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Controlled burn

There will be a controlled burn at Hines Park on April 8. It will take place along Hines Drive, approximately one-half mile north of Six Mile in Northville Township. Authorized by the Northville Township Fire Department, the controlled burn will be done by David Borneman, LLC for Wayne County's Department of Public Services. The purpose of this controlled burn is to stimulate native vegetation and to limit invasive plant species in the area.

On the day of the burn, notification of residents and visitors in the area will be made utilizing "Caution Smoke Ahead" signs located along Six Mile, Hines Drive and at the entrances to local subdivisions. The controlled burn will take approximately one hour to complete. Due to the weather requirements needed to conduct this type of burn, Tuesday, April 9, and Wednesday, April 10, have been designated as alternative burn dates.

If you have any questions, contact Northville Township Fire Inspector Tom Hughes at (248) 348-5807.

Semifinalist

ivieads iviili seventngrader Krithik Vallem is a semifinalist and will compete in the Michigan National Geographic Bee to be held April 5 at the Fetzer Center at Western Michigan University. Vallem qualified by ranking in the top 100 students from across the state, in grades four-eight. The state winner will receive \$100, and earn a trip to Washington, D.C., to represent Michigan in the national finals at National Geographic Society headquarters May 20-22.

This is the 25th anniversary of the Bee.

Decision expected next week on new school boundaries

By Lonnle Huhman Staff Writer

It's decision time for Northville Public Schools. Come next school year, there will likely be some Northville students in a different building than they probably expect-

Barring any last-minute surprises, a decision on how to adjust elementary and middle school attendance boundaries for the 2013-14 school year will be made at the school board meeting Tuesday,

Up to this point, the Northville Board of Education has heard plenty of parent and community input the last couple of months, including at two attendance boundary community forums and a Committee of the Whole meeting. From those meetings, the board has narrowed down the attendance boundary options moving forward for contin-

ued discussion and consideration. On March 26, at its regular meeting at Thornton Creek Elementary, the board narrowed them down even more after much discussion.

The option moving forward for

consideration at the elementary level is Option W-1, which reassigns a portion of the current Ridge Wood Elementary attendance area to Winchester Elementary School. In that plan, 91 students would go from Ridge Wood to Winchester. This would include 75 current students from the kindergarten through fourth grade, as well as from the incoming kindergarten students.

The board believes this option would better balance enrollment between all of the elementary schools and it would only impact two schools. Currently, there are 716 students at Ridge Wood and 476 at Winchester. If this option is approved, those numbers would change to 636 and 567, respectively.

During citizen comments on the elementary options, parent George Romney said the board should try as much as possible to mitigate the impact this will have on his neighborhood, Northville Hills. The two options looked at for the elementary level, including W-1, splits up the neighborhood. The board is considering W-1 in spite of this because

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Ready set, search

Kids, with their baskets at the ready, await the start of the Egg Scramble at Maybury State Park on Saturday. The event was sponsored by Northville Parks and Recreation, Friends of Maybury and Maybury State Park staff. Hundreds of children showed up for the event, which also included games and other activities. For a story and more photos, please see page A3.

Young woman of distinction

NHS senior earns awards for Community Impact Awards

By Lonnle Huhman Staff Writer

When the Community Impact Awards were created nearly two years ago, Northville High School senior Miranda Niemiec had no idea what they would become and how they would lead to such big honors.

The idea of forming a social network project to help fellow students find ways to connect with community service opportunities while also documenting it to help bolster

their college applications grew into something that has been nationally recognized and copied at other

For her work in developing the CIAforStudents program in 2011, Niemiec has been recognized with the 2012 Claude N. Ely Award, which is annually presented to one Northville citizen for outstanding community service, and also as one of the National Young Women of Distinction for 2013. The proj-

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Northville High School senior Miranda Niemiec goes over some basic CPR methods with Northville Township firefighter Jesse Marcotte. The fire department works with the school's Community impact program, which Niemiec helped develop.

Soccer group, recreation board clash over contract

By Lonnle Huhman Staff Writer

Will the Northville Soccer Association's season start on time? Not if the contract with Northville Parks and Recreation isn't signed in the next week or so.

The season, which is scheduled to start April 13 and will run into the fall, hit a snag Wednesday during the Northville Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

But it's a snag that has been talked about before in previous years between the two parties, and ultimately been figured out.

The commission, which represents the partnership between Northville Township, the city of Northville and Northville Public Schools, approved its side of a proposed contract for 2013, which is identical to the one agreed to last year. According to the terms of the contract, the NSA must pay \$128,000 for use of the fields and facilities for the next seven

NSA president Steve McGuirk, who attended the meeting, thinks the cost is too high and said he is hesitant to sign the contract. His concerns also included field maintenance and losing space/time to other sports like lacrosse. McGuirk said he has talked about this before with the commission, but for the sake of the sport he has relented in years past.

"If I have to sign it, I will," McGuirk said when reached a day after the meeting. "The reason I do this is so the community can enjoy this great sport. So I want this to turn out as amiable as possible."

The NSA, a volunteer organization, has nearly 3,000 total soccer players in the Northville community, from both the city and township,

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playing in two seasons. The players range in ages from 3-18. Registration is done through NSA.

Northville Parks and Recreation is a shared service of the city of Northville and Northville Township. The commission is made up of elected officials from the city and township, with a representative from the Northville Board of Education. It operates and maintains the fields at Millennium and Northville Community parks, where the NSA plays its games.

Northville Parks and Recreation Director Jason Spiller said the contract was a "ditto" of last year. McGuirk received the contract Feb. 22 and told Spiller that he had some issues with it. Spiller told the commission of McGuirk's concerns, but recommended approving the contract.

Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix said the deadline to sign was April 1 and crucial details needed to be set.

However, he told McGuirk they could agree to it, so other work pertaining to it (like background checks on coaches) could be conducted, but that they could also later discuss his con-

McGuirk said Thursday the background checks are done and will be provided. The commission is also asking for financial documents and email addresses for those involved with NSA, according to McGuirk. He said the documents can be produced after some work, but the email addresses will not be released.

McGuirk had told the Parks and Recreation Commission that he would have to think about signing and walked out of the meeting after an extensive discussion. He said he felt strong-armed.

Northville Township Manager Chip Snider said the aim was to get the contract signed in time to prevent the dispute that has happened in years past with the NSA taking to the fields without signing it until later on. Snider said it has nothing to do with

trying to prevent the season, but to ensure safety and preclude any liability

McGuirk told the commission he wanted the contract reviewed more carefully and thought the fee was overpriced. He said it should be reduced to \$100,000.

Joe Hige, the school board representative on the Parks and Recreation Board, said the fee amount was carefully arrived at and until there was financial data to counter it, it would remain. Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan added all of the financials were analyzed last year and remain the same. The cost of field maintenance and insurance are two parts of the equation.

"I thought we were overcharged last year," McGuirk said.

Nix said the fact remained the contract must be signed in order for the season to start. McGuirk said he expects to reach an agreement.

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it will not divide adjacent

At the middle school level. there are two options moving forward for final consideration: MS-Option 2, which moves a portion of the current Silver Springs Elementary/Meads Mill Middle School attendance area to a Silver Springs/Hillside Middle School attendance area; and MS-Option 4, which reassigns a portion of the current Ridge Wood/Meads Mill attendance area to a Ridge Wood/Hillside attendance area.

Under Option 2, 160 students from Meads Mill (from the Silver Springs feeder) would go to Hillside. This option could leave more room for growth at both middle schools. With this option, Hillside would be at 918 next year and Meads Mill, which is currently at 966, at 857.

Under Option 4, 215 students from Meads Mill (from Ridge Wood feeder) would go to Hillside. This has a larger number to accommodate anticipated

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KEN ROTH

school board president, speaking to district parents

growth at Meads Mill. Much of the parental input March 26 centered on the middle school options, and there was a range of opinions.

Parent Bill Stephens echoed a number of parents when he said Hillside has a lot of potential for growth, so the board should consider this as it looks to add more students to that building.

However, parent Nicole Ferguson said the board should still consider the option to have the entire Silver Springs feeder going to Hillside because it would keep the students together. This option would push Hillside over 1,000 students, which is a number the school board is not comfortable with.

Board President Ken Roth told parents that this process has been difficult and their input is very valuable in the final decision, but added some may end up disappointed.

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The school board is expected to vote on the final attendance boundary plan at the April 9 meeting, set for 7:30 p.m. at Hillside Middle School. To learn more about the one elementary option and two middle school options moving forward for final discussion, go to the district website at www.northville.k12.mi.us/ node/1074.

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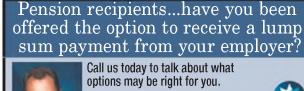
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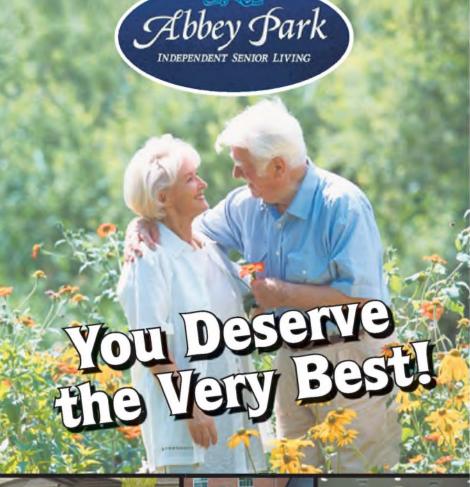
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Mad scramble at Maybury

Hundreds show up for state park's annual Egg Scramble

By Kurt Kuban Staff Writer

With a beautiful sunny sky overhead, hundreds of children gathered around a large field at Maybury State Park Saturday morning, waiting for the park's annual Egg Scramble to begin. As the minutes dragged on, they grew anxious like race horses chomping at the bit ready for the gates to open.

Finally, Maybury Park Supervisor Nikki Van Bloem stepped to the middle of the field filled with colorful plastic Easter eggs, and yelled through a megaphone to begin. For a few short minutes it was madness, as kids spilled onto the field and scooped up the eggs as quickly as they could. Most of the little children were accompanied by a parent or two, while other parents tried to get in as many photos as possible.

And then, with all the eggs picked up, it was over as quickly as it

Most of the children brought with them Easter baskets for their booty, and were able to collect several of the eggs, which were filled with candy and other goodies.

Phil Kulpa was walking along with his 17-monthold daughter, Rosie, who seemed more interested in what was going on around her than actually trying to get any of the eggs. That's when some little boy passed by and handed her one of his eggs. Kulpa, who said the family is in the process of moving to



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Sierra Haran, 4, of Northville plucks an egg or two from the field of Maybury State Park on March 30 during its Egg Scramble.

Northville from Canton, smiled and thanked the boy as he ran off. It kind of reiterated to him why they wanted to move to Northville.

"We wanted to come and check it out. I'm glad we did," he said.

Van Bloem said the event — jointly put on by the park staff, Friends of Maybury and Northville Recreation was definitely successful, as was evidenced by the large crowd.

"In years past we had 200 to 250 kids. Looking around, while I don't have an actual count, I would have to say we certainly exceeded that. I'm very excited with the turnout. Of course the weather was definitely in our favor," said Van Bloem, who noted the park has been hosting the event for about 10 years.

The event included more than just the egg scramble. Northville Recreation organized several games, including old-fashioned sack races. Smokey the Bear and the Easter Bunny also wandered around, meeting lots of new friends and posing for photos. Friends of Maybury also had several activities, including one in which the children planted seeds as a way to teach them about the decline of bees. Member June McCarthy said the hope is the children learn something about the



Brandy Stansell and daughter Dayne, 6, wear matching bunny ears as they wait for the start of the 2013 Egg Scramble.



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Siblings

Evan, 4, and Bryana Bassey, 3, try

their baskets on their heads for

some fun

as they await the

start of

the Egg Scramble

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Scott Shinn helps his son Kelton, 3, open up his plastic Easter eggs at the conclusion of the scramble on Saturday.

world around them.

"We had a lot of fun planting sunflower seeds with all the kids. They got to take them home, and hopefully they will plant them at home. We also provided them with a website where they can report their results as the seeds grow," McCarthy said. "The decline of bees and other pollinators is a very important issue. We wanted to do something educational, and at the same time do something that will be beneficial for the bees and othThe children seemed to enjoy it."

Sandy Marcum of Superior Township, who has attended the event in the past, brought her 6-year-old son, Vincent,

who managed to gather up six of the color-

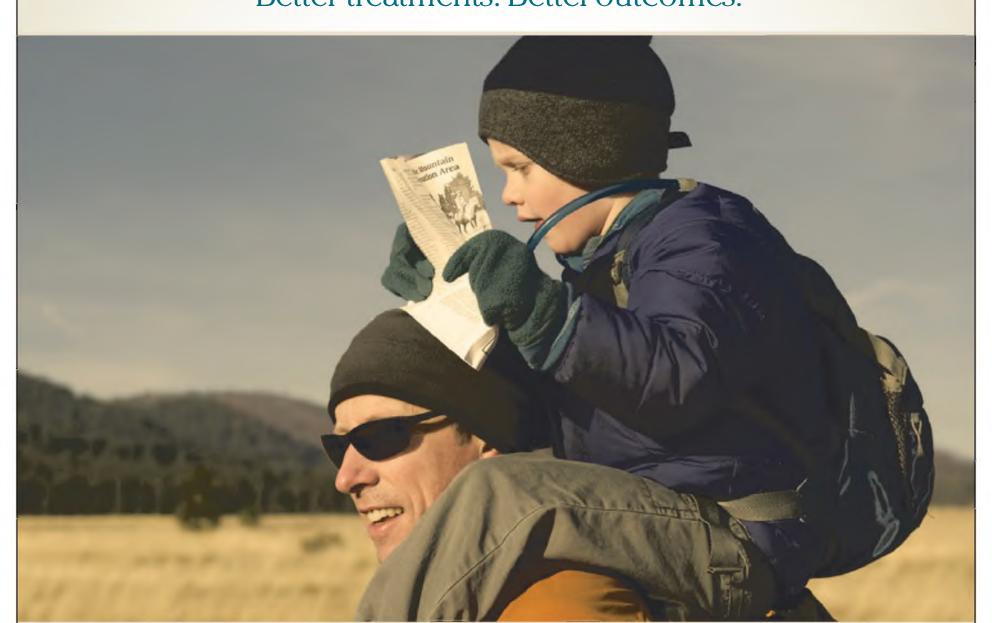
She said it is an enjoy-

ful eggs in the mad rush.

able family event. "It's always fun here. Nice crowd. Nice people," she said. "And the games they have for the kids are great, too."

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Getting ready for the show



Northville High School students (from left) Lauren Bryden, Dominic Seipenko, Lauren Goyer, Andrew Schafer, Annie Sullivan and Andrew Lewis relax during the NHS Drama Club's recent Breakfast with Belle event. More than 200 children and parents attended the March 16 event, which offered an opportunity to interact with many of the characters from the club's upcoming spring musical, "Disney's Beauty and the Beast." Tickets for the musical (show dates April 18-20) are \$12 for adults, and \$10 for young children, students and seniors age 55 and over. For more information and a direct link to purchase show tickets, please visit www.nhstheatre.com.

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Students hit the halls for reading

Amerman Elementary second grader Luke Heldke enjoys a few chapters of a Captain Underpants book during the school's March 28 Read-In. The after-lunch session got all the kids out in the hallway for a 15 minute read and then the students enjoyed a quick "Flash Mob" dance to celebrate their efforts for March is Reading Month.



State recognizes Masi as region's top athletic director

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Northville High School Athletic Director Bryan Masi said it was humbling to be named the Michigan Region 11 Athletic Administrator of the Year. For him this is more of a team honor than an individual one.

"I truly believe any leader is as good as the people they surround themselves with," he said after being recognized for the honor at the March 26 Northville Board of Education meet-

There are 14 regions in the state and Region 11 is comprised of school districts in Wayne, Oakland, Livingston and Genesee counties. Masi was nominated for this honor by his colleagues in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association (KLAA).

He received the award at the MIAAA State Conference in Traverse City on March 18.

A number of coaches and district staff were at the school board meeting to support Masi and he pointed them out as being the basis for the success he has enjoyed. Other awards he's received include: in 1997 he was honored to coach with Northville Head Coach Darrell Schumacher in the Michigan East/West All-Star Game and was also named Michigan Secondary Physical Education Teacher of the Year.

"Through his leadership and commitment, our student athletes at both the high school and middle school levels compete at the highest level of interscholastic competition to reach their educational and athletic goals," Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher



Northville High School Athletic Director Bryan Masi watches as Mustang alum Krysta Cicala signs her letter of intent to attend and play volleyball at Louisiana Tech. Cicala's coach Laura Lesko is at right.

said. "We are fortunate to have Bryan as part of our team.'

Masi came to Northville in 1991 as a physical education and health teacher, and spent most of his vears at Meads Mill Middle School from 1992-2003. During that time he also coached boys basketball, track/field and volleyball at Meads Mill. In addition, from 1993-2003, he was an assistant coach for the Northville varsity football program.He became AD in 2003.

For him, the key to success as an athletic director requires being highly organized. He said there are so many things to balance for the hundreds of athletic events in any given school year, from scheduling games, hiring game workers and officials, scheduling busses, hiring and evaluating coaches to checking student eligibility. So being organized is essential.

But above all he said, "I think a good athletic director always needs to put the best interest of the student first when making decisions."

Some of the highlights

thus far in his tenure, include winning the girls soccer state championship in 2003, boys hockey team playing in the final four in 2004, boys soccer playing in the state semifinals in 2007, and this year's volleyball team making it to the state semi-finals. These go along with all the many successes Northville has had with all of its teams at the state level from boys tennis (4th in state 2012), girls tennis (3rd in 2006), girls cross country (4th in 2010), boys swim (3rd in 2012), and girls golf (2nd in 2004) — just to name a few.

"I'm proud that we are recognized as one of the top athletic programs in the state of Michigan and many of our teams and hundreds of our studentathletes are recognized All-Academic year after year," he said.

Masi is married to Laurie Masi, a 7th grade science teacher at Meads Mill. They do not have kids, but two pug dogs named Bruno and Rocky.

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ON CAMPUS

Northwestern Dean's List

Rebecca Soyster of Northville has been named to the Academic Dean's List for the fall 2012 semester at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa. To be named to the list, students must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester.

Toledo grad

Northville resident Emily Carbott graduated from The University of Toledo with a master of science degree in physician

Carbott was among more than 2,100 candidates for degrees from the summer and fall semesters who received their degrees at the University's fall 2012 commencement ceremonies.

U-M honors

Many Northville residents were recognized for their academic achievements at the University of Michigan for their work in the fall semester. The students, who were named to the Dean's List or received University Honors (or both), include:

Vivian Abraham, Nickolas Jordan Adamowicz, Mitchell Alameddine, Ameen Basim Al-Khafaji, Hasenin Al-Khersan, Aliasghar Hashim Arastu, Jake Atkinson, Kevin Scott Bain, Kaliana Basoukeas, Christina Marie Bender, Marycatherine Anne Bender, Jordan Thomas Blough, Megan Louise Boczar, Sushanth Raghu Boda, Morgan Brow, Hillary Kate Butterworth, Shelby Jean Canon, Gregory Michael Carbott, Steven David Chesney, Christopher Yenan Chou, Joseph Mika Chou, Chelsea Marie Ciampa, Travis Mitchel Compo, Daniel Scott Cowher, Deborah Hannah Daniel, Kathryn Lynn Deeds, Mahrie Evangeline Defever, Valerie Ann DiMilia, Abby Rose Dolan, Taylor Katherine Dunivin, Jennifer Ross Durow, Subhash Venkata Satya Edupuganti, Joshua Adam Gage, Paras Garg, Connor Terrence Gibney, Melanie Jane Gingell, Monica Joan Gingell, Kathryn Ann Gorsuch, Erik Paul Gothard, Jillian Grabowski, Abby Ann Grajek, Jillian Lee Gray, Haleigh Irene Guerin, Rebecca Marcon Guerriero, Stephanie Lynn Hamel, Kimberly Marie Hay, Christia Ho, Patrick Xiabin Huang, Christine Nicole James, Tyler Jones, Nicholas Robert Kalweit, Hasan Mujib Khan, Humza Mujib Khan, Siang-Chean Kua, Cena Joyce Larsen, Erika Lauren Lazar, Jonathan Lee, Phillip Albert Lee, Victoria Theresa Lencione, Erik Allan Libbe, Kelsey Suzanne Libbe, Jimmy Jun-

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NSCS member

Mitchell Neil Ostrowski of Northville, who attends Michigan State Honors College, has been accepted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. NSCS is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is the nation's only interdisciplinary honors organization for firstyear and second-year college students.

Grand Valley Dean's List

Grand Valley State University its Dean's List for the fall 2012 semester concluding in December. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. Several Northville students made the list, including Katherine J. Bezak, Theresa M. Bradley, Danielle R. Busby, Lauren M. Dicomo, Rosemary O. Dutfield-Willis, Madelyn E. Evasic, Colleen E. Ferguson, Adam J. Fuhrman, Kelsey M. Gaidica, Jacqueline P. Gress, Kelsey A. Hines, Andrew M. Jary, Rachel M. Maceri, Andrea L. Patrick, Carissa M. Patrone, Kirsten A. Racinski, Garrett M. Sawyer, Tess A. Sheidy, Victoria E. Smith, Amy K. Southers, Geoffrey G. Van Gorder, Jeffrey P Wagner, Andrew R. Wernette, Kelsey R. Winiarski, and Angele M. Yazbec.

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'Cabaret for a Cause'

Businesses reach out to help autistic kids with benefit

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Two downtown Northville businesses are teaming up to help Northville children with autism. Genitti's Restaurant & Theater is hosting a dinner theater event: "Cabaret for a Cause" on Thursday. April 11. It's a benefit for Northville Public Schools' Sprouts Autism K-5. The first \$1,000 in donations will be matched 100 percent by the Northville Educational Foundation.

"Things are really coming together," said Laurie Kondek of Northville Township, event organizer and a Sprouts mom. "It's going to be a fabulous event."

Two doors down from Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, Chocolates by Renee has created a specialty chocolate in honor of April being Autism Awareness Month. A percentage of the profits will go to NPS's Sprouts Autism K-5, an inter-district program, housed at Thornton Creek Elementary School.

In support of Sprouts, a Michigan artist and aunt of one of the Sprouts, Lisa Richter, is working on an original watercolor artwork to be on display in the front window of Chocolates by Renee, during April. The specialty chocolates will be available for sale during April as well.

Laurie Kondek and husband Charlie have a 6year-old son, Sammy, in Sprouts as well as a fourthgrader at Silver Springs Elementary. The Kondeks lived in another school district when Sammy was diagnosed with moderate autism in the summer of 2010.

"I started doing a lot

NORTHVILLE SPROUTS FUNDRAISER

- What: Cabaret for a Cause
- Where: Genitti's Holein-the Wall restaurant and theater, 108 E. Main Street, Northville
- When: Thursday, April 11 — doors open at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30
- Tickets: \$35 each, includes dinner and the show — call Genitti's at (248) 349-0522
- More info: Send an email to sproutswatchusgrow@gmail.com

of research on schools in Michigan," she recalled. They were at the University of Michigan for an intensive speech therapy program and heard a lot of good things about Northville schools.

"My ears perked up because I grew up in Northville," Laurie Kondek said.

She met a Northville schools staffer at U-M and got information on the preschool program. Kondek called the district special education office and was impressed with the response.

"We felt like it was the best thing for our family to do," she said.

"It's been an amazing program," she said of Sprouts. "They've treated us so wonderfully." There are seven K-5 moderately to severely autistic children enrolled.

Guests of the event will enjoy a five-course family-style Italian dinner; dessert and all non-alcoholic beverages; a live cabaretstyle show; a silent auction featuring Red Wings tickets, a professional photography package, a spa package and more. There will be a cash bar.

The Cabaret for a Cause! performance, is courtesy of Encore, EMU's group of musical theater performers. EMU's CTA Music Director Ryan Lewis is creating a musical, cabaret-style show specifically for this event. Choreography will be by musical theater professor and Broadway veteran Phil Simmons.

The doors will open 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11. Tickets for dinner and the show are \$35. Call Genitti's at (248) 349-0522 for tickets.

"Excitement about the Cabaret for a Cause fundraiser continues to grow," said Cabaret for a Cause honorary chairman Bill Brown, who is NPS director of Special Services. "I am extremely grateful for the support shown by Genitti's Restaurant, EMU Theater and the Northville Educational Foundation."

Laurie Kondek is passionate about arts and music therapy. She and other Sprouts parents had, after a grant didn't come through, arranged with the teacher to have an EMU staffer in music therapy at the local school.

Kondek was impressed with response to the benefit being planned to continue that therapy.

"People have just been amazing," she said. "Genitti's has been just amazing. Chocolates by Renee has just been so supportive as well. We're really excited about the event. We have a vision for our kids and want to help them grow."

Kondek also appreciates donations of Red Wings tickets, massag-EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY es, artwork, restaurant certificates and more for the silent auction. She There will be free parking sent information to the

on the street and behind Genitti's.

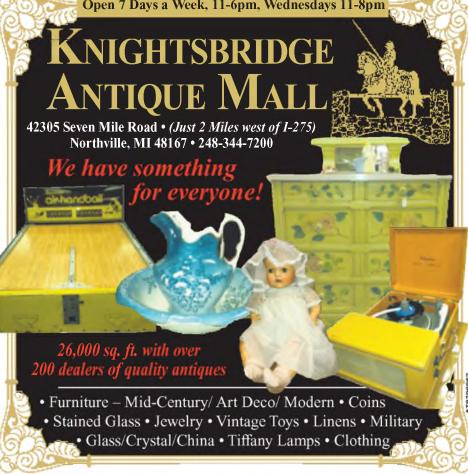
Sprouts Teacher Kate Colaluca described Sprouts as targeting communication and socialization challenges associated with autism. Students get speech and occupational therapy to help them develop functional communication and sensory integration, Colaluca said. "The classroom is structured to facilitate their communication and learning needs and incorporates the prescribed ther-

apies throughout the day. Through musical involvement in the therapeutic context, students are learning (to name a few) self-modulation, appropriate social response, and cooperation. The benefit then, is a combination of having music enrichment, and that it is presented in a therapeutic format," Colaluca said in a statement.

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ect was also recognized by the Girl Scouts, USA as a Gold Award Project, which is its highest honor.

Although very deserving, these honors both surprised and humbled

"I never thought it would become this big," she said. "It really got off the ground by word of mouth."

CIAforStudents matches more than 2,000 NHS students with volunteer service opportunities. In its first year of operation, its website had registered 400 members and committed to more than 12,000 hours of community service and leadership. In the last year, it assisted 116 different service organizations and posted 185 events.

In addition, 14 other communities have requested their own CIAforStudents implementa-

In the past two years, the Northville Public Schools Board of Education and Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher have recognized nearly 100 NHS students in honor of their work with the program, and school leaders have praised the students for their efforts.

Niemiec credits the success to a team effort.

"The real story is about the CIA members who are changing our community through their extraordinary commitment to service. They are doing the real work," she said.

She also gives credit to the creativity and energy of her fellow team members and Girl Scouts Gold Award recipients Jessica Bernard, Lauren Santucci and Molly O'Sullivan. They developed the Leadership/Mentoring, Good Nature and Beyond our Borders awards, which are some of the different categories students can pick from for service



Miranda Niemiec has been honored for her work in developing the CIAforStudents program in 2011.

projects.

The project has not gone unnoticed by colleges.

The CIA team has met with admissions officers from more than 40 universities to introduce them to the program and get their feedback. They've also sent information packets to over 100 others.

"Extracurricular activities are a key part of our admission and merit scholarship review," said Scott Ham, dean of Admissions at Butler University. "Having a site like CIA will allow the admission staff at Butler University to easily determine what a student has been involved with outside of the classroom and make our review process that much easier.'

Niemiec will be taking a lot of lessons from this to the next level of her education. Hard work and a strong focus helped earn the many honors, but the lesson of service may have had the biggest impression on her.

"I've grown so much and learned that you can make a big impact," she said.

Niemiec has accepted admission to the University of Michigan. She will also be going on a speaking tour to talk about this program.

To learn more about the project, go to www.ciaforstudent.com.

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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Destruction of property

A 25-year-old Northville Township man was arrested on the evening of March 29 after several of his neighbors in the Northridge Apartments called police to report he was acting disorderly.

When Northville Township Police arrived at the scene, the found the man walking around with a baseball bat in his hand. One of the officers pulled out his taser and ordered the man to drop the bat. He complied, and said he was on his way home. Not knowing he had committed any crimes, the officers let him go. However, as the officers were leaving the complex, they were waived down by several residents, who said the man had entered an apartment uninvited. When they told him to leave and pushed him out the door, they heard a loud noise in the hallway. They found the glass case containing a fire hydrant had been smashed. After speaking to other residents, the officers learned the man had picked up a child's scooter and threw it against a wall, damaging the siding. He also allegedly broke out a window.

The officer went to the man's apartment and were let in by his father. He was placed under arrest for malicious destruction of property. He was given a \$500 personal bond and released on March 30. He is scheduled to appear in 35th District Court on April 17.

Laptop stolen library

While studying for his college exams at the Northville District Library, a 25-year-old Northville man's laptop computer went missing and was reported stolen.

On March 30, the student was at the library on Cady Street when he took a brief break from studying

to speak with his father outside the library for nearly 10 minutes. He had left his Macbook in the downstairs study area along with other personal belongings. Upon his return he found the laptop and power cord gone while the other stuff appeared to be untouched.

It was reported the security cameras in the library that day were not working, so a suspect is unknown at this point.

Marijuana possession

Northville Township Police arrested a 47-year-old Detroit man for possession of marijuana after he was pulled over on Seven Mile near Marilyn Drive. The incident occurred just after midnight on March 30 when an officer noticed the man's vehicle weaving in his lane. According to police reports, the officer noticed a strong smell of alcohol when he spoke to the man. He administered field sobriety tests, and then gave the man a Breathalyzer test.

That's when the officer searched the man's car, and located a leather bag on the passenger side floor. It contained two plastic bags filled with marijuana. The officer also found a wooden box labeled "One Toke" and a metal pipe in the bag.

The man was arrested and taken back to the station. His blood alcohol level was tested again, but registered below the legal limit. However, he was cited for narcotics possession, and violation of a controlled substance. He posted his \$150 bond and was given a April 10 date in 35th District Court.

Paraphernalia possession

A 17-year-old girl was cited for possession of cigarettes and an 18-year-

old boy was cited for possession of paraphernalia after Northville City Police found them along with some friends at Fish Hatchery Park after

online at hometownlife.com

On March 29, while on patrol police spotted the group of five teens at the park, and they appeared to be concealing themselves from view behind some trees. It was reported that upon making contact with the group, the odor of marijuana could be detected among them. The 18-year-old admitted he had a grinder and pipe on him, which later tested positive for marijuana residue while the cigarettes were found in the pocket of the 17 vear old.

The other three individuals were not cited, but their parents were informed of the situation.

Bad driving record

Northville Township Police arrested a 37-year-old Detroit man after he fled from the scene of an accident around 8:30 p.m. on March 27.

According to police reports, the man was rear-ended by another vehicle on Seven Mile near Pierson Drive. However, the man fled the scene before police could arrive. Officers were given a description of the man's vehicle, and caught up to him on I-96 near Newburgh Road. After being pulled over, the man admitted he took off because his driver's license was suspended and he had a warrant out for his arrest.

When officers did a check, they found the man had 10 current suspensions to his license. He was arrested for driving on a suspended license and his van was impounded. He was arraigned via video on March 28. He was then turned over to the Wayne County Sheriff's Office on the outstanding warrant. He is expected in 35th District Court on April 17.

NORTHVILLE SENIOR SERVICES CALENDAR

Northville Community Center Senior Services Location: 303 W. Main St.

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• 1000 LOVE LETTERS - GUEST AUTHOR SERIES 10-11:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 17

Details: Author Teresa Irish is currently touring the country at book signing events. 1000 letters was written by her

father to his parents and sweetheart during WWII. This is a free event. RSVP by April 14.

MONEY SMART WEEK

10-11:30 a.m. (presentation) and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Resource Fair, on Thursday, April 25

Details: At this free event, experts present today's four hottest money related topics. No sales pitches. This program is part of the Federal Reserve Banks Money Smart Week. RSVP by April 19.

FASHION FRENZY FASHION SHOW Noon to 3 p.m., Wednesday, May 22.

Details: Fashions by Dress Barn, lunch and prizes. RSVP early by May 16. The fee is \$8. There is limited seating, and the event has sold out in past years.







Northville leaders to outline 'state of the community' at annual luncheon

By Kurt Kuban Staff Writer

If you want to know what's happening in the Northville community now and what is on the horizon, you might want to attend the annual State of the Community luncheon to be held April 17 at Meadowbrook Country Club.

Put on by the Northville Chamber of Commerce. the event will include presentations by four of the community's leaders — Northville Mayor Chris Johnson, Northville **Township Supervisor** Robert Nix, Northville Public Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher, and Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox.

Traci Sincock of the chamber said it is a great opportunity to hear all of Northville's leaders in one spot.

"Everyone who attends will get a real flavor from the mayor and school district superintendent about how they've have made it through some difficult financial challenges," Sincock said.



Johnson

is particularly interested to see what Nix, who was elected last fall,

Sincock

has to say in his first appearance at



"This is Bob Nix's first time as a speaker, so it should be interesting. He'll

talk a little bit about all the development going on, and other important issues in the

township," she said. As for Cox, Sincock said she always has something engaging to say about county politics.

"We always like to hear about what's going on in Wayne County. She is only one of two Republicans on the county commission, so she usually has an interesting take on what's going on with the county," Sincock





Gallagher



cock said.

nity. "The event puts all the community players in one room. Northville has always been noted for its partnerships, and this is just another way to showcase how closely we work together," Sin-

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- When: Wednesday, April 17, noon-1:30 p.m.
- Where: Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 West Eight Mile Road, Northville
- Cost: \$40 per person
- More info: Contact Traci Sincock at the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640, or visit www. northville.org

The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$40 per person, which includes lunch.

Reservations should be made by April 10, and can be made by contacting the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or by e-mail at tracisincock@ northville.org.



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Mother Nature's bounty

Maybury Farm docent Mike Defrancesco demonstrates how maple sap is tapped from trees during a March 30 visit to the park's "sugar bush". Visitors that day got a hayride out to the grove of maple trees, the chance to tap a tree or two, collect some sap, and then watch as it was boiled down to maple syrup back at the farm. Maybury will be continuing to offer the maple sap tours for the weekends of April 6 and 13.



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

ON PROPOSED 2013-14 BUDGET

In compliance with "Act No. 43," State of Michigan Public Act of 1963, and "Act No. 2," State of Michigan Public Acts of 1968 ("Section 16" of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act), Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 2013-14 College budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at the Grote Administration Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

> Glenn Cerny Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Judge ends federal oversight of Detroit's water department

Talks over regional water authority move to forefront

By Ken Abramczyk and Kurt Kuban

Staff Writers

U.S. District Judge Sean Cox's decision last Wednesday to end the federal court's oversight of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department means the state will be responsible to ensure that the DWSD meets environmental regulations.

The decision also means discussion to create a regional authority is expected to be pushed to the front of the agenda for many officials at various levels of government, both for the DWSD and state lawmakers.

The DWSD sets water rates, which are approved by the Detroit City Council, then passed onto the suburban communities that are customers of the

Detroit water and sewer

systems.

"This is a profound and historic development," said state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, author of a House bill to create a regional authority. "It ended a 35-year-old lawsuit that started out as Clean Water Act violations. What he has found is that the DWSD is in substantial compliance with the Clean Water Act, and while he is saying that it is not perfect, it is substantially improved. He is putting the issue before the state Department of Environmental Quality, which will be responsible for oversight."

Canton resident Jim Fausone, chair of the DWSD board and partner in the Northville Township-based firm Fausone Bohn LLP, said he wasn't surprised at the ruling. Fausone and board members have worked over the past two years to reorganize the department and create a more efficient means to deliver water and sewer services.

"He openly acknowledged all of the hard work by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, the staff, management and employees," Fausone said. "It will be good to be out from the federal court oversight."

Still work to do

Fausone said he expected the work will evolve quickly to create a regional authority, and that the DWSD, city of Detroit, and Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties had been on the record supporting it. "There's still a lot of work to do," Fausone said. "There's been a number of significant organizational changes. There's been a reorganization from top to bottom, There have been capital improvement projects

designed to reduce costs

and to improve the long-

term compliance." Northville Township Manager Chip Snider said the changes have been pretty evident.

"We're very happy with the new hybrid leadership," he said. "In the past we didn't always feel like we had any meaningful say in the decisions, whether it was rates or if we had problems with the delivery of water. We've seen a remarkable difference, especially when it comes to response times if we have issues. So yes, I'm pretty happy with the way it's bee working."

Fausone noted the significance of the end of federal court oversight.

"It's kind of historic, that it would be regulated like any other utility," Fausone said.

But Fausone believes that enough progress has been made through the DWSD, city of Detroit and the counties that there is "no need for legislation." He expects more developments will occur over the next several months. "It will be a matter of months, not years," Fausone said.

Heise said one of the drawbacks of creating a regional authority was that it would also take on a \$6.5 billion DWSD debt. "It would become the liability of the new authority," Heise said. "It then becomes our liability." The debt would be "spread" among the 124 communities in the system, including Detroit, Heise said.

Heise said his bill, House Bill 2009, would create an authority in conjunction with the city of Detroit, consisting of nine to 13 members on an executive committee. "Ultimately, our goal is the same as yours, to control our water rates," Heise said to the council.

By removing the city of Detroit's credit problems from the equation, the DWSD could lower borrowing costs, which would help everyone, Heise said.

Snider said his feelings about the DWSD have changed dramatically in recent years.

"A lot of people when they hear Detroit water and sewer immediately think about all the negative stuff going on in Detroit. But that just hasn't been the case recently. The DWSD is really one of the shining stars for the city of Detroit," he said.

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ALBRIGHT, RICKY C.

Age 42, passed away March 28, 2013. He was born on October 17, 1970, in Ann Arbor, son of Evelyn and the late Carl Albright. During the winter months, Ricky could often be found spending countless hours snowmobiling with friends and family. He was known for his expertise and his desire for perfection as an auto body mechanic. Ricky was a generous, kind and sensitive person, which brought into his life many friends. He will always be remembered as a devoted and loving husband, father, son, brother and friend. He was loved by all who knew him and will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife, Gail; his son, Brandon, his mother, Evelyn (nee Zalud) Albright; his brother, Marty (Monica) Albright and several aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Carl in 2011 and his brother Barry in 2010. Visitation was held on Monday, April 1. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, April 2, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Ricky's wife, Gail payable to Phillips Funeral Home.

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HEUSER, JOSEPH LEO

Formerly of Milford & Howell MI, Thurs., March 21, 2013. Visitation will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Friday, April 5, from 6-8pm. Funeral Service will be held at the funeral home on Sat., April 6, at 11am. Obituary at:

LynchFuneralDirectors.com



HAUSER, RICHARD E. Age 82, of Novi, passed away March 29, 2013.

He was born January 21, 1931 in Bloomington, Illinois; son of Albert and Mabel (Youngblood) Hauser. He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois and was an accountant with General Motors for 28 years. Dick proudly served in the US Navy during the Korean War. After the war, he married the love of his life Patricia A. Grayheck on May 18, 1956; they were married for 53 years until her death in 2009. They lived in various cities and England before making North-ville their home in 1983. Dick was an active member of the First United Methodist Church and was a member of the Wednesday morning men's club. He loved sports especially baseball because of his semi-pro career. He also enjoyed playing golf, billiards, and shuffle board. He was a member of the Hot Stove League at Fox Run. Dick is survived by his children, Jeffrey (Denise) Hauser, Polly (David) White, Jan (Loretta) Hauser, and Celia (Bruce) Contratto; his sisters Helen (Gene) Kinsella and June Rustemeyer; and his grandchildren, Joe Contratto, Ana Hauser, Clair Hauser, Ann Voelz, Trevor Vestey, Jeffrey Vestey, and Kurtis Vestey. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, his brother Stan Hauser, and his sister Marge Ol-A memorial service was held last Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Northville. Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck officiated the service. Memorial contributions would be

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52, passed away March 25, 2013. He is survived by his parents Ted and Lou Ann Morgan; sister Terry (Paul) Williamson; nephews: Brian and Eric. Memorial service will be held at a later Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

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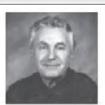
RUSSO, ANTHONY Age 92, passed away March 31, 2013. Visitation April 2, Phillips Funeral Home. Funeral April 3. at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

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Age 79, died peacefully Monday, March 25, 2013. He was born October 8, 1933, in Toledo, Ohio, to Albert and Stella (Pilrose) Sutton. Growing up he had a close relationship with his sister Arlene, enjoying family fishing and playing sports together. Gene had a great talent in baseball and was scouted by the Detroit Tigers in his youth. He proudly joined the U.S. Army in 1954. He was stationed in Germany where he played baseball for the military, drove a tank and delivered mail. This was a profoundly satisfying experience for a young punk from Toledo, as he used to say. Upon returning he attended the University of Toledo and Married Janice "Sue" Maxson, also of Toledo. Together they had three beautiful daughters. Gene secured a drafting position at Ford Motor Company in Body Engineering so they moved to Michigan. He was a very committed and a hardworking man. He was employed by Ford Motor for 30 years, (15 of those he was awarded for perfect attendance) After retiring, he moved to Clermont Florida, where he enjoyed the warm weather, enthusiastically played senior baseball and basketball, and found pleasure and purpose in serving his neighbors as a pet sitter and handy man. Gene was a simple and honest man, who was devoted to his family. He is survived by his wife Janice Susan Sutton of Ann Arbor; his beloved dog, Elvis; daughters: Dian Sutton of Ann Arbor, Jackie (Harold) Vandervoort of Chelsea, Robin (Matthew) Dixon of Ann Arbor; grandson's: Jason Vandervoort Corey Vandervoort, Grant Dixon and Cameron Dixon; sister Arlene Sutton of Redmond, California and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 13, 2013 at 11:00am with Visitation at 10:00am at the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon, 640 S Lafayette St, South Lyon, MI 48178. For additional



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TIBBS, SUSAN H.

Age 57, of Florida, formerly of Milford, March 30, 2013. Funeral from Lynch & Sons Friday,10 AM. Visit Thursday 2-9 PM. For info call 248-684-6645 or www. LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

Historical society seeks artifacts for 'Made in Northville' exhibit

The Northville Historical Society is on the hunt. It is seeking artifacts, information and other materials for its Made in Northville exhibit to open June 9 in the Hirsch Exhibit Hall at Mill Race Historical Village. The exhibit opening will coincide with the village's season opening on the same date.

The Made in Northville exhibit will focus on Northville's manufacturing might. Northville was a hub for manufacturing in the post-Civil War decades through the first quarter of the 20th century with some manufacturing continuing today. From condensed milk to school furniture, the exhibit will highlight products Made in Northville.

While the Northville Historical Society's Archives houses information on many of the community's leading industries, it is seeking additional materials to round out the exhibit.

Items sought include photographs, advertisements, letterhead, catalogs, manuals, letters, receipts, ledgers, newspaper or magazine articles, blueprints and any other documents pertinent to Northville's industries.

The society is also interested in artifacts. Among the most sought after items is a school desk from the Michigan School Furniture Company or its later equivalent, the Globe Furniture Company. The Globe was the worldwide leader of manufactured school furniture in the 1880s and 1890s. The company also made church pews.

Artifacts may range from the actual product — a school desk, glass milk bottle, automobile valve — to product parts, tools used in the manufacturing process, signage and / or factory mem-

The following are some of the early manufacturers the exhibit hopes to highlight:

 Michigan School Furniture Company or Globe Manufacturing (1873-1899) school desks and church furniture.

• American Bell and Foundry (1890s-1924) — bells. The society has several bells, but is interested in other materials relating to the company.

• J.A. Dubuar Manufacturing (1880s-

1919) — hardwood lumber as well as pulley blocks, wheelbarrows, screen doors and "Michigan Air Rifles."

• Tonquish Manufacturing (1892) parlor and library tables. • Ely Dowel and Manufacturing (1880s

dowel pins for furniture and moldings for caskets. • Clover Condensed Milk Company -

1880s) — known for its Porcelain Brand of condensed milk. Also, Lansing Milk Condensery, Northville Condensing Company, C.T. Rogers & Sons Condensery and the Oakland Dairy Plant. Superior Churn and Manufacturing

Company - located on E. Cady Street, it produced butter churns, mixers and other products.

• Northville Mills -Northville's first gristmill and the catalyst for much of the community's growth in its early years. By 1899, it was producing the celebrated Gold Lace flour. Also, Argo and Phoenix mills.

• Frank N. Perrin — carriage manufactory, wagon shop and blacksmith plant producing surreys phaetons and buggies.

• Stimpson Scale & Manufacturing (1890s) — scales and coffee mills.

• Granville Wood and Son (1884-1889) — pipe organs.

• Parmenter's Cider Mill (1873-present) - one of Northville's oldest continuing businesses.

Later manufacturing includes:

• Northville Laboratories (1914-present) — flavorings and extracts. Still in operation today under Jogue, Inc.

• Northville Ford Valve Plant (1920-1981) — intake and exhaust valves.

• Stinson Aircraft Corporation (1927-1929) — custom aircraft built by renowned pilot Eddie Stinson.

Other 20th and 21st century manufacturers include Allen Monuments, Anger Manufacturing, Foundry Flask & Equipment, International Diamond Tool, Reef Manufacturing and Warren Products.

Anyone with information, documents or artifacts to share on these manufacturers, please contact Archivist Heidi Nielsen at archivist.nhs@gmail.com or (248) 348-1845.

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street near Ford Field.

• DETAILS: Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday. Archives open Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Village buildings open free to the public 1-4 p.m., Sundays,

mid-June to mid-October.

• **CONTACT:** (248) 348-1845

WEEKLY EVENTS (*Grounds closed to public)

- Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 10 a.m.
- Bag Lady Crafters • Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open
- Monday: 10:30 a.m. Northville Garden
- Club; 3:00 p.m. Lions Club • Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 7 p.m. Cub Scouts 755, Den 4
- Wednesday: 1-4 p.m. AAUW Bridge Group; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation

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First Friday

First Friday Experience will take place Friday, April 5 at participating downtown galleries, shops and restaurants.

Hosted by the locallyowned galleries and shops, the First Friday Experience runs from 6-9 p.m. along the streets of downtown Northville's art district, with many of the establishments along the walk offering complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages for their guests as they browse or shop.

For more information, visit www.downtownnorthville.com.

Art House exhibit

Beginning April 5, the Northville Art House will



"Blue" by Vianna Szabo

present a new exhibit, Line & Brush: Two Figurative Visions, featuring the work of local artists Amy Foster and Vianna Szabo. The exhibit runs from April 5-27, with an opening reception from 6-9 p.m., April 5—the artists will speak

about their work at 8 p.m.

In conjunction with this exhibit, the artists will be offering two-day workshops in April at the Northville Art House:

• Portrait Drawing Fundamentals with Amy Foster, April 20-21

• Painting Gesture Portraits with Vianna Szabo, April 27-28

Limited space is available. See the Art House website at www.northvillearts.org or call (248) 344-0497 for more information.

The show will continue through April 27 during Art House gallery hours — 1-5 p.m., Wednesdays-Saturdays. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House shows is always free and open to the public.

Tipping Point comedy

Tipping Point Theatre will present a new live comedy, "Mrs. Mannerly" which runs April 4-May 5. Written by Jeffrey Hatcher, the story is about being bad — with good manners.

Inspired by memories of a childhood etiquette class, ten-year-old Jeffrey is not good at anything except being polite. Obsessed with good manners, he is determined to be the first student ever to achieve a perfect score on the challenging final exam. Mrs. Mannerly, his demanding

teacher, has never had a student in her 36 years of etiquette classes achieve this feat. After discovering a secret of Mrs. Mannerly's past, Jeffrey faces off with his classmates as he maneuvers his way toward the top to take the grand prize.

The production stars actors Peter Prouty, Jennifer Weil and Tracy Spada. "Mrs. Mannerly" contains adult language. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. A special matinee performance has been added on Wednesday April 24, at 3

For tickets and more information, visit www.tippingpointtheatre.com. Tipping Point is located at 361 E. Cady Street in downtown Northville.

Seedling giveaway

Northville Township and the City of Northville will hold their annual Seedling Giveaway from 9-11 a.m., April 20 at Northville Township Hall, located at Six Mile and Sheldon roads.

The Northville Beautification Commission gets the seedlings from Michigan State University. They hope to have blue spruce, Norway spruce, sugar maple, crabapple, flowering dogwood, and American plum trees.

All seedlings are free for residents of either the township or the city.

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OUR VIEWS

Soccer pact best for all involved

Dispute needs to be resolved, kids considered

Spring is coming, albeit reluctantly, but it is coming. For thousands of Northville youth, that means the start of the spring soccer season.

April 13 is supposed to mark the beginning of a new season for the Northville Soccer Association, but if a dispute between the league and the Northville Parks and Recreation board isn't solved in the next week or so, all those kids may be looking for a new place to play.

The NSA, a volunteer-driven organization, offers soccer instruction and games to around 3,000 children from both the city and township. It has five different programs for children ranging in age from 3 to 18.

The dispute, which came to a head at last week's Northville Parks and Recreation board meeting, involves the



cost the league must pay to use the fields at Millennium and Northville community parks, where the NSA plays its games. Under terms of the proposed contract, which Northville officials say is exactly

the same as last year, the NSA would pay \$128,000 for exclusive use of the fields on specified days of the week.

NSA President Steve McGuirk has made it perfectly clear he thinks that price it too steep, as he told the recreation board, which is made up of elected officials from the city and township, and one representative from the Northville Board of Education.

Northville officials, however, say the total cost was not something that they randomly came up with. It includes the cost of maintaining the fields — thousands of soccer players have an impact on them — as well as the price of insurance that must be carried.

McGuirk, on the other hand, said the field maintenance has been poor, plus he is losing field time and space to other sports, especially lacrosse. He left last week's meeting without signing the contract, indicating he is looking at all options.

This is not the first time the parties have been at odds. According to Northville Township Manager Chip Snider, McGuirk has refused to sign the contract in years past, but ultimately worked out a deal after the season started. This year, however, township and recreation department officials say they are sticking to their guns, and will not allow the NSA to use their fields unless the contract is signed first. They say McGuirk received the contract on Feb. 22, so he had plenty of time to review it before the April 1 deadline.

Snider said McGuirk in previous years has threatened to leave Northville and go to other communities such as Livonia. We hope it doesn't come to that, however. Sure \$128,000 is a lot of money, but recreation officials say the fee was carefully calculated based on their costs. Also, when you consider the NSA's website lists registration fees as \$350 for kids under 7 and \$450 for the next age group up, and the fact that the league has around 3,000 or more kids registered, it doesn't appear it would have any problem affording the \$128,000 for the year. If McGuirk believes that price is truly too high, he needs to show detailed financial data why. It can't just be a gut feeling.

It is important to remember that Northville is a hotbed of soccer, thanks largely to the hard work of the NSA, and all its volunteers. A day after the meeting, McGuirk said he hoped the dispute would end amicably and suggested he would probably sign the contract. It is in the community's best interest if he does. And when he does, the city and township need to make sure they keep their end of the bargain as

Kurt Kuban, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Are you planning on going anywhere for Spring Break?

We asked this question in downtown Northville.



"Nope, just hanging out locally.3

Bill Schikora Northville



"We will be spending time with my family in Sterling Heights and getting together with friends."

Bridget Drzewicki Northville



"No plans, I'm not going anywhere." Aimee Montambeau



"I'm working, so no big plans."

Zakara Lewis Novi (works two jobs at Boston Market and

Wendy's)

Suggestions for site

LETTERS

It would be great if we could have a larger library and cultural center (like the Novi library) to replace the old prison since our exciting library in downtown Northville is really small. My other suggestion would be a YMCA or something like that, especially because the site is right beside the sport field. A community outdoor pool would be great.

> **Haley Kiarash** Northville

Education attacked

Two depressing things happened last week in Michigan's public education environment. They're both indicative of the relentless pursuit by a small group of billionaires to destroy public education in Michigan. The DeVoses couldn't do it through the voters, so they're doing through their servants in the legislature.

First, Lansing Schools succumbed to outrageous and unnecessary school funding cuts and fired all of its art, music, and physical education teachers to cut \$6 million from its budget. What kind of state are we that says it can't afford to support the arts?

There are no do-over years tor

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published Thursday.

children. Once they miss out on the experience of developing imagination through art, music, and physical movement, it's not something that can be "caught up."

The second event was the passage in the Michigan House of Representatives of the reintroduced bill expanding the Education Achievement Authority (HB4369). Lisa Posthumus Lyons, the bill's author, made a few changes to make it more palatable for some representatives, so it narrowly passed on a near party line vote. Our own Hugh Crawford was a co-sponsor and voted for it. This law expands the EAA, a parallel state bureaucracy to run its assigned schools. It is not required to hold public meetings, is not held to the same testing standards as public schools, and it is allowed to convert public schools to for-profit charters. The EAA is new and its "strategies" haven't yet been proven to be effective. ...

It's interesting, but not surprising, that Ms. Posthumus included a section effectively exempting her local Grand Rapids school district from this EAA program. If our legislators were actually interested in "improving schools" they would address the real reasons kids fail — poverty. If we think our local suburban schools are immune to this takeover, don't be so

The state Senate will be voting on this bill after spring break. Please contact your state senator and ask them to oppose this EAA expansion, as Gov. Snyder will sign it if it gets to

Kathleen Hood

GUEST COLUMN

Let imagination run free with Short on Words writing competition

By Denise Jenkins **Guest Columnist**

icture this: "It was a dark, rainy night. I was walking down the gray cobblestone path in my grandmother's hometown, when all of a sudden there in the middle of nowhere was..." Can you fill in the blank? If you can, consider entering the second annual Short on Words competition. It's simple to do and it allows a rush of creative spirit to come forth



Denise Jenkins

from your imagination, to overcome the flood of electronic imagery that fills your world and limits your sense of wonder. The deadline is approaching on April 12, 2013 but we are extend-

ing that by one week — because we know how the word "deadline" works. Northville has been a leader in the art community for several years with what is now called Arts & Acts – A Celebration of the Arts. It will be held June 28-30, 2013. Once again it promises to be a patchwork of talented works from Michigan artists. The streets in town come to life with art works and exhibits in every nook and cranny. Art in the Sun, the juried fine arts festival, is celebrating its 25th year. Performing artists take the stage in Northville's Town Square and street performers surprise and delight the festival goers. A few years ago they added filmmaking and playwriting to the weekend competitions

with the Reel Michigan Film Festi-

val and the Sandbox Play Festival.

The Arts Commission hoped to add

literature to the mix at some point, because after all, writing is an art.

William Demray has been a supporter of the Art House and their efforts for several years. He celebrated a milestone anniversary in the community last year and decided to investigate an opportunity to get involved with Arts & Acts. The Art House has twice exhibited the photo works of Dr.

I put my thinking cap on and did some research on writing contests. What I learned was both exciting, and a little bewildering. Today there are not nearly as many opportunities for aspiring writers to get their work read in public, printed or published. Usually it's all about electronic blogging-writing-publishing. And there are few rules - good, bad or indifferent. I have been trying for several years to get my grandson interested in writing. He can tell a great story, has a great imagination, is totally techno, but is just not interested in "writing". So I took my idea to Demray. We decided to take the best from the best writing competitions. We enlisted some well-qualified judges, chose a few inspiring photos from Demray's camera and put out a call for entries. We set the rules and waited. It was one year ago that the first Short on Words competition made its debut. All I can say is, wow!

We were inspired by the response, and we listened to our authors and our judges - deciding to keep the contest going. The authors who competed last year were all ages. We learned we needed a Young Author Competition and an Adult Author Competition. So this year we have two categories: under 18 with photos of a dog, a mask and a bike to inspire

the young authors; and for adult authors 18 years of age and older there are photos of a stairway, Joan of Arc, piano man and a bike to choose from for a poem or a short story. Entries should be 1,500 words or less. Entry forms, the photos and specific criteria can be found online at preservationdental. com (click on the PD Contest tab), by visiting the office of Preservation Dental at the corner of Griswold and Main in downtown Northville or by stopping in the Art House on Cady Street just west of Wing Street.

There are so many great creative minds in our midst. We need to open them up and let imagination run free. In my opinion reality is overdone these days. We need a little make-believe to make us laugh or cause us to wonder about all that is possible. News reports tout a problem with literacy as an ongoing epidemic. I look at it as "the chicken and the egg" dilemma. Do folks not write because there is no one to read, or do people not read because no one writes? I loved all the entries last year — some were mysterious, some funny, others fantastical - all were clever and entertaining.

If you've ever looked at a picture and thought of a story - don't hold back. Check out Demray's pictures online and tell us your story. You never know - it could earn you one hundred dollars, or it could unleash a hidden tale to compete with J.K. Rowlings or Jessica Fletcher.

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A GANNETT COMPANY

Changing course: Rouge River has gone from open sewer to potential urban water trail

By Kurt Kuban Staff columnist

f you mention the Rouge River to someone from the Detroit area, the thought might conjure up images of industry, which only makes sense considering the river had been for years synony-

mous with Ford Motor Company's River Rouge Complex. Affectionately known as The Rouge, the massive factory that became the world's largest in 1928 as it cranked



Editor Kurt Kuban

out instant mobility for the masses still casts quite a shadow above the lower reaches of our modest little river.

And the Ford factory is not alone. The area between the Ford complex and Zug Island where the Rouge River ultimately runs its course and empties into the Detroit River is an industrial landscape straight from a post-apocalyptic, sci-fi movie. It is the very buckle of the Rust Belt — an area where the Rouge River famously caught fire in 1969. It is also the area where the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers paved much of the river channel in a misguided effort to curb flooding back in the 1970s.

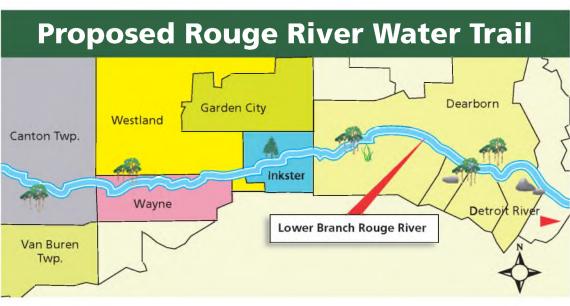
Not surprisingly, many people equated the Rouge River with the pollution that despoiled it. That's what happens when a watershed is located in the cradle of the automobile industry and is home to 1.5 million people.

And when you consider the stormwater and sanitary pollution that municipalities all over Wayne and Oakland counties flushed into the river every time there was a thunderstorm, you begin to see how the Rouge



COURTESY OF FRIENDS OF THE ROUGE

Most of the area along the proposed urban water trail is wooded and publicly owned.



River ended up getting listed by the E.P.A. as a Great Lakes AOC - Area of Concern (www. epa.gov/greatlakes/aoc/rougeriver/index.html). The reality is, for years, much of this urban river system was pretty much off limits to people.

That dubious history, however, shrouds some very positive news about the River Rouge in recent years. There has been a combined effort between the federal government, local municipalities and especially

a small army of dedicated volunteers who have fought for a generation to bring the river back from the brink. Beginning in the 1980s, millions of mostly federal but plenty of local dollars have been spent to curb pollution, especially the sanitary discharges that plagued the river for years (and still do in some places).

Just as encouraging, there has been a successful grassroots effort involved as well. Over the last 25 years, thousands of area residents have volunteered in the annual Rouge Rescue cleanup, led by the group Friends of the Rouge (www.therouge.org). Volunteers have removed a mountain of garbage — everything from cars and shopping carts to liquor bottles (and just about everything else imaginable).

And sure enough, the river is coming back to life, especially in communities that have implemented best practices. Water quality has improved, including dissolved oxygen levels. Fish and aquatic insects have made a comeback in portions of the river where they had disappeared years ago.

Most of the 48 Rouge communities have joined together to form the ARC, or Alliance of Rouge Communities (www.allianceofrougecommunities.com), which has allowed a pooling of resources to heal the watershed. For example, in the city of Wayne, ARC secured a federal grant and led the effort last fall to remove an obsolete dam dating back to the 1930s. With the dam removed, fish, including salmon and steelhead, can now move up from the Great Lakes all the way to the headwaters in Canton Township and Washtenaw County where they will be able to spawn with greater success. Many Rouge communities are

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ROUGE

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now realizing what a fantastic resource they have in their own backyards, and there is an ongoing effort to reconnect residents to the river. This movement is picking up momentum as the water quality continues to improve.

In recent years, for instance, volunteers have hacked away at logjams to open up the Lower Branch of the Rouge to canoeing, especially in the city of Wayne home to a half dozen river miles. In addition to locals who do paddle the river on occasion, large group trips organized by Friends of the Rouge each fall have proven more and more popular.



Last October, for example, a group of more than 50 people participated in the trip, which took them past the dam removal site for the first time.

I recently sat in on a meeting with numerous Rouge River stakeholders who agreed to partner up and pursue an "urban waterway" designation for the Lower Branch, which begins in Washtenaw County and generally follows Michigan Avenue through Canton Township, Wayne, Westland, Inkster, and Dearborn before reaching the Detroit River. Despite the fact that there are a half million people living in these communities, the river flows through a wooded corridor that resembles northern Michigan in many places.

The shareholders in this effort — including Dearborn, Canton, Wayne, Wayne County and the Alliance of Rouge Communities — are collaborating to get a grant through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Urban Waters program. They want to designate the Lower Branch from Canton Township all the way to the Detroit River as an 'Urban Water Trail'.

Riverside Kayak Connection and Heavner Canoe Rental are also on board with the effort. They are located on the opposite ends of the watershed. Riverside Kayak Connection is located in Wyandotte near the Detroit River, and Heavner is actually based in Milford in the Huron River watershed (though they do rent canoes on Newburgh Lake in the Rouge watershed). The owners of both establishments see the urban waterway concept as a great way to promote "getting outdoors" but they also recognize the potential to capitalize on people reconnecting with the river. Paddling sports



LOCAL NEWS

KURT KUBAN

A number of communities — including Canton Township and Wayne, along with Wayne County Parks — hopes to get a federal grant to designate the Lower Rouge River an urban water trail that would provide 25 miles of canoeing/kayaking, including through this section of Wayne.

have always been very popular in Michigan. In a watershed of 1.5 million people, a few of them are bound to rent canoes or purchase kayaks.

This urban water trail is nearly 25 miles long, and would allow paddlers a day long journey from Canton to the Detroit River — through sections of peaceful woodlands and past historic structures like Henry Ford's incredible Fairlane Estate, the River Rouge Complex and even Zug Island. Once out in the Detroit River, people will be able to paddle in the shadows of passing freighters plying the waters of the Great Lakes.

Much work needs to be done to make this possible. The communities need to establish canoe launches along the route, not to mention bathroom facilities and parking.

The stakeholders hope to get the grant to do this work. The fact that much of the land is already park land and in public hands makes these tasks much easier.

The biggest struggle will be to open up the logjams along the route and keep them open. Friends of the Rouge led an expedition on this route two years ago, which I happened to be part of, and we encountered nearly 200 logjams of various sizes. It will take many volunteer hours, and hopefully some work by municipal crews to open up the entire route. With more and more people taking an interest in the Rouge, however, this is certainly possible.

The bottom line is canoeing on the Rouge River is no longer a pipe dream. I recently read an article published in

the Detroit Free Press back in 1985 that all but declared the Rouge a dead river. Well, to steal a quote the great Mark Twain, the reports of the Rouge's demise were greatly exaggerated. Yes, people were responsible for nearly killing the river, but they are now leading the charge in its renaissance.

Changing perceptions isn't always easy - especially when you are talking about the Rouge River. But once people start seeing kayaks and canoes moving through their communities, chances are they won't be thinking about all that industry downstream.

Kurt Kuban is community editor of the Northville Record and also covers environmental issues for O&E Media. He welcomes vour feedback at kkuban@ hometownlife.com.

MAYBURY EVENTS

Maybury State Park, in conjunction with Friends of Maybury, has lots of special events and activities planned throughout the year. The park is located 49775 8 Mile. Entrance for the staging area, day camp and fishing pier is at 20145 Beck Road. For more information, call (248) 349-8390 or visit www.friendsofmaybury.org. A Recreation Passport is required for entry into all Michigan State Parks.

Upcoming activities include:

• Monthly hikes (easy to moderate — 1.5-3 miles). Next one will be Back Trails on April 6 at 11 a.m. Meet at the concession building.

 Celebrate Earth Day, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., April 20. The event will feature nature and family-friendly activities including kite building and flying, seed planting, and a monarch butterfly display and garden. Local retailers will have environmentally friendly products on display. Bring a picnic lunch.

• Maybury Trail Riders Flower Ride, 10 a.m., April 27. Meet at the staging area.

Equestrian event with stations throughout the horse trails where riders can "pick" flowers. Prizes awarded. For more information, visit mayburytrailriders.org.

• Cinco de Mayo Zom**bie 5k**, 6:30 p.m., May 5. Meet at the Oak Shelter. Can you get through the park unaffected by the zombie horde? Or do you want to be a zombie? Contact Northville Parks and Rec at northvilleparksandrec.org or (248) 349-0203.





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Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday

Hoiy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. **Reconciliation:** beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Priests: Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and Rev. Michael Zuelch, associate pastor

CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www. crosspointemeadows.org.

Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m. **Bibie study ciasses:** 10 a.m. for all ages

Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 6 Mile Road, Northville **Contact:** DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Location: 34567 7 Mile Road, Livonia Contact: (248) 442-8822

Sunday Worship: 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. (SS at 9:30 for all ages) Ministry for Special Needs Adults contact judy@ emmanuel-livonia.org

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road **Contact:** (248) 349-2345 or visit www. faithcommunity-novi.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Worship with Easter Cantata

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, March 24

Maundy Thursday Service

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March

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New Visitor Luncheon following

Date: Sunday, April 14

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Times/Dates: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 18 and 9 a.m. to noon April 19

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Women's Bibie Study

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Location: 217 N. Wing **Contact:** (248) 348-1020

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Ladies Bibie Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays

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Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road **Contact:** (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

Location: 200 E. Main Street **Contact:** (248) 349-0911 or visit www. fpcnorthville.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

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and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service

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Location: 777 West 8 Mile Road, Northville

Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www. fumcnorthville.org

Sunday Worship:

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ary - 9:15 a.m. Traditional - Held in the Sanctuary

Sunday Schooi:

- 11 a.m.

Nursery - 8 a.m. Nursery - 12th grade - 9:15 a.m. Nursery - 6th grade/Special Needs - 11 a.m.

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Contact: (248) 349-0565

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Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

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Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road **Contact:** (248) 427-1175 or holy-crossnovi@gmail.com; visit holy-CROSSnovi.org

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second Saturday of month.

Location: 39200 West 12 Mile Road (east of Haggerty Road), Farmington Hills

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Location: 309 ker Road, Walled Lake

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The football state championship rings that CC has won over the years.

Catholic Central built on brotherhood, tradition

Shamrocks firmly believe winning isn't everything

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

A walk through the halls of Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi tells you one thing above all else: The school is overflowing with pride in being a Shamrock.

From the school colors that are showcased with pride to the seemingly endless trophy cases boasting everything from state titles to academic excellence, the message that there is nothing better than being a part of the CC tradition is crystal clear.

"We try to make the kids buy into the idea of becoming a family before they become a team. We want our young men to develop their love for being Shamrocks and CC brothers before anything else," said Aaron Babicz, who graduated from Catholic Central in 1993 and has been the athletic director for the school for the past three and a half years. Babicz played varsity football and baseball for the school, including a 13-0 state championship season in 1992 when Babicz earned a spot on the All-State Dream Team.



The trophy case at Catholic Central displays the school's winning ways.

"We want them to understand that spirituality, toughness and athletics can coexist. We also hold our guys accountable both inside and out of the classroom setting, which adds to the discipline of our teams.

"We want the guys to love competing for us, which is why they are so passionate. CC isn't a school for athletes, but more of a school for 'activity-based young men,' whether it is the state championship academic team or the greatest band in the land, we want them to find something to love after school."

The Shamrocks are definitely no strangers to excellence. The school boasts 52 state championships in various athletic endeavors — the most recent coming from the 2013 wrestling team under the guidance of coach Mitch Hancock — as well as 16 state championships and a 2012 national championship from the school's academic team. The hock-

ey team has the most of any athletic program with 14, while legendary coaches Tom Mach (football) and Tony Magni (cross country) have 10 and six, respectively. Hancock has three titles in the past four seasons as well.

For Detroit Catholic Central, athletics has never been about hanging state title banners, but rather about the lessons that can be taught in an environment out-

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Boys lacrosse takes lumps early in season

Squad can't top Catholic Central or Utica Eisenhower

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It wasn't the start to the season the Northville Mustangs boys lacrosse team hoped to have, but there are definitely a lot of lessons being learned.

The squad, coached by Greg Durham, lost its two opening games of the season, falling to a very talented Detroit Catholic Central squad, 11-8, before bowing to Utica Eisenhower, 7-4.

In the contest against Catholic Central, the Mustangs hoped to have a repeat of last year's regional semifinal victory in which they won, 10-9, in overtime. Unfortunately, that wouldn't be the case as they found themselves making just a few too many mistakes.

"I hate to lose, especially when we were up in the third quarter with six minutes to play," said Durham. "We turned the ball over too many times in the fourth quarter to even possess the ball to score, and that was the big difference in the game."

The Mustangs did get four goals and three assists from John Cooke in the loss, and Joe Chase added three goals of his

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys lacrosse team will be back on the field when they visit Howell next Wednesday at 7 p.m.

own. Andrew Rosati added a goal and Tyler Gozdor had an assist along with winning 13-of-18 face-offs.

"Tyler Gozdor played outstanding," said Durham. "Going 13-for-18 on face-offs was one of the main things that we needed to be successful in this game and throughout the season."

Jake Fuller and Alec Melucci didn't pick up any points, but Durham said they "played fantastic between the lines in transition" while picking up seven ground balls and causing three turnovers between them. Kevin Piwowar, who moved from down-low defenseman to long-stick midfielder this year, picked up four ground balls and caused four turnovers.

"CC is very talented, and for us to play as competitive as we did under our current practice conditions and the

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Northville gets second victory

Girls lacrosse team blows past Farmington United

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

There is no better way to head into Spring Break for an athlete than with an unblemished record to start the season.

The players on the Northville Mustangs girls lacrosse team are enjoying their time away from school with a little extra pep in their step thanks to a 2-0 start to 2013. They added the second victory last week with a dominating performance over Farmington United, 10-1.

Northville scored the opening goal of the contest when Erin Vogel took a pass from Rylee Donovan and found the back of the net at the 22:37 mark for a 1-0 lead. They added what would prove to be the game winner seven and a half minutes later when Grace Guibord

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls lacrosse team will play again when they visit Salem Monday before hosting Novi at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

scored the first of her three goals to give Northville a 2-0 advantage.

The lead continued to grow two minutes later when Guibord scored again, and Vogel made it 4-0 when she tallied a goal with 9:23 remaining in the first half.

Farmington United, which is comprised of players from North Farmington and Farmington Harrison high schools, scored their lone goal of the game with 8:15 left in the half to cut into

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Mustangs come from behind for win

Chilly, windy conditions continue to plague spring season

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Getting outside for spring sports is one of the joys of being an athlete, especially one who has been cooped up all winter long. This season, however, the joys of being outside are almost being outweighed by the misery of temperatures in the 30s accompanied by blustery winds.

The Northville Mustangs girls soccer team had the joy of those very conditions last week

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls soccer team will be back in action when they visit Canton April 9 at 7 p.m. before hosting Plymouth at 7 p.m. next Thursday.

when they played Walled Lake Western. Thankfully, they found other ways to add joys to their lives — like coming from behind to take home a 2-1 victory.

"This was a good come-

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back win for our young team," said North-ville coach Eric Bruck-er. "Even though we got down early, we kept our composure, played a full 80 minutes and found a way to win."

The Mustangs were tied, 1-1, with just seven minutes left in the contest, but a huge break came as the games officials called for a penalty kick following senior Emily Bush being pushed to the ground in a scrum of players in front of the Walled Lake West-

rn net.

Bush took a few deep breaths, composed herself, and buried the penalty kick in the back of the net, firing it home past the outstretched hands of the Warriors' goalie for the game-winning goal.

Northville, which is now 2-0 on the season, fell behind 1-0 at the seven-minute mark of the first half when the Warriors, who had the 20mile-per-hour wind at

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Meads Mill has undefeated season



The Meads Mill Middle School 8th grade girls basketball team finished an undefeated 10-0 season by beating crosstown rival Hillside Middle School, 19-17. "Throughout the season, every player scored and worked hard to contribute to the success of the team," said Coach Angie Phillips. Pictured after the big victory are (back row from left) Emma Smith, Sarah Rainey, Nathalia Rogacheski, Makenzie Kamm, Hannah Dygert, Liz Minna, Lauren Lambert, Coach Angie Phillips, (front row from left) Emily Martin, Molly Duda, Samantha Cantie, Megan Swart, Emily Kerr, Hannah Marilley, Emily Anderson, and Natalie Kalass.

SPRING SCHEDULES

Catholic Central

All games at 4 p.m. unless noted.

- 4/5 Utica Ford 4/6 @Brother Rice 11 a.m
- 4/8 @Ortonville-Brandon 4/9 @Monroe
- 4/10 Divine Child
- 4/13 DeLaSalle 2 p.m.
- 4/15 Detroit Western
- 4/16 @Rockford 3:30 p.m. 4/17 @Orchard Lake St. Mary's
- 4/20 University of Detroit 11 a.m. 4/22 @University Liggett
- 4/24 Brother Rice 4/25 @Divine Child
- 4/26 Harper Woods 4:30 p.m. 4/29 @Bishop Foley
- 5/1 @DeLaSalle
- 5/4 Orchard Lake St. Marys 2 p.m. 5/8 @University of Detroit
- 5/11 @CHSL Semifinal TBA 5/16 @CHSL Final 7 p.m.
- 5/21 @Anchor Bay 5/28-6/1 State Districts TBA
- 6/8 State Regional TBA 6/11 State Quarterfinal TBA 6/14 State Semifinal TBA

6/15 State Final TBA

TRACK AND FIELD All meets at 4 p.m. unless noted.

4/8 @University of Detroit

4/15 Orchard Lake St. Mary's 4/20 @Ypsilanti April Relays 9 a.m. 4/22 @Divine Child

4/26 @Jackson 3 p.m. 4/29 @DeLaSalle 5/4 @Observerland Relays 3 p.m. 5/6 Brother Rice

5/11 @Ann Arbor Huron 10 a.m. 5/17 @State Regional Championship 2 p.m.

5/19 Shamrock Freshman Invitational 10 a.m. 5/21 @CHSL Championship 2 p.m.

5/24 @Oakland County Championship 3 p.m. 5/28 @Larry Steeb Meet 4:15 p.m.

6/1 @State Final 10 a.m.

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5/29-6/1 State Districts 6/5-6/8 State Regionals 614/-6/15 State Championship

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All games at 7 p.m. unless noted. 4/3 DeLaSalle 4/12 @St. Michael's College 7:30

4/13 @Upper Canada College 3

4/16 @Brother Rice 6 p.m. 4/23 @University of Detroit 4/26 @Culver Academy 7:30 p.m. 4/27 @New Trier 3 p.m. 4/30 Orchard Lake St. Mary's 5/2 @Cranbrook 6:15 p.m. 5/7 @Catholic League Semifinals 5/11 @CHSL Championship 5/14 @Trov Athens 5/17 East-West Showcase TBA 5/18 @East-West Showcase TBA

5/16-6/1 State Districts

6/5 State Semifinals

6/8 State Finals

Knights roll to shutout victory Rugby team scores five tries in win over Lakeview

By Sam Eggleston

Correspondent

LOCAL SPORTS

It seemed like the Northville Knights could do no wrong last week when they started the season in style with a huge shutout victory.

The rugby squad, coached by Ron Cornell, pounded out a convincing 34-0 victory over Lakeview, scoring five tries, three conversions and a penalty kick in a very well-rounded showing.

"We played aggressive defensively and held their ball up several times when they were close to scoring, forcing turnover scrums," said Cornell. "Offensively, we rucked and supported the ball well, but we need to work on recognizing gaps on attack and making the extra pass."

The Knights will be looking to adjust their game for their next appearance, which will be on their home pitch at Livonia Stevenson High School's football practice

"We had several overloads that we did not

ON TAP

The Northville Knights Rugby Football Club will be back in action at 5:30 p.m. April 11 when they host Okemos at the Stevenson High School football practice field in Livonia.

take advantage of," Cornell said. "The field (at Lakeview) was narrow, so we kept the ball inside and crashed with our forwards. I think it will help when we play at Stevenson, which is a much wider field."

The Knights didn't need

a lot of extra running room, however. They scored the opening points when eighth-man David Borthwick fought his way through several defenders from 10 meters out and put the ball down for the opening try and the immediate lead. Just a minute later, inside center Neil Sands added another try when he took a well-timed pass from fly-half Bastien Dupsessy and sprinted 40 meters for the score.

The Knights went up, 19-0, at the half when scrum half Joel Atallah took the ball and went over the top of the ruck and into the end zone for the score.

The Northville ruggers just kept on rolling in the second half as Borthwick stripped the ball out of a Lakeview maul that was being held up by Northville captain RJ Holloway. Borthwick rumbled down the field a full 30 meters before putting the ball down for the score.

"Holloway dominated forward play the entire game," Cornell said of his captain.

Dupsessy, who kept the Lakeview backs off balance throughout the contest, fed a pass to center Zach Harthum, who then bolted 50 meters down the sideline for the Knights' final try of the game.

The Knights' Ricky Lenzczewski, who attends Canton High School, put on an impressive performance in his first game, as he kicked for touch and points and scored three of five conversions and nailed a penalty kick.

Thunderous



The St. James Thunder Girls JV 1 basketball team completed a perfect 23-0 season by winning the St. Valentine All Metro Tournament on March 16. During the three games of play, the Thunder generated 100 points of offense, while only giving up 53 points to the competition. The girls won games against St. Robert of Redford (31-11), St. Patrick of Brighton (38-21), and Our Lady of Sorrows of Farmington (31-21). Georgia Carlson of St. James was named tournament MVP. In addition to a perfect season, the Thunder were also crowned champs of the OLS Thanksgiving, and the St. Genevieve Christmas tournaments. This strong record is the result of a speedy and effective offense, a stifling defense, and selfless team play. Pictured are (from left, front) Autumn Grant, Hayden Garquilo, Georgia Carlson, Jessica Bandyk; (middle) Julia Stadtherr, Maggie Clark, Erin Twomey, Anna Biberstein, Olivia Skown; (back) Assistant Coach Tom Clark, Head Coach Dave Skown and Assistant Coach Willy Biberstein.

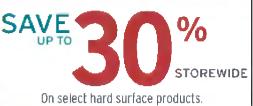
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Northville Pom Pon Clinic

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



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side of the classroom. Team building, communication, perseverance and self esteem are all part of the athletics education for Shamrocks athletes.

"One of the greatest intangibles you can learn through athletics is how to survive," said Babicz. "It never ceases to amaze me how many life lessons I have learned through sports."

Catholic Central's lessons have transcended the high school level, too. Countless athletes have made the trek to collegiate sports and taken the Shamrocks tradition with them to the next lev-

el. Plenty more have gone on to play professional sports, including recent professionals like hockey player David Moss (Phoenix Coyotes), football player Mike Martin (Tennessee Titans) and soccer standout Josh Gatt (Molde FK).

The tradition of excellence doesn't end on the athletics field or in the classrooms, either. It's alive in well in the stands at any sporting event the school participates in. The student body — also known as the Shamrock Nation — is one of the most supportive in the entire state, often turning out in droves for every

"I really feel like we were one of the pioneers of 'standing-student sections' at games so it's great to see how school spirit has spread statewide," Babicz said. "I remember opposing parents yelling at our guys to sit down but then giving up after understanding that it's part of our tradition. Our students understand that they are supporting their Shamrock brothers, which is why we get such madness in the student section."

Babicz said that being a Shamrock is more than just wearing blue and white, or being a part of a particular team or club or program.

"Being a Shamrock means being able to fight for something that is bigger than yourself," he said. "Being a Shamrocks means you're able to use words like love, discipline, brotherhood, pride, unity and spirituality.

"Being a Shamrock means you are part of a brotherhood that dates back to 1928 on Harper Avenue in Detroit."

And that tradition that family - is something a Shamrock never loses, even in death. "We have had a tough

year here at CC, losing some key members of our family and community," Babicz said. "The secret to Catholic Central isn't recruiting or scholarships like many outside of our school think. It's about being able to love and support each other in genuine times of need and triumph, like a family."

SOCCER

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their backs, fired home a shot past Mustangs goalie Emily Maresh on a corner kick by senior Madison Schram that found its way just inside the near post.

Northville wouldn't be able to tie it up until well into the second half despite controlling the

entire flow of the game. With 17 minutes left in the game, sophomore Tara Pawloski stole the ball and moved down the left side of the field before firing it forward to the feet of junior midfielder Gabby Mencotti, who turned and fired a shot from 18-yards out to knot the game, 1-1.

Maresh earned the win in goal, registering four saves to help secure the win.

GIRLS

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the Northville lead, 4-1. That would be the last time Northville's goalie, Kali Maisano, would allow a goal as Northville went on to dominate the remainder of the game. Goals in the second half were scored by

Becky Chase, Audrey Tatge, Alivia DuQuet, Erica MacDonald, Vogel and Guibord. Assists were tallied by Donovan, Mac-Donald, Vogel, DuQuet and Alyssa Alvarez.

Vogel ended the day with six shots on goal, three goals and an assist while Guibord fired three shots on goal and scored three times.

BOYS

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extreme cold — I was very proud of our overall performance," said Durham. "The best part of this game is that we can learn from our mistakes, continue to work on our offensive and defensive systems and continually get better as a team, for the season is far from

Utica Eisenhower 7, Northville 4

Northville's second game of the season found the squad having a much tougher time finding the will to compete.

"Our offense was abysmal — we never showed up," said Durham. "For our defense to play as well as it did and for (goalie) Jimmy McGlynn to stand on his head the way he did, we should have never lost that game. We have a lot to do before our KLAA schedule appears after Spring Break."

Chase had two goals in the game while Cooke and Alex Fuller each had one. Melucci and Jake Fuller each collected an assist in the loss while Gozdor went 10-of-14 on face-offs.

McGlynn stopped 19 of 26 shots in goal, many from 10 yards away or closer, while Piwowar cased three turnovers and picked up four ground balls.

"These guys will persevere - they are family, and like family we stick together," said Durham. "I am excited for this team to gel together. Hopefully it will be sooner than later, but it will happen. They believe in themselves and the rest of the season.'

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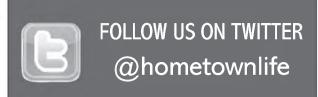


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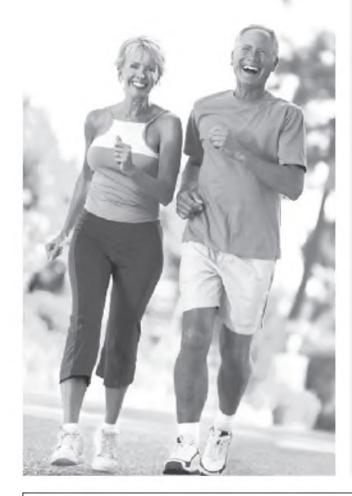


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Record: How did you get started in this business?

Krishna Kallakuri: With several years of consulting experience in the area of business intelligence and data warehousing, I have always felt the growing need and demand for this technology in the market place. This opportunity by itself planted the idea of finding a company that can provide expert consulting with uncompromising quality. This was just the beginning.

Record: What's the best reason to do business in the Northville area?

Krishna Kallakuri:



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Record: How are things going lately?

Krishna Kallakuri: We had a phenomenal first quarter of 2013. During the first quarter of 2013, the company hired

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34 new employees to keep up with increases in workload from existing clients and to accommodate new clients. We're looking forward to a bright rest of the year.

Record: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small

business owner? Krishna Kallakuri: All of us have gained collective experience, which is such a wonderful thing. It helps us recognize a mistake "When we make it again" — "But we do it again."

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 Christopher

The cost to attend the event is \$40 per person. Please RSVP by April 10 by contacting Traci Sincock at tracisincock@ northville.org or (248) 349-7640.

After hours mixer

The chamber will hose an After Business Hours Mixer hosted by Kona Running Company (formerly Solstice Run) from 5:30-7:30 p.m., April 10 at Garage Grill and Fuel Bar 202 W. Main Street. The event is free, but please pre-register by contacting the chamber at tracisincock@northville.org or (248) 349-7640.

ADs to speak

University of Michigan Athletic Director Dave Brandon and Michigan State University AD Mark Hollis will be the guest speakers at a joint chamber luncheon on Friday, April 26 at Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, in Livonia. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., and the program runs from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Come hear both leaders share some comments about their current projects, discuss the business challenges of their jobs and answer your questions. While they lead programs that are heated rivals, both men work to support the Big Ten Conference and NCAA.

This event is co-hosted by the Northville, Plymouth, Livonia and Westland

Register for this event through the Northville Chamber by calling (248) 349-7640, or e-mail tracisincock@northville.org. The cost to attend this luncheon is \$30 for chamber members or \$40 for non-members. Reservations must be received with payment by Monday, April 22.

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olunteers, marketing managers and small-business owners are always asking me how to find important data about their Facebook fans or simply how to use social networks to drive sales.

With so many social networks and large volumes of data, uncovering insights about your company or organization's fans may seem daunting, but it is actually easier than you think.

1. Find Where Your Targets Are – With more than a billion users, it is safe to assume your key demographic is on Facebook. The problem is, vour key demographics may not use Facebook to get information about what you're selling. This is especially true if you are, say, a businessto-business wholesaler of widgets to regional retailers. Find where your target is whether on major networks like Twitter or niche message boards and blogs and work from there.

2. Don't Focus on Fan Counts - The most common mistake brands small and large make is putting too much importance on fans and followers. Large communities are great, but if those fans aren't engaging with your brand, they aren't helping your bottom line. Make it a priority to increase interaction among a core group of followers. It will build loyalty for your brand or product and prove more important, even if your competitor has a few more likes.

3. Start Small With



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

in. When looking at You-Tube insights, Facebook insights or measuring conversation volumes, pick a few key numbers to look at. My favorites are impressions, reach and engagement metrics such as comments, video views, or replies. After understanding these key metrics, expand using common sense. Do you need to understand dayto-day increases in video views? Probably not. But it might make sense to look at month-tomonth increases in Facebook likes, or the best time to post content.

4. Have A Plan - This might be the most important tip for any small business or nonprofit on the social web. If you don't have a set posting schedule or time to engage with your key demographics on message boards or blogs just stop. With social media you are either in or out - there is no halfway. A Twitter account or Facebook page with no new content is like a website with outdated contact information.

5. Use Resources Wisely – There's a reason big companies don't have marketing managers and CEOs running their social presence: Social is time-consuming. Small companies may not have the luxury of dedicated social staff — and if that's the case, do your research on Google. Instead of spending a day's time to find the best time to post for your brand, look for research or white papers on Facebook's peak activity time, or key information on your industry.

6. Don't Overwhelm Fans - When considering what and when to post content remember not to overload fans with information they don't need. If you post too much, fans will hide vour content making your fan count even less important. Additionally, you can look into Facebook's post level data (by clicking and exporting insights) to see if any specific content has driven fans to unlike or unsubscribe for your page.

7. Have Fun – Social media is a two-way street. Followers and potential followers want to have fun, not listen to constant sales pitches. Try applying the 80-20 rule when posting content. Eighty percent should be topical, conversational, helpful and of added value. The other 20 percent can be what I refer to as "shameless self promotion."

While these tips won't make your brand the next Red Bull or Taco Bell, they will make your social presence more effective and effi-

Jon Gunneiis is a freelance writer and social media planner. Comments or suggestions for future columns? Email Jonathan.Gunnells@ amail.com.

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The Northville Public Schools is soliciting sealed bids for the following:

• Design, supply and installation of playground equipment at Thornton Creek Elementary School located at 46180 Nine Mile Road, Novi, MI 48374. Bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Thornton Creek Elementary School Playground Bid" no later than 10:00 a.m., Friday, April 12, 2013, to the Operations Office at 501 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan. A public bid opening will take place on Friday, April 12, 2013, at 10:05 a.m., 501 West Main Street, Northville, Lower Level Conference Room.

Sealed bids should be submitted to the Northville Public Schools Operations Department at 501 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167. Please contact Chris Gearns, Director of Operations at (248) 344-8445 if you have any questions.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS

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> Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Charter Township of Northville

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City of Northville Proposed Amendments to Chapter 86 Utilities, **Article II Water System** in the City of Northville Code of Ordinances

At its regular meeting on April 15, 2013, the Northville City Council will consider introducing for first reading an ordinance to amend Chapter 86 Utilities in the Code of Ordinances. The proposed ordinance amendment would amend Chapter 86 Utilities, Article II Water System by adding a section to provide for Outdoor Water Use Restrictions.

The City of Northville, through its contract with the Detroit Water and Sewer Department (DWSD) is obligated to take steps to ensure that whenever possible the use of municipal water for outdoor water use be restricted to the nonpeak hours of 12:00 a.m. (local time) to 5:00 a.m. (local time). To satisfy this contractual commitment, the code of ordinances would be amended to provide for the implementation of municipal water use

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for April 15, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time.

JAMES GALLOGLY, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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Police advocate smarts when it comes to home security

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Lt. Debra Newsome of the **Canton Police Department** knows exterior illumination goes a long way toward making your home less of a break-in target.

"Illuminate your house," said Newsome, special services lieutenant for the Canton department. "I like the motion ones." The motionactivated lights let you know if someone's approaching your home.

"Thieves are looking for concealment," she said. "Anything you can do to harden the target is what we tell people."

Many people install home alarm systems, the lieutenant said, and advertise that outside their home with a window sign. She also advocates for good locks on windows and doors.

A solid front door is best, Newsome said, rather than one with a window a thief can break and reach through to open a door. "They look really pretty and they have the beveled glass. You want really a solid, solid door."

Homeowners often put a dowel in a sliding door's track to prevent entry from outside. Newsome said places like Home Depot and Lowe's sell many braces for various doors and windows, but you always have to think about fire safety when getting out quickly from inside, she emphasized.

Newsome said many people put screws in tracks to keep windows from going all the way up, and there are also manufactured items for that. Thieves can easily get through just a plain screen open in warm weather, she

Newsome and her department have a booklet, "How Secure Is Your Home?," available there. It lists a number of home security tips.

Canton like other communities has a false alarm ordinance which begins with a couple warnings. "It's not

etched in stone," she said. "We do try to work with people." Weather can sometimes cause false alarms, she said, adding you can be cited for repeated human error.

Pets can cause trouble with motion-activated alarms, and Newsome doesn't believe those are necessary.

"That's huge," she said of keeping an eye out for your neighbors. "Knowing who your neighbors are, knowing their patterns." Community Watch in Canton and similar programs in other communities help: "Now, most people don't know their neighbors," she said, adding you should only confide vacation plans in a neighbor you trust.

Newsome also said snow removal and mowing are key when you're away, along with having newspapers stopped and mail held. She shovels the driveway for her neighbor who's away.

"All it does is advertise to somebody you're not home," Newsome said.

"Crime happens every-

where," she said, noting Canton's crime is mostly property focusing on larceny from autos and home invasions.

Home invasions usually happen when the home is empty, she said, often during the day when people are at work. Whether vacationing or working, you can use a TV or radio to create noise inside.

For vacationers, a TV or radio can be put on a timer. Newsome said to vary light timers, rather than the same rigid pattern every day: "Make it appear as though you're home."

She also said to lock car doors, remove valuables and take your garage door opener. You should lock your interior garage door as well.

"And definitely lock your doors. Roll up your windows. If you see something suspicious, don't wait. You're not bothering us, that's our job," she said of calling the nonemergency number. "Just

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Co-op foreclosure differs

By Robert Meisner Guest Columnist

Q: Can you give me some information about a foreclosure in a co-op, as opposed to a condo?

A: First, you get rid of the person not paying the maintenance fees and you get a new shareholder liable for future obligations. In most instances in a coop, a corporation has a first lien on the share so it is ahead of the bank and gets paid in full before the bank gets



dime one. If the bank forecloses and takes back the apartment, in most instances, a subsequent sale is still subject to board

approval, just like any other prospective purchaser of a co-op unit. Moreover, if the bank wants the shares transferred to it, it has to pay all of the back charges and has to stay current going forward. Unfortunately, the opposite is the case in the condo situation. There is usually a bank ahead of the condo association so in a condo foreclosure, unless there has been an assignment of the mortgage after the association lien is recorded, the bank will take priority, but this issue is the subject of a case where the condo association is seeking leave to appeal with the Michigan Supreme

Q: My neighbor just dedicated some land to the city, but, frankly, I believe I had adverse possession to a substantial portion of that land before it was dedicated. I think there is a statute barring adverse possession against the government, so do I have any chance?

A: You are best advised to see a condemnation and/or real estate attorney in your jurisdiction, but in a recent case from the appellate court in Washington State, the court indicated on a case with similar facts that the statute providing immunity from adverse possession on a governmental entity did not apply when the adverse possession had occurred while the property was still privately owned. In effect, because the adverse possession was against a private owner and was complete before the dedication, title had vested in the adverse possessor and the former owner had no interest to pass to the

Robert M. Meisner is a lawver 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 Dec. 3-7, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses,

CANTON
48298 Chesterfield Dr S
1228 E Franciscan Ct
45482 Fountain View Dr
50149 Jackson Ln
8453 May Apple Ct
44068 N Umberland Cir
44227 Postmill Ct
2455 Premier Ln
41854 Ravenwood St
43509 W Arbor Way Dr
1221 W Crystal Cir
49650 Warren Rd

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ANTON 8298 Chesterfield Dr S 228 E Franciscan Ct 5482 Fountain View Dr 0149 Jackson Ln 453 May Apple Ct 4068 N Umberland Cir 4227 Postmill Ct 4257 Postmill Ct 455 Premier Ln 1854 Ravenwood St 3509 W Arbor Way Dr 221 W Crystal Cir 9650 Warren Rd	\$360,000 \$175,000 \$305,000 \$248,000 \$214,000 \$165,000 \$146,000 \$77,000 \$140,000 \$160,000 \$160,000

2480 Woodmont Dr E GARDEN CITY	\$180,000
33721 Alta St	\$40,000
32212 Alvin St	\$34,000
215 Helen St	\$60,000
33451 Kathryn St	\$69,000
LIVONIA	
16020 Alpine Dr	\$237,000
34950 Andrea Ct	\$275,000
11446 Brookfield St	\$143,000
11473 Cavell St	\$85,000
14147 Deering St	\$88,000
15118 Fairfield St	\$27,000
18620 Filmore St	\$75,000
15097 Inkster Rd 11446 Mayfield St	\$33,000 \$127,000
17526 Parklane St	\$190,000
35197 Vargo St	\$280,000
32818 Vermont St	\$129,000
14081 Warner Ct	\$143,000
NORTHVILLE	41 13,000
18222 Cascade Dr	\$470,000
16196 Crystal Downs E	\$543,000
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49290 Freestone Dr 49302 Freestone Dr 18744 Grande Vista Dr 738 Grandview St 47820 Manorwood Dr 18086 Maple Hill Ct 19555 Mariner Ct 613 Novi St 49298 Parkshore Ct 50431 Rose Ter 48902 Running Trout Ln 39668 Southwind Ln 18417 Stoneridge Ct 41885 Waterfall Rd PLYMOUTH 48040 Ashwood Dr	\$312,000 \$337,000 \$160,000 \$620,000 \$390,000 \$70,000 \$578,000 \$578,000 \$370,000 \$234,000 \$234,000 \$273,000
165 Hamilton Ave 40955 Ivywood Ln	\$150,000 \$201,000
790 York St	\$100,000
REDFORD	
18717 Denby	\$36,000
11386 Garfield	\$47,000
15220 Garfield	\$8,000

19310 Garfield	\$35,000
20600 Glenmore	\$14,000
25397 Ivanhoe	\$31,000
15837 Kinloch	\$13,000
17544 Macarthur	\$45,000
9051 Nathaline	\$54,000
9229 Riverview	\$40,000
WESTLAND	
38358 Abruzzi Dr	\$218,000
7424 August Ave	\$85,000
33921 Avondale St	\$120,000
7662 Cherrywood Dr	\$167,000
37771 Colonial Dr	\$45,000
32617 Fairchild St	\$34,000
34615 Ford Rd	\$31,000
8433 Hugh St	\$63,000
35106 June Dr	\$16,000
8270 Perrin Ave	\$86,000
1455 S John Hix St	\$43,000
30471 Steinhauer St	\$65,000
1954 Wilshire St	\$85,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 19-23, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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16991 Buckingham Ave	\$160,000
31503 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$450,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
24094 Bingham Pointe Dr	\$405,000
29750 Bristol Ln	\$341,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1171 E Lincoln St	\$400,000
385 Ferndale Ave	\$299,000
1898 Henrietta St	\$198,000
608 Humphrey Ave	\$610,000
1516 W Lincoln	\$281,000

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2351 Yorkshire Rd BLOOMFIELD HILLS	\$122,000
5060 Forest Way 3875 Lakeland	\$320,000 \$850,000 \$194.000
1149 lvyglen Cir 750 Kennebec Ct 3698 South Blvd	\$450,000 \$150,000
1910 Tiverton Rd 6984 Woodbank Dr BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIE	\$2,200,000 \$1 7 0,000
1238 Copperwood Dr 488 Fox Hills Dr S # A-7 COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	\$660,000 \$55,000
6124 Borowy Dr 2015 Glen Iris Dr 3276 Lochmore Ct	\$193,000 \$167,000 \$200,000
3785 Thomas Ct FARMINGTON	\$196,000
33976 Glenview Dr FARMINGTON HILLS	\$138,000
32239 Alameda St	\$57,000

22057 Atlantic Pointe	\$58,000
29921 Greenboro St	\$155,000
34070 Harlowshire St	\$78,000
31452 Hunters Circle Dr	\$127,000
35663 Johnstown Rd	\$213,000
21779 Manchester Ln	\$272,000
34024 Northwick St	\$223,000
21156 Parklane St	\$209,000
29800 W 12 Mile Rd	\$55,000
27653 W Echo Vly Unit 2	12 \$51,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
17551 Redwood	\$140,000
MILFORD	
973 Manderly Dr	\$190,000
740 Ridgeside	\$150,000
NOVI	
24445 Borderhill	\$152,000
21943 Clover Ln	\$250,000
24373 Fairway Hills Dr	\$135,000
44625 Huntington Dr	\$130,000
30879 Jasper Řdg	\$130,000
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40788 Lenox Park Dr 47346 Scarlet Dr N 30240 Viewcrest Dr 39805 Village Wood Ln 47250 W 11 Mile Rd	\$225,000 \$230,000 \$233,000 \$60,000 \$90,000
OUTH LYON 54905 Brentwood Dr 24627 Brompton Way 24356 Glenwood Dr	\$40,000 \$40,000 \$40,000
1156 Horseshoe Dr 24419 Martindale Rd 185 Wellington OUTHFIELD	\$240,000
27590 Bradford Ln 30130 Brentwood 19447 Nadol Dr 30271 Spring River Dr VHITE LAKE	\$149,000 \$69,000 \$79,000 \$85,000
737 Hilltop Dr 964 Sunnybeach Blvd	\$203,000 \$ 67, 000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors

A program on "Do It Yourself Rental Property Management" will be held 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at Club Venetian, on John R just north of 12 Mile in Madison Heights. It's being offered by the Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland. The seminar is free to members, \$20 for nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742, www. REIAofOakland.com, or

e-mail reianews@aol.com. Many investors think renting out their investment property is easy, but that's not the case.

• There will be a class 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 6, at the Royal Oak Senior Center, on Marais, also sponsored by the Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland. It's part of a series of 10 classes, and will cover "Financial Analysis of Investing." Cost is \$49 plus \$10 for materials.

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"One of the biggest things holding many people back from changing careers is getting clear on what they want to do," says workplace expert Darcy Eikenberg, founder of career coaching website RedCapeRevolution.com. "If that's you, the first thing to do is to follow your curiosity. What do you find yourself noticing and talking about? What looks like fun, or at least, a rewarding challenge? Your own reaction about work, jobs and industries you see around you can be a helpful signal about the kinds of work you might like at this stage of your life."

Examine your finances

Once you've done the research and know which direction you want to take, it's time to assess your financial situation. "If looking to make that career change, first look at your annual and monthly budget," says David J. Freschman, a venture capitalist who advises small businesses and entrepreneurs. "Take a hard look, and decide what you can do without. For example, if you are moving from a suit and tie profession to a more relaxed profession, then you can adjust your apparel budget. If you are looking to relocate to pursue the new job, look at the public transportation options ... in all cases, make a hard concerted effort to save a 'safety' fund prior to making a change."

Consider your transferable skills

Don't think of your new career in terms of what's different from your current job; think about it in terms of the skills you've gained and how they transfer to your desired role.

Stan Kimer, diversity and career development expert and president of Total Engagement Consulting by Kimer, shares the following three examples of how to make a change while still leveraging your knowledge or expertise during the shift:

• A person who works at a large company can often change ca-

reers into a new area, if he has a good reputation and strong knowledge of the company. The inner workings of the company and familiarity with other teams and clients can be a valuable asset in the job, even within a new career area.

- A person could change careers but stay within the same industry where that industry knowledge could be viewed as critical -- for example, moving from a sales role in the pharmaceutical field into a humanresources role within the pharmaceutical field.
- Another possible move could be staying within the same geographic client set where that specific knowledge is important -- for example, moving from a finance role working with Japanese clients to a marketing and promotions role working with Japanese clients.

"Ultimately, the bottom line is to try to find some critical elements of the old job that can be leveraged in the new job," Kimer says.

Get experience

Lauren Still, strategic career adviser and president of career and performance solutions company Careerevolution Group, says workers should first look at their current role, company or field for ways to gain as many transferable skills and experience as possible. If those skills can't be gained through

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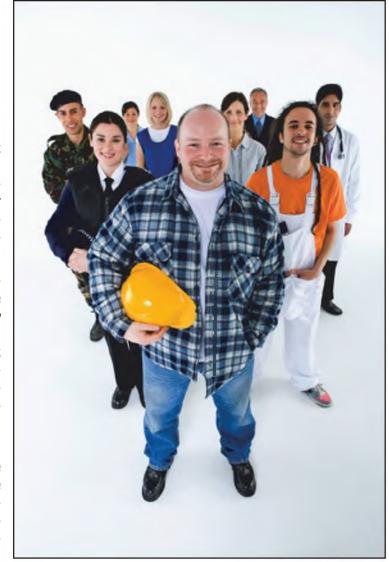
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If there's a desirable certification available in your field of interest, Still suggests taking night or weekend classes to gain those skills while still keeping your "day job." If you have credentials that are hard to find in the current job market, an employer will be more willing to consider you for a role, even if you don't have traditional experience.

"Research the new industry

or field, stay on top of news and trends, and build a network of people who are connected to your target company or job," Still says. "It may take several years, but if at the end, [you] can make a case to an employer that [you've] been working toward this job as a goal, it will be worth it."

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New Ford campaign positions EcoBoost as 'And Not Or'



By Dale Buss

Ford is planning an expansive new advertising campaign beginning next month, but with a twist-at least for Ford. The new initiative will begin with traditional TV and print treatments and only

then segue into an extensive social media and digital phase. Lately, Ford has gotten a reputation for doing just the opposite.

But the main point of this effort, which Ford is calling its "And Not Or" campaign, is to highlight the fact that buyers can have great fuel economy with Ford's Eco-Boost engines as well as other important attributes of Ford vehicles including roominess, styling and performance.

"We're going to communicate good fuel economy, but we're the brand that gives you 'and' as well—for example, fuel economy with functionality," Scott Kelly, Ford's marketing-communications manager, told me. "It's a unique proposition. Our brand promise is that we 'Go Further.' With this, we're trying to underscore that we are the brand that goes further."

Another primary goal, Kelly said, is to fortify Ford's position in what the company has defined as the "super segment" of the vehicle market that is comprised of small cars and small SUVS—or, in Ford's case, the Fiesta, Focus and Fusion cars and Escape SUV. Much of the industry's growth is expected to occur in those mileage-sensitive parts of the market over the next few years.

And while 2013 presents a bit of a lull for Ford in terms of important new small vehicles, he said, "This is a year of sustainment, so we're making bigger statements about the brand."

The "And Not Or" campaign will unfold with humor-based TV and print advertisements that begin with a television ad for Focus that poses the absurdity of ordering "sweet or sour chicken" at a Chinese restaurant. Other creative executions will be based on concepts including "black or white photography" and "rock or roll music."

"We know humorous ads do better on TV and they're more interesting to watch," Kelly said. "You'll see an even mix of humor and information, all around the idea that 'and' is better than 'or."

And while EcoBoost has skyrocketed in popularity with American automotive consumers, as well as awareness about 50 percent of Americans already are aware of the engine sub-brand—Ford wants to build on its success. To do so, he explained, TV and print are the best tools "for building mass awareness. Then we'll use digital to explain more about what



Ford's new ad campaign: "And Not Or."

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Of course, this is exactly the opposite approach of what Ford recently has made a specialty among automotive advertisers: teasing with social media marketing efforts and then bringing in traditional

That's what it is

doing currently, for instance, with the second execution of its Ford Fiesta campaign that Ford debuted three years ago by "seeding" the new car with 100 bloggers and other online influencers.

The "And Not Or" campaign will be "huge," Kelly said, covering the rest of 2013 and involving six of Ford's key nameplates overall. In marketing terms, he said, it really will comprise a big way for Ford to "Go Further."

"A big message is fuel economy," he said. "You've got perception versus reality. Perception doesn't equal what we actually have. In every segment where we compete we actually beat Toyota on fuel economy. So we're trying to change perceptions. The top purchase reasons for people now are all about fuel economy; that's No. 1 on their lists for what vehicles they'll consider."

So, Kelly said, this campaign in part is a reflection of Ford's efforts "to figure out Ford's unique positioning on fuel economy. Every brand just seems to be communicating EPA numbers, and it's getting more and more cluttered. Especially be-

media treatments. The new 2014 Ford Fiesta will be featured in the campaign.

cause there is a lot more scrutiny of the EPA numbers these days" by regulators, "you also have to be clear that the numbers are 'EPA-estimated.' Your message can get drowned out.

"So we're going to communicate good fuel economy, but we're the brand that gives you 'and' - as in, fuel economy with functionality."

For example, Kelly said, Ford's approach already has been evident in how it has positioned its new C-Max hybrid versus the Toyota Prius V: as a new offering which provides not only better mileage but also better driving performance as well as roominess.

Also, Ford has been advertising the popular EcoBoost option on its F-150 trucks, touting the fact that its best-selling vehicle provides not only segmentleading fuel economy but also towing and performance capabilities that pickuptruck owners demand.

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