/20 @Walled Lake Western TBA
4/23 @South Lyon East
4/27 @Saline TBA
4/30 Novi
5/4 @Farmington 3 p.m.
5/7 Livonia Stevenson
5/11 @Conference Meet TBA
5/17 @MHSAA Regional TBA
5/21 @Association Meet TBA
6/1 @MHSAA State Finals TBA

BOYS LACROSSE

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted
4/10 @Howell
4/12 Walled Lake Northern
4/13 @Holt 2 p.m.
4/17 Novi
4/19 Walled Lake Western
4/24 @South Lyon
4/25 @Canton
4/26 @Rockford 8 p.m.
4/27 @Forest Hills Eastern 3 p.m.
5/1 Salem
5/3 @Plymouth
5/4 Forest Hills Central
5/7 Troy
5/10 KLAA Crossover
5/14 @Notre Dame Prep
5/18 De La Salle 10 a.m.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

All meets at 3:45 p.m. unless noted.
4/9 @Salem
4/16 South Lyon
4/20 @Walled Lake Western TBA
4/23 @South Lyon East
4/27 @Saline TBA
4/30 Novi
5/3 @Saline Noon
5/4 @Livonia Stevenson 10 a.m.
5/7 Livonia Stevenson
5/11 Conference Meet TBA
5/17 MHSAA Regional TBA
5/21 Association Meet TBA
6/1 MHSAA State Finals TBA

GIRLS LACROSSE

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted.
4/8 @Salem TBA



4/10 Novi
4/12 @Saline
4/15 South Lyon
4/17 @Plymouth 8 p.m.
4/19 @Kettering
4/22 @Canton TBA
4/24 Salem
4/29 @Novi
5/1 @South Lyon
5/4 @Ladywood 9 a.m.
5/6 Plymouth
5/8 Canton
5/10 @Farmington
5/13 @KLAA Crossover TBA

GIRLS SOCCER

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted.
4/9 @Canton
4/11 Plymouth
4/15 @Livonia Stevenson
4/18 @Salem
4/23 Novi
4/25 @South Lyon
4/27 @Saginaw Heritage TBA
4/29 South Lyon East
5/2 Livonia Stevenson
5/6 Salem
5/9 @Novi
5/11 @Saline Noon
5/14 South Lyon
5/16 @South Lyon East 6 p.m.
5/20 Conference Crossover
5/22 KLAA Crossover
5/28 MHSAA Districts

GIRLS TENNIS

All meets at 4 p.m. unless noted.
4/9 Salem
4/11 South Lyon
4/13 Northville Quad 10 a.m.
4/16 @Livonia Stevenson
4/18 @South Lyon East
4/20 @Okemos TBA
4/23 @Novi
4/25 Ann Arbor Huron
4/27 @Ann Arbor Pioneer 8 a.m
4/30 @KLAA Crossover North
5/2 KLAA Crossover West
5/4 Midland TBA
5/7 KLAA Crossover South
5/8 @Saline
5/11 @KLAA Tournament
5/14 @Port Huron Northern
5/17 @MHSAA Regional TBA
5/31 @MHSAA State Finals TBA

GIRLS SOFTBALL

All games at 4 p.m. unless noted.
4/10 Wayne Memorial
4/13 Garden City 11 a.m.
4/15 Plymouth
4/17 Novi
4/20 @Farmington Hills Mercy TBA
4/22 @Canton
4/24 @Salem
4/27 @Saline 8 a.m.
4/29 @Franklin
5/1 South Lyon East
5/4-5/5 @Michigan Stars Classic TBA
5/6 Livonia Churchill
5/8 @South Lyon
5/13 @John Glenn
5/15 Livonia Stevenson
5/20 Conference Crossover
5/22 KLAA Crossover
5/28 Districts
6/1 Districts 10 a.m.

KNIGHTS RUGBY

All games at 5:30 unless noted. Home games are either at Riley Middle School or Stevenson High School in Livonia. The week of May 13 is reserved for make-up or rescheduled matches.
4/11 Okemos
4/18 @Grand Blanc
4/25 @Howell
5/2 Troy
5/3-5/5 @Elkhart, Indiana
5/9 Shelby
5/18 @State Playoffs TBD
5/25 @State Championships TBD



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Members of the Northville Knights rugby team practice tackling on a muddy, rainy field on March 18.

RUGBY

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support in every phase of the game.”
Cornell added that the Knights make an annual trip to Elkhart, Ind., every May to help bring the team even closer together.
“The kids play three

matches in two days,” he said. “There are some nationally-recognized programs there and our kids typically learn a lot about the sport and each other.”
The beauty of rugby — which is considered to be the father of American football — is there are opportunities for everyone, said Cornell.
“It offers kids of all siz-

es and backgrounds an opportunity to experience true team building, learn to respect for each other, the game and their opponents and a genuine camaraderie that will last a lifetime, no matter what high school they attended,” he said. “Even better is that the kids are also learning the fundamentals of a sport that

they can continue to play in college and long after their high school years.”
The rugby team has its first game upcoming at the end of this month, but Cornell said it wasn’t too late to join. Anyone interested can contact him at rcornell@seyburn.com.
“We try not to turn anyone away, no matter how late they come out,” he said.

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Hiller's Vice President Justin Hiller has made sure that all of his stores have one of the "Caroline's Carts" that patron Heather Pizar utilizes for her daughter Sarah, 10, who has problems riding in a typical grocery cart. The cart, with an attached seat, is capable of safely welcoming a person with disabilities — with its swing-out handles.

Hiller's adds new mobility carts to help customers with disabilities

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Heather Pizar of Northville Township used to have a tough time shopping with her 10-year-old daughter, Sarah, who has Mowat-Wilson syndrome, which creates mobility limitations. Whenever Heather would go shopping, she would have to push the grocery cart and, at the same time, pull Sarah in her adaptive stroller, which was difficult.

Thanks to Pizar's hard work and the kindness of Hiller's Markets, that's no longer true. Hiller's recently purchased one of the carts for disabled loved ones of customers for each of its seven Michigan stores, making it much easier for Pizar and Sarah, who attends Cooke School in Northville.

"It's Hiller's Market that has really taken the initiative. No one made them do this. I was just so impressed by them," said Heather Pizar. "Hiller's stepped right up and said 'We want them in our store.'"

Justin Hiller, Hiller's vice president, said the move was a no-brainer.

"It's just all about the customers," he said. His dad and grandfather in

the business taught him that.

The cart was designed by Alabama mom Drew Ann Long, who got a manufacturer and is now instrumental in marketing it via www.carolines-cart.com.

"I saw an advertisement in a trade magazine," said Hiller. "I think the majority of people just don't think how difficult it is" to shop with a disabled person.

Caroline's Carts can accommodate an adult up to 250 pounds, said Pizar, who is married to Sandor. They have four children.

Hiller said he paid \$850 per cart, about twice what a regular grocery cart costs. The retailer takes on maintenance responsibility. The cart has a foot-operated brake.

"It's just starting to get traction now," he said of the local effort. "It's been a very positive response. I think there are still those individuals who take advantage of them."

He's heard thanks from Pizar, who worked for about a year and a half on the effort and also approached other grocers. Her daughter was diagnosed at age 4 with the fairly rare disorder, which causes seizures.

"She is mobile and she

loves to get outside and play," Pizar said of Sarah. "I'm not the only parent in the community who could benefit from this."

The Caroline's Cart has a harness. Its handles swing open to allow the disabled person to sit facing the shopper, which Pizar said is helpful for her daughter to be able to see her.

"So that's another advantage of the cart. I'm just so impressed with this mom designing this," Pizar added.

"I can't tell you how convenient it will be. It's a real blessing, absolutely," Hiller's said to her, "We're going to lead by example. I'm just really touched and impressed by that statement."

The Hiller family bought the Caroline's Carts as part of their philosophy of doing business. Justin Hiller said it wasn't difficult to buy the carts over the phone and have them delivered.

"It's equally important we do good as individuals," the third-generation owner said. "That's what we're trying to do. This is just more about helping our fellow man. We try to help the community as much as we can."

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NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Brocavich heads Edward Jones

Michael Brocavich has been named to take over the local Edward Jones office located at 1039 Novi Road, in Northville. Brocavich assumes the position of financial advisor from Chris Willerer.

Brocavich said he is enthusiastic about taking over the branch office.

"I joined this firm because I was impressed with its commitment to individual investors," he said.

"Now I'm looking forward to meeting with the individuals here to help them meet their financial goals."

Mary Rzyzi is serving the branch office as branch office administrator.

Edward Jones provides financial services for individual investors in the United States and, through its affiliate, in Canada. The firm's 12,000-plus financial advisors work directly with nearly 7 million clients to understand their personal goals — from college savings to retirement — and create long-term investment solutions that emphasize a well-balanced portfolio and a buy-and-hold strategy.

For more information, visit www.edwardjones.com. The local office can be contacted at (248) 348-0423.

Easter Bunny at Twelve Oaks

The Easter Bunny is at Twelve Oaks Mall through Saturday, March 30. Twelve Oaks will be closed on Easter Sunday, March 31. Photo operation hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Photo packages range from \$22 to \$44. A complete list of photo packages and prices is available on www.shoptwelveoaks.com.

Genitti's dinner theater

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall is currently presenting its latest dinner theater production, CRASS Reunion. This new interactive comedy spoofs a class reunion and runs through May 25. The show runs most Saturdays at 6:30 p.m., though it does run other dates as well. For a complete list of show times and dates, visit genittis.com or call (248) 349-0522. The dinner theater costs \$49.95.

Also, musician and storyteller Rev.

Robert Jones Sr., who has been performing professionally for nearly 30 years, will be performing at Genitti's at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, April 27. An award-winning instrumentalist, Johnson plays guitar, harmonica, mandolin, banjo and fiddle. His deep love for traditional African American and American traditional music is shared in live performances that interweave timeless stories with original and traditional songs. Tickets and dinner cost \$35.

Marywood seeks public input

Marywood Nursing Care Center (Marywood) in Livonia has once again been recognized by U.S. News & World Report as one of Michigan's best nursing homes for 2013. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) continues to rate Marywood a 5-Star facility.

In the rapidly changing landscape of health care today, Marywood is now examining how it can best respond in order to continue offering 5-star quality care. Guided by its board of directors an effort is under way to solicit ideas, concerns and opinions from various Marywood stakeholders, including the local Livonia community and others living in Southeast Michigan. The input will assist the board in identifying strategic pathways for the next several years.

A brief on-line survey can easily be found on Marywood Nursing Care Center's website: www.marywoodnursing-carecenter.org, just look for the Survey Monkey link.

BCBS video contest

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan is seeking submissions for the second year of "Make the Play for Healthy Habits," a video contest that challenges kids to answer the following question: "What would you do to make Michigan healthier?" starting with the lives of family, teachers, and classmates. The winner will get a school assembly featuring Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford.

Students, grades 4-8, can participate by submitting short videos no longer than two minutes long by March 29. Ten semifinalists' videos will be chosen and posted for public voting from April 6-26. The winner will be announced on April 30.

For more information, please visit aHealthierMichigan.org/kidcontest.

Still time to enter Preservation Dental's writing contest

The search is on for inspired authors with a keen eye. Preservation Dental of Northville is sponsoring "Short on Words," a poetry and short story contest being held in conjunction with Northville's 2013 Arts & Acts Festival.

The contest is split into two age groups: authors in the adult competition must be 18 years of age or older, while the young author competition is open to authors 17 years of age and younger. The criteria are the same for both age groups.

Entries must speak to

one of the three featured photos for this year's competition, which can be viewed online at preservationdental.com, or picked up at Preservation Dental, 371 E. Main Street (corner of Griswold and Main in downtown Northville), or at the Northville Art House (on Cady Street just west of Wing Street in downtown Northville).

Entries can be a poem or a short story. Entries should be no longer than 1,500 words and must be postmarked no later than April 12. The cash award for this year's 1st place adult and young adult

contest winners is \$100; and 2nd place in both age categories is \$50. There will be additional prizes awarded at the discretion of the judges.

All entries will be available for public review during the festival. A reception to honor all the authors will be held Friday, June 28. Winners will be announced at the reception. Preservation Dental, the office of Dr. William S. Demray, will host the event.

For more information, contact Denise Jenkins at (248) 348-1313, or visit preservationdental.com.

Chamber to present 'State of the Community'

The Northville Chamber Of Commerce will present the 2013 State of the Community Luncheon on Wednesday, April 17 at Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville. Registration and networking begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch and the program beginning at noon.

The event will feature updates and presentations by Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, Northville Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher, Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix, and Northville Mayor



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In-law suites, storage space among abode buyers' top picks

Purchasing a home is an important life decision, and many factors can influence the home choices buyers make.

The National Association of Realtors 2013 Profile of Buyers' Home Feature Preferences examines the features buyers prefer when it comes to purchasing a home, as well as the differences in preferences when it comes to factors such as region, demographics and household composition. The survey captures buyers who purchased a home between 2010 and 2012.

"Deciding where to live comes with a lot of options, but buyers quickly realize that some features are more important than others when it comes to choosing the right house for them," said NAR President Gary Thomas, broker-owner of Evergreen Realty, in Villa Park, Calif. "Buyers need to have a clear idea of what features are important to them and know where they are willing to compromise; in this respect, Realtors can bring buyers home. Realtors visit hundreds of homes with buyers each year, and have a unique understanding of what buyers value in their local markets."

Geography and demography strongly influence what buyers value in a home. The typical recently purchased home was 1,860 square feet and was built in 1996. Repeat buyers, buyers of new homes, married couples and families with children typically purchased larger homes. First-time buyers and single women tended to buy older homes. The typical buyer purchased a home with three bedrooms and two full bathrooms. Slightly over half of the homes purchased were on a single level.

Southerners tend to buy newer homes; they were more likely to want a home less than five years old and in a wooded lot with trees when compared to other regions. Not surprisingly, buyers in the South also placed a higher importance on central air conditioning.

While more than three-fourths — 78 percent — of all buyers purchased a home with a garage, garages were more popular among new-home buyers, Mid-

westerners, and suburbanites.

Forty-one percent of homes purchased had a basement, but this feature was more popular among buyers in the Midwest and Northeast. Northeastern buyers also value hardwood floors more than people in other regions. Southerners typically bought the largest home at 2,000 square feet. Those in the Northeast followed closely behind with a typical home purchase of 1,850 square feet.

Among buyers 55 and older, 42 percent considered finding a single-level home very important, compared to just 11 percent of buyers under age 35. Single women also placed higher importance on single-level homes, while single men wanted finished basements. Both single men and married couples placed higher importance on new kitchen appliances.

Among all 33 home features in the survey, central air conditioning was the most important to the most buyers; 65 percent of buyers considered this feature very important. The next most important feature was a walk-in closet in the master bedroom; 39 percent of buyers considered this feature very important. Closely behind was having a home that was cable, satellite TV-, and/or Internet ready, as well as an en-suite master bathroom.

When it came to actually buying a home, among buyers who considered central AC and cable, satellite TV-, and/or Internet ready very or somewhat important, 94 percent bought a home with these features. The next most common feature was an eat-in kitchen; 89 percent of buyers who thought this was important purchased a home with an eat-in kitchen.

Buyers value some features so much that they are willing to spend more money to have them. Sixty-nine percent of buyers who did not purchase a home with central AC would be willing to pay \$2,520 more for a home with this feature. Sixty-nine percent of buyers who did not purchase a home with new kitchen appliances would be willing to pay \$1,840 more for a home with this feature. A walk-in closet in the master bedroom was the third most common feature on



which buyers would spend more. Sixty percent of buyers who did not purchase a home with a walk-in closet would be willing to pay \$1,350 more for a home with this feature.

The features on which buyers placed the highest dollar value were waterfront properties and homes that were less than five years old. Thirty-two percent of buyers would be willing to pay a median of \$5,420 more for a home on the waterfront, and 40 percent of buyers would be willing to pay a median of \$5,020 more for a home that was less than five years old.

The rooms that buyers were willing to pay the most for were a basement and an in-law suite. Thirty-three percent of buyers would be willing to pay a median of \$3,200 more for a home with a basement, and 20 percent of buyers would be willing to pay a median of \$2,920 more for a home with an in-law suite.

When it came to rooms that buyers want in a home, 55 percent of buyers thought it was very important to have a living room, although buyers in the Northeast placed more importance on a home with a dining room. Buyers aged 55 and older placed more importance on a bedroom on the main level of the house. Buyers aged 35 to 54 placed more importance on a laundry room, while those with children placed more importance on a family room.

The two most common rooms buyers were willing to spend more for were a laundry room and a den/study/home office/library. Sixty-three percent of buyers who did not purchase a home with a laundry room would be willing to pay \$1,590 more for a home with this room. Forty-four percent of buyers who did not purchase a home with a den/study/home office/library would

be willing to pay \$1,920 more for a home with this room.

Although 97 percent of recent buyers were satisfied with their home purchase, there are always features buyers would like that they don't have, said NAR Vice President of Research Paul Bishop. "Most satisfied homeowners still said they would like more or larger closets and storage space. In addition, nearly half of recent buyers would prefer a larger kitchen, and two out of five would prefer a larger home overall."

Within three months of a home purchase, 53 percent of buyers undertook a home improvement project. The typical buyer spent \$4,550 on various projects. Remodeling the kitchen was the most common home improvement project; 47 percent of buyers undertook a project in the kitchen. Bathrooms were a close second at 44 percent. Forty-one percent of buyers who made home improvements added or replaced lighting, and 37 percent added or replaced appliances soon after becoming a homeowner.

In October 2012, a sample of households that had purchased any type of residence real estate during 2010 to 2012 and still owned the property was surveyed. The survey sample was drawn from a representative panel of U.S. households monitored and maintained by an established survey research firm. A total of 2,005 qualified households responded to the survey. Households were sampled to meet age and income quotas representative of all home buyers drawn from the 2011 NAR Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers.

The 2013 Profile of Buyers' Home Feature Preferences can be ordered by calling (800) 874-6500, or online at www.realtor.org/prod-ser.nsf/Research. The study costs \$14.95 for NAR members and \$49.95 for nonmembers.

Co-op has legal status

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: Does the co-op have a right to decide who is buying the cooperative shares unlike a condominium?

A: So long as the co-op is not violating any laws such as human rights violations, they have the right to determine who will be shareholders with them. Remember that Barbra Streisand and Richard Nixon were denied co-op membership in New

York

because the co-op was concerned about the paparazzi that would be hanging around trying to take pictures.

Of course, the co-op board must exercise sound business judgment and must weigh the fact that the shareholder that is trying to sell will be upset if they nix the sale. On the other hand, the co-op might have a right of first refusal as well.

Q: I am wondering if we, as a homeowner, have an obligation to disclose that there was a murder/suicide in the home which we have purchased, assuming we want to sell it. I know that it is of concern to some prospective purchasers. What do you think?

A: While each case has to be decided on its facts, and depending upon the individual state's law, in a recent case out of the Pennsylvania Superior Court, the court basically said that the fact that a murder once occurred in a house falls into the category of homeowner-buyer concerns best left to the term caveat emptor, i.e., let the buyer beware. The decision went beyond considering whether a combined murder/suicide should be disclosed, essentially holding no psychological defects need to be disclosed because they are not considered under state law. It has also been argued that this court's opinion could apply to such diverse circumstances as a past rape on the property, a sex offender living next door, or even a high crime rate in the neighborhood. In any event, caution being the better part of valor, you may want to consider discussing it with your lawyer before issuing a disclosure statement.

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

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 26-30, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
2443 Amber Dr	\$180,000
7483 Briargate Ct	\$391,000
6869 Bridgemont Dr	\$235,000
39714 Cheviot Rd	\$127,000
2353 Cleveland Way	\$195,000
7379 Corbett Dr	\$180,000
4090 Elizabeth Ave	\$113,000
7429 Emerson Dr	\$197,000
47385 Fairlawn Ct	\$206,000
40210 Finley Dr	\$164,000
44188 Harsdale Dr	\$157,000
411 Innsbrook Dr	\$323,000
1203 Knightsbridge Rd	\$150,000
1475 N Morton Taylor Rd	\$259,000
8228 Newbury Ct S	\$560,000
7224 Peachtree Ct	\$192,000
378 Pleasant Ridge Dr	\$291,000
2006 S Lilley Rd	\$255,000
43930 Saltz Rd	\$75,000
302 Selkirk St	\$132,000

378 Sylvan Dr	\$415,000
6820 Tiffany Cir	\$258,000
46903 Torrey Hills Ct	\$257,000
46919 Torrey Hills Ct	\$321,000
46989 Torrey Hills Ct	\$258,000
822 Torrey Hills Dr	\$260,000
46836 Wareham	\$380,000
GARDEN CITY	
32711 Alvin St	\$66,000
2049 Deering St	\$16,000
31454 Dover St	\$105,000
28642 Elmwood St	\$63,000
29105 Hennepin St	\$30,000
31904 Hennepin St	\$140,000
6161 Lathers St	\$28,000
32750 Maplewood St	\$42,000
28509 Marquette Ct	\$35,000
33746 Marquette St	\$125,000
6736 Schaller St	\$110,000
LIVONIA	
20005 Angling St	\$159,000
28713 Bayberry Park Dr	\$130,000
8968 Beatrice St	\$59,000
14012 Blackburn St	\$184,000
32904 Bobrich Ct	\$170,000
11861 Cavell St	\$120,000
16266 Fairway St	\$220,000
17900 Fairway St	\$174,000
14308 Farmington Rd	\$128,000
16926 Farmington Rd	\$110,000

15645 Fitzgerald St	\$124,000
29033 Grandon St	\$95,000
18760 Hillcrest St	\$104,000
16353 Levan Rd	\$190,000
8954 Melvin St	\$72,000
9735 Newburgh Rd	\$125,000
36657 Pinetree St	\$123,000
14663 Richfield St	\$123,000
30919 Robert Dr	\$110,000
14119 S Livonia Cres	\$156,000
20018 Southampton Dr	\$275,000
10289 Wayne Rd	\$37,000
10333 Wayne Rd	\$110,000
18411 Westmore St	\$135,000
NORTHVILLE	
41999 Baintree Cir	\$242,000
19421 Cardene Ct	\$134,000
40683 Coachwood Cir	\$437,000
300 E Cady St	\$225,000
605 Grace St	\$475,000
19410 Malvern Ct	\$110,000
15972 Morningside	\$146,000
39626 Muirfield Ln	\$255,000
19520 Northridge Dr	\$74,000
18020 Stonebrook Dr	\$516,000
PLYMOUTH	
12257 Chandler Dr	\$443,000
48071 Colony Farms Cir	\$158,000
8889 Corinne St	\$90,000
776 Deer Ct	\$123,000

44727 Erik Pass	\$200,000
1100 Fairground St	\$185,000
9420 Hillcrest Dr	\$300,000
656 Jener Pl	\$405,000
575 Kellogg St	\$245,000
575 N Evergreen St	\$166,000
11798 Parkview Dr	\$193,000
43025 River Bend Dr	\$160,000
986 Roosevelt St	\$240,000
10064 Wolfriver Dr	\$130,000
REDFORD	
26027 Cathedral	\$60,000
14125 Centralia	\$77,000
13520 Dixie	\$41,000
9094 Fenton	\$50,000
11740 Nathaline	\$38,000
20411 Norborne	\$25,000
13930 Royal Grand	\$74,000
9301 Virgil	\$27,000
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30615 Burlington St	\$60,000
34031 Caseville Ct	\$12,000
6794 Chirrewa St	\$90,000
7512 Culpepper Ct	\$55,000
36563 Hivley St	\$60,000
443 N Sybald St	\$82,000
8410 Rickie Ln	\$80,000
34416 Shellye Ct	\$135,000
33013 Woodworth Ct	\$50,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 5-9, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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32285 Auburn Dr	\$172,000
18378 Bedford St	\$310,000
32955 Bell Vine Trl	\$280,000
31436 Fairfax Ave	\$139,000
31571 Mayfair Ln	\$248,000
BIRMINGHAM	
815 Chapin Ave	\$475,000
1356 Greenlawn St	\$270,000
1027 Quarton Rd	\$525,000
1495 Shipman Blvd	\$1,130,000
1190 Wakefield St	\$417,000
884 Woodlea St	\$425,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	

4518 Brightmore Rd	\$540,000
199 Barrington Rd	\$190,000
3741 Thornbrier Way	\$370,000
1245 Whitmore Rd	\$145,000
2493 Wildbrook Run	\$269,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
6117 Birchcrest Ln	\$381,000
3252 Edgemere St	\$186,000
1912 Hampshire Ct	\$295,000
4051 Heatherwood Dr	\$250,000
5958 Lochmore Dr	\$210,000
FARMINGTON	
23091 Lake Way	\$55,000
22736 Power Rd	\$80,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
30646 Charleston Ct	\$121,000
30823 Country Ridge Cir	\$230,000
38456 Darbyshire	\$122,000
28900 Drake Rd	\$159,000
30055 Kimberly Ct	\$230,000
29511 Mullane Dr	\$160,000
21437 Riverwalk Ct	\$240,000
21770 Ruth St	\$49,000
21785 S Brandon St	\$90,000

29747 Sierra Point Cir	\$125,000
29970 Southbrook St	\$171,000
30901 Woodstream Dr	\$189,000
Lathrup Village	
18720 Roseland Blvd	\$194,000
28901 Southfield Rd	\$160,000
MILFORD	
30782 Artesian Dr	\$200,000
1220 Old Milford Farms	\$295,000
312 Riverbend St	\$257,000
178 Turnberry Ct	\$226,000
4239 Windmill Farms	\$465,000
NOVI	
45615 Bristol Cir	\$232,000
43120 Emerson Way	\$267,000
21810 Greendale Rd	\$300,000
44521 Gwinnett Loop	\$180,000
44543 Gwinnett Loop	\$171,000
27552 Harrington Way	\$45,000
27568 Harrington Way	\$45,000
41617 Monterey Dr	\$180,000
22854 Penton Rise Ct	\$290,000
41782 Primrose Dr	\$123,000
27468 Sloan St	\$235,000

25317 Sutton Ct	\$50,000
39847 Village Wood Ln	\$42,000
24874 White Plains Dr	\$319,000
28194 Wolcott Dr	\$87,000
SOUTH LYON	
25800 Belladonna	\$218,000
1021 Fountain View Cir	\$84,000
24351 Glenwood Dr	\$40,000
61130 Saddlecreek Dr	\$313,000
61155 Serene Ct	\$195,000
22950 Valerie St	\$140,000
24790 Valleywood Dr	\$328,000
SOUTHFIELD	
23311 Cornerstone Village Dr	\$57,000
29295 Murray Crescent Dr	\$125,000
20291 Rodeo Ct	\$70,000
19776 W Nine Mile Rd	\$40,000
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Susan Ricker,
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Advertising Feature



By Dale Buss

— the next move by McCann should be this: a fresh, significant new campaign for Volt.

And that may be just what Chevy's new chief marketing officer, Tim Mahoney, orders up upon taking the reins of his new job after a highly regarded two-year stint as CMO of Volkswagen of America.

Sales-wise, Volt has continued tacking to and fro depending on how many of the car GM is manufacturing and, especially, how well the company is doing in meeting the strong demand for a California-specific, car-pool-lane-eligible version of the plug-in hybrid that was introduced last year.

In February, for example, Volt sales were 43 percent ahead of January, but that was mainly because GM was short of stock for a while, not because of a huge surge in underlying demand for the car.

GM plans to build as many as 36,000 Volts and other plug-in hybrids (including the start of production of the sibling new Cadillac ELR) this year, or about 1,500 to 3,000 a month, according to Bloomberg, while it sold about 30,000 Volts and similar Opel Ampera models last year.

That would represent an output increase of as much as 20 percent, but in a U.S. market where electrified vehicles of all sorts continue to face a short-term

acceptability challenge, don't expect demand for Volt genuinely to mushroom anytime soon, no matter how good its advertising might become.

And yet, Volt's inconsistent sales performance masks the much more formidable reality of the car itself.

Plug-in hybrids remain the type of electrified vehicle that makes the most sense because they release the driver from dependence only on a battery-fed powertrain.

And while competing makes have been introducing their own plug-ins, Chevrolet Volt remains not only the pioneer for this technology but also very much the face of it. Just as Toyota's Prius brand still dominates conventional hybrids, there's no reason Volt shouldn't continue to be the best-selling plug-in hybrid by far.

But from the very launch of Volt three years ago, GM arguably has done a poor overall job of communicating that identity and has failed to mainstream the vehicle perceptually among American consumers so that Volt would have a shot at joining the mainstream of U.S. auto sales.

One of GM's first mistakes was assigning Volt a status not very much unlike all

the other Chevy models under the "Chevy Runs Deep" tag line and positioning. Clearly, the idea was for the acknowledged cutting-edge technology of Volt to provide a halo to the rest of the Chevy lineup.

But while the brand re-dressing conceived by then-GM Chief Marketing Officer Joel Ewanick didn't do much for the entire Chevrolet lineup, it did a particular disservice to Volt. This was a car that Chevy should have set apart unequivocally from the rest of its brand, right out of the chute, instead of largely subsuming Volt's unique identity into a re-branding of the entire marque that unfortunately went very awry.

Chevy's more recent Volt-only TV-ad campaign featuring testimonials about the car from real owners was more effective and got closer to communicating the passion that many Volt owners feel for their plug-in.

But, now helmed by Mahoney and with McCann as the only creative agency involved, Chevy advertising should do more and better by Volt. What, exactly?

For one thing, the Mahoney-McCann team should be able to figure out a way to drive home the huge advantage that Volt, as a plug-in hybrid, enjoys over the all-electric wanna-bes. It has a



GM will be boosting production of Chevy Volt by up to 20 percent this year.

highly fuel-efficient gasoline engine that gives Volt drivers a peace of mind and a confidence about not being stranded that drivers of Nissan Leaf and other EVs can only envy — coupled with most of the advantages of being able to drive Volt in electric-only mode when desired.

With the reputation he built for fielding effectively humorous advertising while helming Volkswagen's marketing, such as the masterful "Little Darth Vader" spot during the Super Bowl a couple of years ago, Mahoney certainly seems like a guy who could make such an approach work.

Chevy's new uber "Find New Roads" positioning for the overall brand and product line has yet to really unfurl. The first ad the brand showed, during the Oscars telecast last month, gave Volt a largely superfluous cameo.

The existence of such an interval before Chevrolet presumably begins seriously redefining the brand is one more reason — and opportunity — for Mahoney and McCann to give Volt a quick, new, effective moment in the sun alone.

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