

Sullivan receives statewide honor for work on legacy costs

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

There is a looming pension issue for the City of Northville, and rather than wait to confront it later City Manager Patrick Sullivan got proactive and made multiple visits to Lansing in an effort to give communities, like Northville, additional flexibility to deal with high pension costs.

This effort eventually helped lead to legislation that was signed by Gov. Rick Snyder last fall. This bill allows communities with an AA bond rating to bond for the cost of switching from defined benefit to defined contribution plan. For a municipality like Northville, this bill gives options to deal with the short-term high costs of pension liability.

Because of this work, the Michigan Municipal League (MML) honored Sullivan during its annual Capital Conference, which was held April 9-10 in Lansing.

"It's nice to be recognized by your peers. The MML and its members work so hard for Michigan towns, it's quite an

honor to be recognized by the League," said Sullivan.

He received the MML's Outstanding Service Award. The honor is given to recognize those who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in supporting the League's legislative efforts in Lansing on behalf of Michigan communities.

According to the MML, during the last legislative session, Sullivan worked with the MML on a package of legislation designed to maximize resources and allow communities to make more cost-effective pension decisions. He went to Lansing to testify on multiple occasions as well as worked regularly with the MML in reviewing legislative language and talking to legislators.

The MML said in its press release, "Sullivan has been instrumental in working on this legislation, and the League is grateful for his invaluable counsel."

He wasn't alone in this effort and that's one big reason why the bill came to be.

"I want to thank all the people at the MML that helped me

with the legislation, and, especially, Senator Patrick Colbeck who shepherded the new law from start to finish," said Sullivan.

This effort continues with the MML working on further legislation allowing communities to switch from Defined Benefit plans to Defined Contribution more easily, as well as remove barriers to more cost-effective pensions.

"Legacy costs are the biggest financial challenge, not just to Northville, but communities all over the state," said Sullivan. "We need every tool at our disposal to develop lower cost alternatives to reduce these liabilities."

The MML is an organization that advocates on behalf of its member communities in Lansing, Washington, D.C., and the courts; provides educational opportunities for elected and appointed municipal officials; and assists municipal leaders in administering services to their communities through league programs and services.

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Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan was recently recognized by the Michigan Municipal League for Outstanding Service.

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‘Enhanced’ learning experience

Pilot program has Amerman students learning with laptops

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Using a laptop computer to learn can help in a variety of ways. Just ask the group of Amerman Elementary students who used them as part of a pilot program this past year.

“It’s saved me a lot of time, and made it easier for writing projects,” said fourth-grader Claire Martin.

This past year at Amerman three classes of third- and fourth-graders have been participating in a pilot program of bringing in their own technology, in this case a Netbook laptop. Through some help from Office Depot, parents of the students purchased the computers for around \$350 to help in the effort to see how lap tops could work in the classroom.

Students, parent and teachers recently gathered at the school to celebrate the success so far for this pilot program.

According to parent Kevin Kobelsky, who helped lead parents in this partnership effort, as



Fourth-grader Russell Kobelsky demonstrates how his laptop computer has helped with his school lessons.

they went into this year they were very conscientious about the fact that not every student would be able to bring their own laptop to school. It turned out many parents were able to help with the program, however for those who were unable, the concept of sharing and having a thumb drive for storage has helped out

immensely.

“It’s worked out better than I thought because it’s really pushed them to work together even more,” said teacher Richard Tabor, whose classroom has employed a 50-50 sharing concept. “There were concerns, but the kids have really stepped up and shown that they can work in

teams really well.”

He said the laptops have “enhanced” the learning environment. The pilot program is also being used in the Mr. Bergin’s and Ms. Nedham’s classrooms. The lap tops, which are smaller so they fit well on their desks and have Microsoft Office applications, can be used for basically every sub-



Fourth-grader Claire Martin talks to a parent about the benefits of having a laptop computer in the classroom.

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RICHARD TABOR,
Amerman teacher

ject from doing research for a science or social studies project to assisting the students in writing it up.

The common response from students was that

it has only helped them learn.

Many of them spoke of the frustrations they would have as they pre-

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NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Dance try-outs

The Northville High School Varsity and JV dance teams will be having try-outs/auditions on Tuesday, April 23 (clinic) and Wednesday, April 24, (audition) in the NHS auditorium from 3:30-5 p.m. A parent/student informational meeting will be held on Friday, April 19,

at 6 p.m. in the Northville High School Forum.

Represent NHS with your dance skills, compete against other high school dance teams, and perform at the homecoming pep rally and home basketball games. For more information on requirements/skills, visit the team website at www.northvilledanceteam.com.

NEF, Mothers’ Club team up to recognize district staff

Two of Northville’s most dedicated fundraising groups are combining efforts once again to benefit the students of Northville Public Schools with the Thank-A-Staff program.

The Northville Educational Foundation (NEF) and Mothers’ Club of Northville are independent 501(c)(3) charitable organizations that dedicate their funding to Northville Public Schools. Both organizations award teacher grants annually for academic and enriching programs within the Northville schools.

“Thank-A-Staff is a unique way for parents to donate by recognizing a special teacher, principal, counselor, coach or other individual who has made their child’s educational experience this year an exceptional one,” adds Eric Barritt, president of the Northville Educational Foundation. “During the last week of school, all recipients will receive a personalized certificate with the name of the family or student who donated in their honor. It’s a great way to express your appreciation and provide additional funds

to support these individuals and the district.”

The 2013 Thank-A-Staff program kicks off on Thursday, April 18. New this year is the ability to order online via PayPal. Flyers, order forms and more information are available on both organizations’ websites and will also be distributed via district ListServs.

“Mothers’ Club of Northville and the Northville Educational Foundation are deeply committed to raising funds for Northville Public Schools. The Thank-A-Staff program is a wonderful opportunity for the two non-profits to join forces in recognizing our staff and raise funds to continue achieving educational excellence in our schools,” Mothers’ Club President Danette Taylor said.

The Northville Educational Foundation has raised and granted nearly \$2 million to Northville Public Schools since it was founded in 2000. Recent initiatives include a new playground at Cooke School, new artificial turf and other improvements at Tom Holzer Ford Field

via their management of TURF CLUB and \$20,000 in Innovative Teacher grants for 2012-13. The Foundation is also funding \$300,000 or 86-percent of the costs associated for the International Baccalaureate (IB) program. IB funds are allocated for teacher training, materials and other fees.

Mothers’ Club of Northville, now in its 78th year, is also deeply committed to providing Northville students with programs proven to enrich their education. Via teacher grants, Mothers’ Club has awarded over \$600,000 to Northville Public Schools and looks forward to another successful partnership with the NEF.

For more information about the program, contact Jennifer Pearson, manager of the Northville Educational Foundation, at (248) 344-8458 or visit NorthvilleEdFoundation.org.

For more information on Mothers’ Club of Northville, contact President Danette Taylor at northvillemc@gmail.com or visit MothersClubof-Northville.org.

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Public private partners

New consulting firm offers many services to cities

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By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

At a time when many municipalities are still suffering the effects of the economic freefall that crippled the nation, a new consulting firm based in Northville Township believes it can help provide many services that were traditionally done by public employees that some towns can no longer afford.

The Winchester Consulting Group is the brainchild of attorney Paul Bohn, a partner with the firm Fausone Bohn, LLP; Lisa Nocerini, who has extensive experience as a lobbyist; and Stephanie Moran, a former journalist. The three bring their various talents to the table and allow the firm to offer a number of services — everything from grant writing and public/community relations to economic development and communications expertise.

“It’s really across the board,” said Nocerini, a 38-year-old Green Oak Township resident.

Bohn, who lives in Hamburg Township, said many municipalities have been so strapped by the recent economic downturn that staff members are doing two and three jobs. That’s why he believes Winchester should be attractive, because it can do the work municipal staff no longer has the time to perform. He also didn’t see many other firms out there that can offer all the services Winchester can perform.

“Communities really need to look at alterna-



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Lisa Nocerini, left, and Stephanie Moran talk about their work at Northville Township's Winchester Consulting Group.

tive resources, whether it be through grant writing or grass-roots efforts,” he said. “We looked out in the market and all we saw were old guard lobbying firms that offered the cigar-and-Scotch-type of approach. That doesn’t necessarily work in the current climate.”

With Bohn’s law experience, Nocerini’s extensive contacts in Lansing and Moran’s success at writing grants, the three believe they have much more to offer.

“Our services just make sense together,” said Moran, a West Bloomfield resident who is the firm’s director of communications and grant services.

The firm has already

done grant writing work for the cities of Westland and Wayne, which recently merged their fire departments. With Winchester’s help, the cities received a \$750,000 grant to help make the merger a more seamless effort.

The city of Wayne, which has seen its budget dry up in recent years due to a plunge in property values, was so impressed with the grant that city council hired Winchester to perform a number of services. Ultimately the goal is for the firm to secure outside grants to help offset budget cuts.

According to Wayne City Manager Robert English, the contract calls for the city to pay Winchester \$60,000 annually. If Win-

chester delivers the way that is hoped, the sum will be a small price to pay.

“They have a proven track record of getting grants. And that is what is attractive to us. We just don’t have the staff anymore to even seek these grants. Plus they have a lot of contacts — they know where to look,” English said. “For \$60,000 a year, it just seems to make sense. And it’s a month to month contract, so if we’re not seeing a bang for our buck, we can terminate the contract. If they are able to get a couple hundred thousand dollars for us, then it’s money in the bank.”

Bohn understands the firm will be judged by its success.

“There is an expectation

for a return for our services. Our business model is to show results,” he said.

While it is difficult to find money these days, Nocerini said there is also a certain satisfaction that comes when they can deliver.

“We love doing this. It is fulfilling to us. Sure it is a challenge, but when you are successful, you can really see the difference you make for these communities,” she said.

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For the ladies

Dozen of downtown businesses to participate in Girls's Night Out

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

More than 50 downtown Northville businesses will roll out the red carpet just for the ladies Friday evening, when the Northville Central Business Association holds its annual Girls' Night Out event from 5-9 p.m., April 19.

The free event will feature sales, special offers, live music, refreshments, and more than \$5,000 in giveaway prizes at local stores and restaurants, according to NCBA member Dan Ferrara.

"All of the participating businesses have agreed to stay open later for the event, and each will offer either special deals, giveaways or refreshments," he said. "In essence, all of the businesses will do something above and beyond what normally goes on in their store."

As of Tuesday, Ferrara said the group had commitments from 51 businesses that will take part in the event.

"There really will be something for women of all ages — from seniors to ladies in their twenties and even teens," Ferrara said.

And, while the event is geared towards female shoppers, Ferrara said there are plenty of businesses, such as Poole's Tavern or the Northville Sports Den, where men will be more than welcome.

One of the best aspects of the event is the fact that all of the businesses are within walking distance and parking is free.

PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES

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 - CADY STREET (behind the Northville Post Office): Northville Art House
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"All of these stores are essentially in a four block area," Ferrara said. "We like to think of Northville as an outdoor mall — except you have unique stores that offer lots of unique products and services."

The goal of the event for organizers is to reintroduce all that downtown Northville has offer, especially the diversity of businesses located here, said Christine Van Dam, who owns VanDam's Boutique and is NCBA co-president.

"Girls' Night Out is the perfect opportunity to enjoy a night in Northville and discover the unique stores and restaurants that make up our downtown. I think people who haven't spent a lot of time in Northville will be pleasantly surprised to find great clothing boutiques, art galleries, wine shops, jewelry stores and home furnishings," she said.

"We also have over 15 cafes, restaurants and bars. Almost all of our shops and restaurants are privately owned small businesses that feature unique offerings you don't find in the malls or other towns."

For more information, visit www.northvillegirlsnightout.com.

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Local chiropractor headed to OTC



Northville's Dr. Kenneth Stopa Jr., who is Michigan's only diplomate of the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians, is headed back to the United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs to work with the world's best doctors. Stopa, who owns the Main Street Family Chiropractic Center, P.C., will depart April 18, and must fulfill sports medicine criteria during the trip. Currently all three Olympic training centers are run by chiropractor William Moreau. The diplomate program focuses on sports injury prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation. "I am very excited to work with the best doctors in the world and bring that knowledge back to the community. I am very excited," said Stopa. For more information about Stopa or Main Street Family Chiropractic Center, which is located at 109 W. Main Street, visit www.drstopa.com or call (248) 735-9800.

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Hiller's teams up with students

Hiller's Market in downtown Northville is partnering with students at Ridge Wood Elementary for the 20th annual Earth Day Groceries Project. The students at Ridge Wood have decorated 600 paper grocery bags with environmental messages. On Earth Day — Monday, April 22 — these bags will be passed out (full of groceries) to shoppers at Hiller's Market.

Each bag will also display some wonderful artwork as well as environmental messages.

"The people in our community will get a very clear and positive message that Ridge Wood students care about their environment," said Ridge Wood teacher Brandy Rys. "We are proud to be a part of this effort. Ridge Wood is a globally conscious school and is working to help preserve the environment through reuse, recycling and reducing waste."

For more information about the project, visit www.earthdaybags.org.

Dog paw imprints

The Dancing Eye Gallery, located at 101 N Center Street in downtown Northville, will host tile artist Kelley Osgood during Northville's First Friday Experience, from 3-8 p.m. on May 3. This event



will focus exclusively on dogs. Osgood will press your dog's paw in clay to make a personalized tile with your dog's name and glaze color of your choice.

To purchase the unique tile, call the gallery at (248) 449-7086 for an appointment time. Imprinting takes less than five minutes and you will receive your personalized tile in time for Mother's Day.

For more information, visit www.dancingeye.com.

Get smart about money seminar

Northville's Mark Robinson, along with four money experts, will present "Be a Money SMARTY!" at 2 p.m., April 21 at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville (west of

Haggerty). Call (248) 347-7400 or send an e-mail to MoneySmartWard@gmail.com to RSVP. Robinson will also make the presentation at 10 a.m., Thursday, April 25 at the Northville Community Center, 303 West Main Street. To RSVP, call (248) 349-4140 or send an e-mail to senior@ci.northville.mi.us.

Attendance is free, but reservations are required.

The seminar will focus on some of today's hottest money topics, including how to:

- Establish-use-maintain credit, manage debt, and deal with housing concerns.
- Avoid scams, fraud, and identity theft.
- Understand annuities and long-term care insurance.
- Getting control of your money.

A 'Finances In Focus' resource fair follows the presentation, with additional materials and experts from: AARP Tax Aide, Michigan Attorney General's Office, Community Housing Network, InSphere Insurance solutions, Michigan Education Trust, Michigan Education Savings Plan, MI Department of Insurance and Financial Services, MI Investor Education In Your Community, Michigan State University Extension, New England Financial-a MetLife Company.

Local businesses at Women's Show

Buckle Family Chiropractic and Dr.'s Original of Northville will be among the many featured exhibitors at the Michigan International Women's Show, to be held May 2-5 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

Show hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$10; youth 6-12 are \$5 and children 5 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. Advance tickets are \$8 online, at www.InternationalWomenShow.com.

Some of the highlights of the show will be Sean Lowe from ABC's "The Bachelor", Jessica Robertson from A&E's reality television series "Duck Dynasty," and Warren Caterson, author of "Table for Two—The Cookbook for Couples", who will reveal time-saving kitchen tips and helpful cooking hints as he uses fresh and readily available ingredients for dinner in under an hour with a minimum of leftovers.

The Novi Fire Department's charity fashion show will take place Friday and Saturday with firefighters modeling their dress blues and bunker gear.

CHAMBER CHAT

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 chambers.

Register for this event through the Northville Chamber by calling (248) 349-7640, or e-mail tracisincoc@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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Friends of Maybury inviting public to celebrate Earth Day

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

If you are looking for a way to participate in a local Earth Day activity, Maybury State Park is the place to be this weekend.

Park staff and Friends of Maybury Park are hosting their first Celebrate Earth Day event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 20.

There will be plenty of family-friendly activities, including a kite building and flying event for the kids. Kite kits will be provided free of charge.

In addition, there will be numerous nature-themed activities, including seed planting, demonstrations about the Maybury State Park bluebird nesting program, and a monarch butterfly display. There will also be environmentally friendly product displays.

The event is being spearheaded by Molly Brookshire, a student at Fort Hays State University in Kansas. To graduate, Brookshire needed to put together a community project, so she approached Friends of Maybury, which she has since joined as a member. She used to work in Plymouth, and she would visit the park often.

"I wanted to do a project that revolved around the environment and nature," said Brookshire, who will be leading the activities on Saturday. "My hope for the

event is to get people outside and enjoy the beauty of nature. Hopefully they will learn environmentally-friendly practices that they can incorporate into their daily lives."

Those who attend are encouraged to bring a lunch and enjoy the park after the event concludes. In addition to the playground facilities, there are plenty of trails, including interpretive trails that are great for a self-guided nature hike.

For members of Friends of Maybury, which organizes many events at the park, the goal is to introduce people to one of Northville's real gems.

"We really want people to get to know Maybury," said Marcie Colling, vice president of the all-volunteer organization dedicated to promoting and improving the park. "With events like this, we want to get people familiar with the park. It's an urban park right here in our community. We think it is a real treasure."

There is no charge for the Earth Day event. However, entry to any state park requires an \$11 Recreation Passport or purchase of a daily park pass. For more information, contact the park office at (248) 349-8390 or visit the Friends of Maybury State Park website at www.friendsofmaybury.org.

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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:

- **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 Zombie 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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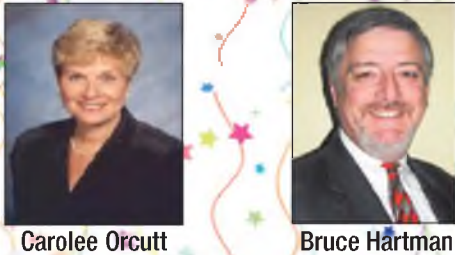
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McCotter files civil suit against former aides

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

Former Congressman Thaddeus McCotter is accusing two former aides of deliberately forging petition signatures to keep him off of the Republican primary ballot and ultimately from seeking re-election.

McCotter filed a civil suit Thursday in Wayne County's Third Circuit Court against Don Yowchuang, a former deputy district director, and Dillon Breen, an intern with McCotter's office.

McCotter's complaint seeks damages in excess of \$25,000 for each of seven counts, including fraudulent misrepresentation, silent fraud, negligent misrepresentation, breach of fiduciary duties, among other counts.

The complaint alleges that there are "inconsistencies" in the defendants' depositions with Michigan's Attorney General and outlines "misrepresentations" the defendants made to investigators, according to McCotter's attorney David Ottenwess.

"With the power of the subpoena in this civil suit, we will get to the bottom of what really happened to sabotage former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter," said Ottenwess in a prepared statement.

Ottenwess was not available to discuss the complaint on Friday, but a copy of the 55-page complaint was e-mailed to O&E Media, our parent company.

Messages were also left for Timothy Dinan, an attorney representing Yowchuang, and Breen, but calls were not returned.

Yowchuang, formerly of Farmington Hills, pleaded no contest before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Margie Braxton Nov. 27 to 10 counts of forgery, a five-year felony, and six counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor. Yowchuang was sentenced by Braxton Jan. 18 to three years' probation.

Braxton dismissed a charge against Yowchuang of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony filed against both defendants. That dismissal was appealed by the Attorney General's office. Both sides await a ruling.

Breen was not charged in Attorney General William Schuette's investigation into the signature fraud. He ran unsuccessfully in November for Livonia school board.



McCotter



Yowchuang



Breen

In May 2012, elections officials notified McCotter that there were duplicate signatures on his nominating ballots, which made him fall short of the minimum 1,000 signatures. McCotter quit Congress in July.

On Aug. 9, Schuette announced the results of an investigation by the Attorney General's Public Integrity Unit into the alleged fraud surrounding the nominating petitions. At that announcement Schuette explained the former congressman was "asleep at the switch" and that staff members were to face criminal charges.

Schuette alleged that members of McCotter's Michigan staff were involved in a deliberate fraud involving a pattern of copying and altering petitions in order to qualify the five-term congressman for the 2012 Michigan ballot.

Paul Seewald, 47, of Livonia, who worked as district director for the former congressman, pleaded guilty Nov. 27 before Braxton to nine counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail. Seewald was sentenced by Braxton Jan. 18 to two years' probation; 100 hours of community service, and repayment of all court costs and fees.

On Sept. 18, Lorianne O'Brady of Livonia, who worked as a scheduler to the former congressman, pleaded no contest in Wayne County's 16th District Court before Judge Kathleen J. McCann to five counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor. She was sentenced to 20 days in jail or 20 days in a work program. Following that sentence, she was to serve 18 months' probation and was also ordered to pay \$2,625 in fines and court costs.

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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Identity theft

While doing her income tax return, a Northville woman discovered her identity had been stolen.

The 40-year-old woman went to Northville City Police recently to inform them of the situation. She was told by the FTC that she should do this. According to the woman, while she and her husband were filing their taxes online through Turbo Tax an e-mail was sent to her stating that her return was rejected because someone had already filed under her name and Social Security number. However not much else was known of the perpetrator at the time of the police report. The woman was planning on re-filing with the IRS.

Marijuana possession

A 19-year-old Northville man was

arrested for marijuana possession after being stopped by police for having tinted windows.

On April 13, Northville City Police stopped the teenager at Griswold and Main streets after spotting his vehicle with tinted front windows. The 19-year-old said he didn't know that wasn't allowed. It was while talking with him that police reported smelling marijuana inside the vehicle.

The 19 year old denied having it, but after police said they would call the K-9 unit for a search he revealed an Altoids container with suspected marijuana inside. It tested positive. A pipe was also later found inside the center console. He was cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

LIBRARY LINES

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

• TWEEN EVENT: OREO COOKIE POPS

4:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 24
Details: Just for tweens ages 9-12. Delight your eyes and your sweet tooth with cookie pops! Choose from a variety of yummy toppings to decorate chocolate dipped Oreo cookies on sticks. Call to register.

• KIDZ TIME

4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25
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1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders featuring stories, games and crafts. Stories and activities about polar bears.

• DROP-IN MORNING STORYTIME

10:15 a.m. Thursday, April 18
Details: Fun for toddlers and preschoolers. Caregivers must accompany children under 3 and younger. Just drop in. Six week series runs Thursdays through May 9.

• LIFE & TIMES OF HENRY FORD

7 p.m. Monday, April 22
Details: Henry Ford spent much of his life making headlines, good, bad, but never indifferent. Learn about the ways he changed the world in this visual presentation by Russell Dore, in celebration of Ford's 150th birthday anniversary. Call to register.

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• **Thursday:** 9 a.m. Archives open; 10 a.m. AAUW Meeting; 7 p.m. NHS

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• **Friday:** 9 a.m. Archives open; 5 p.m. Rehearsal

• **Saturday:** 1:15-3:15 p.m. Wedding*

• **Sunday:** 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #473 in Church

• **Monday:** 10 a.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers

• **Tuesday:** 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. School Tour; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #737; 7 p.m. Cub Scouts 755 Den #4

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Northville man sees Navy ship up-close, personal

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Mark Ernst of Northville Township recently spent 24 hours on a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier.

It was the aircraft carrier on which Osama bin Laden was examined after capture, the USS Carl Vinson.

“His remains were put at rest at the bottom of the sea,” said Ernst, 55.

It also hosted a basketball game between Michigan State University and the University of North Carolina.

Ernst is an owner-broker of e realty professionals in Northville, and chair of the U.S. Navy Recruiting District Assistance Council. That council of citizens and retired naval personnel assists the Navy Recruiting District Command.

The Navy Recruiting District Michigan is under Cmdr. Richard Simpson, and covers all of Michigan and Indiana. Ernst participated in the Distinguished Visitors — Educators to Sea program in late February.

He’d served on the Science, Technology, Engineering, Math committee of the Assistance Council, working to raise awareness of careers including the Navy.

Ernst, who is married with three children “who



Mark Ernst of Northville Township was pleased to participate in the U.S. Navy program which placed him on an aircraft carrier off the San Diego, Calif., area coast.

are out of the nest,” was nominated for the program. He and others are vetted through the Tennessee-based Naval Recruiting Command, and assigned to groups of eight-12 from all over the U.S.

Those selected travel to either Norfolk, Va., or San Diego, Calif. They spend the evening on base or at a nearby hotel.

Ernst flew Feb. 26 to San Diego, stayed on the base, and the next day went to the air station for briefing and safety instruction. He and others flew on a Grumman C-2 “Greyhound” about an hour and roughly 100 miles offshore.

They landed with the “arrested landing technique,” nothing like a

commercial plane’s landing. “Anybody can land on a concrete runway,” he quoted Navy pilots as saying.

He and others were encouraged to meet the sailors, and Ernst was impressed with a 19-year-old man in the ship’s focus. “The average age is 19 years old, so you know they’ve got to be trained highly,” Ernst said.

Sailors shared stories of their families “and then most of all the pride in telling us what their responsibilities are.”

It’s the most dangerous work environment there is, he said, even more so than race car driving.

“No. 1, it was one of my bucket list items,” he said. Ernst said, “It’s like trying to describe what the



Mark Ernst was impressed with the caliber of service men and women on the USS Carl Vinson.

Grand Canyon looks like” of his experience.

They weren’t allowed in the ship’s nuclear operations area, but saw non-classified areas. They ate with many different groups aboard the ship.

Ernst is a graduate of the Detroit College of Law, now part of Michigan State University, and not a veteran. Ernst noted his math background wasn’t strong when he was young, and in the mid-1970s as Vietnam involvement ended fewer pilots were needed by the military.

He likes Americans on the homefront to remember servicemen and women away from their families, and to consider the military personnel when talking of defense budget cuts.

“These are real dollars that go to keep our people safe and trained,” he said.

“It makes me feel a part of the solution instead of just sitting on my hands,” Ernst added of his council service, and not being a veteran.

Today’s parents of young adults are of the

Vietnam generation, he said, and some have biases against the military. He points to humanitarian work done.

“The Navy is all over the world doing great things for people,” he said.

Ernst can be reached at mark@erealtypros.biz to speak to groups about his experiences. He’s a volunteer with Northville Rotary, and his church, First Presbyterian of Northville.

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Local mother to help other women dealing with grief

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Donna Marie of Northville Township lost her son Michael last year at age 30 to an accidental drug overdose. He was a Northville High School graduate and golf pro who left behind a young daughter, Samantha Faye Heyer. Marie's firm, Donna Marie Consulting, will present a "Grieving Mothers — Grieving Women" workshop 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at the Holiday Inn Express, located at Eight Mile and Haggerty. She is a master's



Donna Marie

level licensed psychologist who will share her expertise and personal experiences. Information on registration is available at her website, www.DealWithStressToday.com. "A lot of emotional healing, more understanding of what they've gone through and ways to move forward," she said of the goals. "I feel a strong connection to my son."

Attendees will create some ceremonies to honor the lost loved one, along with guided visualization techniques. She will cover the stages of grief, moving forward and getting support through the loss. "We'll learn how to celebrate their life also. It's a roller coaster ride," she said. Women who've had stillborn children, lost children to SIDS or miscarriages, accidents and others are also welcome. She's inviting women who've lost a spouse, sibling or friend, as well as a job

or home. "There's a myriad of losses that are out there," she said. Women will learn to go through grief at their own pace. Often, well-meaning people say "I know what you feel," but generally don't. Women attending will share what they wish to share. Women who are mourning also often hear "What can I do to help?" She hopes to encourage sponsors to make it possible for women to attend. She is married with another son, Jonathan, 23, also a NHS gradu-

ate. Much of the proceeds from the April 27 workshop will go to her granddaughter's education trust fund. Those who wish to sponsor attendees are asked to call (734) 420-2935. Attendees should plan to arrive 9 a.m. April 27. The early bird price through April 20 is \$129, after that \$189. This is the first time she's organized this workshop. She does many others on stress issues, and is a consultant/spokeswoman for Health Alliance Plan.

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The M.O.M.S. group of Northville will hold its annual fundraising Mom-to-Mom sale at First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville on Friday April 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturday April 27 from 9 a.m.-noon. Admission is \$1.

Items for sale will include gently used baby, children's and maternity clothes and shoes, furniture, strollers, equipment, books and toys etc.

If you would like to donate gently used items please contact Carmen at (248) 345-7112 or (248) 773-7738.

OLV Victory Run

Our Lady of Victory, located at 133 Orchard in Northville, will hold its 3rd Annual OLV Victory Run on Saturday, June 1, with check-in beginning at 7 a.m. The Fun Run begins at 8 a.m. and the 5K begins at 8:30 a.m.

The cost to register by May 1 is \$25, \$30 after May 1, and \$35 the day of the event. To register, visit olv-victoryrun.com.

All proceeds will benefit OLV, the Pancreatic Cancer Network and the National MS Society.

Used book/ jewelry sale

The Highland Lakes Used Book and Jewelry Sale will take place from noon to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 20 at the Highland House, 20351 Silver Springs Drive (south of 8 Mile, and west of Haggerty).

There will be more than 600 used books, both paperback and hardcover, priced .50 cents to \$1. Current bestsellers are often available. There will be costume jewelry, some of which is vintage, for sale as well. All profits are donated to local charities. This sale is sponsored by the Highland Lakes Women's Club.

For more information, call (248) 349-4006.

Relay for Life

The Novi/Northville Relay for Life, which will benefit the American Cancer Society, will take

place June 15-16. Organizers are still looking for community volunteers to participate in the event. There will be a meeting from 7-8 p.m. on May 21 at the Novi Civic Center for team captains and those who are interested in learning more.

You can also visit www.relayforlife.org/ and search for your community, Novi or Northville.

"We are really hoping for a great turn out but we've got a slow start in terms of teams signing up, so we need more help," said event Vice-Chair Kat Dooley. "The American Cancer Society actually told us that we need to help put them out of a job. They want our world and community to be cancer-free. I thought that was completely amazing and shows the commitment behind the organization I am volunteering for."

For more information, contact Rachel Leas, the Relay community representative at (248) 663-3436 or rachel.leas@cancer.org. If you are a business and would be interested in becoming a tax-deductible sponsor, please also contact Rachel for more info.

Drug Take-Back Day

The Drug Enforcement Administration and Northville Township Police have scheduled the sixth National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Northville Township Police Department located at 41600 Six Mile Road.

This is a great opportunity for those who missed the previous events, or who have subsequently accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs, to safely dispose of those medications to law enforcement.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high

Northville author to hold book signing



Northville resident and working mother Lori Costew will be signing copies of her new book, *Sherpa's Adventure: Saving the Future*, from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, April 20 at the Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro in downtown Northville. The book is an adventure story about a teenage girl who travels from the year 2310 back to 2013 to show two children how to help other kids combat bullies and stay positive. The kids learn that helping other children make positive decisions can set off a chain of events that will impact the world in a positive way. The main character, Sherpa, battles evil characters called Hubots and deals with dangerous situations that would be difficult for even most adults. "The insights shared by Sherpa are relevant to tweens, teens and adults of any century," said Costew, a mother of two. The book is available on Amazon.com, Kindle and Nook.

— more Americans currently abuse prescription drugs than the number of those using cocaine, hallucinogens, and heroin combined, according to the 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

Emergency food available

The next distribution of emergency food by Plymouth Community United Way is scheduled Thursday, April 18.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program provides low-income Plymouth and Northville residents with canned and non-perishable items.

ue the third Thursday of each month from 9:30-11 a.m. at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth.

For information and to register, call Samantha Bray at (734) 453-6879, ext. 6, or send e-mail to samantha.bray@pcuw.org.

Look for pink flamingos

In locations all over town starting in late April, often under cover of darkness, flocks of pink flamingos will be moving in. The "flockings" are being coordinated by Girl Scout Troop 40844 to raise money for their 10-day, three country trip to Europe in 2015.

Flocking is defined as the act of placing several pink flamingos in the yards of people selected by friends and family. To flock a house, several of the stealthiest Girl Scouts from Troop 40844 accompanied by parents, place the flock in a conspicuous place on the intended victim's premises, usually the front lawn, accompanied by a flyer notifying all who pass that the house has been flocked by Girl Scout Troop 40844. Flockings typically occur during late afternoons or early evenings, to surprise the receiver the next morning.

During the months of May-September, the Troop 40844 flocking crew move the pink flamingos onto the front yard of people that have been chosen. The flock will stay at the specified location for no more than 24 hours. The "flocked" will have the opportunity to have the Pink Flamingo Flock moved to a victim of their choice for a small fee. Insurance can be purchased to avoid the Pink Flamingo Flock invasion.

Lacrosse sign-up

Northville Parks and Recreation is adding new lacrosse programs this spring. The programs include:

- Boys and Girls New

Player Clinic 4th-8th grades. This five day clinic will focus on instruction and learning the game. The cost is \$65. Runs May 28-June 11, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7 p.m.

- Little Laxers Boys and Girls 1st-3rd grades. This five day clinic will teach the basics of lacrosse. A soft foam ball is used. The cost is \$65. It runs May 28-June 11, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-6 p.m.

All registration is through Northville Parks and Recreation, by calling (248) 349-0203 or visiting www.northvillelacrosse.org.

Finding ancestors

The Northville and Farmington Genealogical Societies are sponsoring a seminar on the latest techniques for finding your ancestors called Nab and Grab Your Ancestors Using 21st Century Techniques on Saturday, April 27 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road in Livonia (between 7 Mile and 8 Mile).

Featured speaker Ann Staley, CG, is an instructor, consultant, trip leader and a lecturer at local, state and national conferences. She is vice president of the Genealogical Speakers Guild and on the faculty of The National Institute for Genealogical Studies.

Topics will be Compiled Resources of the 21st Century; Shore to Shore — 20th Century Immigration Research; Claws or Clues — Scratching for that Elusive Ancestor; and Googling Your Family — Using the Whole Google Website.

The cost is \$35 if paid by April 13 (\$45 after that date), and includes a continental breakfast and a hot lunch.

Contact Sue Cromwell for information at (248) 477-5846, or visit www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mings (under Programs tab) or www.mifarmngs.org.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION – PCT. 7 PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BONDING PROPOSAL TO BE HELD ON MAY 7, 2013

To the qualified Electors of Pct. 7 of the Township of Northville, County of Wayne, notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held in the Township of Northville on **Tuesday, May 7, 2013**. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Meads Mill Middle School for the Plymouth-Canton Community School voters.

The purpose of the election is to vote on the following Bonding Proposal as presented and listed below:

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Bonding Proposal:
Shall Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Fourteen Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$114,400,000) and issue in one or more series its general obligation unlimited tax bonds.

The full text of the ballot proposal and a "sample" of the ballot are available at the Northville Township's Clerk's department and on the township's website: www.twp.northville.mi.us.

All electors who are registered with the Township Clerk in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election. To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available on audio tape and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the Township Clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

TOWNSHIP POLLING LOCATION:
Precinct 7 Meads Mill Middle School 16700 Franklin Rd.

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of March 8, 2013 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	11/03/2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	08/07/2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	11/02/2010	0.25 mills	2015
Wayne County Community College	11/06/2008	1.25 mills	2020
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools:	09/2004	18 mills	2014*

*(non homestead only)

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

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the local clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot. You may vote by absentee ballot if you: 1) Are unable to attend the polls without assistance; 2) Are 60 years of age or older; 3) Expect to be absent from the township for the entire time the polls are open; 4) Are in jail, awaiting arraignment or trial; 5) Have been assigned to work as a precinct inspector other than where you are registered; or 6) Are unable to attend the polls because of religious beliefs.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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INVITATION FOR BIDS City of Northville

2013 SIDEWALK PROGRAM

Sealed bids will be received in the City of Northville Council Chambers, City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 until 2:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, **May 8, 2013** for the City's **2013 Sidewalk Program**.

This project includes, but is not limited to the removal and replacement of existing concrete sidewalk which has been damaged by tree roots, utility settlement, and general degradation of pavement. Contract documents and bid proposals can be obtained by contacting the Northville Department of Public Works at (248) 449-9930.

The City of Northville, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Sub Title A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration of an award.

The City of Northville reserves the right to waive any irregularity or informality in bids, to reject any and/or all bids, in whole or in part, or to award any contract to other than the low bidder, should it be deemed in its best interest to do so.

James P. Gallogly
Director of Public Works

Dianne Massa
City Clerk

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SOCIAL SECURITY



Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

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

subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

www.ssdfighter.com

BRIEFS

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Lincoln Reagan Dinner

The Wayne 11th Congressional District Congressional Committee

will host its annual Lincoln Reagan Dinner on Thursday, April 25 at the Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

The featured speaker for the event is South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, considered on of the

strongest fiscal conservatives in state government.

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

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

Northville facing \$40 million in legacy costs

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Going into the new fiscal year of 2013-2014, the City of Northville is again looking to address legacy costs and their impact on the annual budgets.

The Northville City Council had its first budget review session on April 8 and during the meeting City Manager Patrick Sullivan gave his preview message of the budget, planned to be finalized later in May.

“Well, I’m going to sound like a broken record because I’m going to talk about legacy costs,” Sullivan told the City Council and other gathered department heads. “Our challenge as you all know, is finding a plan to make head way on our legacy costs. Both for our pension obligations and our retiree health care obligations.”

Sullivan said these two combined legacy costs are around an estimated \$40 million. In comparison, Northville spends \$8.5 million on all of its governmental services.

Personnel costs are the largest category of expenditure for the city, and one of the largest components of this is providing health care for both active employees and retirees.

To add to the mix of issues is legislation that will impact these areas of spending. One is “Obama Care” and the other is the State of Michigan Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act.

The budget states due to the changes expected on January 1, 2014 related to the Patient Protection and the Affordable Care Act, insurance experts are predicting insurance costs next year to increase 20-30 percent. To counter this, the city will be looking at alternative options for providing comparable health benefits at a lower cost.

The state’s health care act is intended to limit the amount of public funds that can be used for employee health care costs. Under this act, Northville has chosen to opt into an 80-20 cost sharing model over the next three years.

The city will be discussing these two developments during its negotiations with its four employee bargaining groups in the upcoming months.

Sullivan said the city administration will continue to take steps toward minimizing its future health care costs by searching for lower cost plan options and implementing the phased-in premium co-pay increase for active employees.

Going forward, the city will be looking for ways to lessen the impact of near term high costs. It might do this with help from a new option offered through the Municipal Employees’ Retirement System (MERS) of Michigan that could prevent the major spike in pension costs.

The city began closing its defined benefit pension plans and new employees 16 years ago in an effort to save in costs over the long term. However, in the short term, Sullivan said city contributions to the pension plan are expected to escalate because in a closed plan the amortization or payback period becomes shorter each year and there are no new employees paying into the system.

The MERS’ alternative funding method option could smooth out the large spike in closed defined benefit pension plans. The lower contributions of this option are incorporated into the FY 2014 annual budget and five year plan.

According to the budget, as of December 2011, the unfunded pension liability was \$7.36 million.

Addressing the liability for post retirement health care commitments also remains a major concern. As of June 30, 2012, the total liability for retiree health care was approximately \$32.6 million.

Although not required, the city has set aside \$4.6 million in a trust account towards that post-retiree health cost liability.

Passages

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BERGIN, ROSEMARY DOWSEY

Born November 12, 1922, passed away April 10, 2013. Born in Iron River, MI to Blanche Bertrand and Walter Dowsey, one of six children. Raised in the Upper Peninsula. father a cement contractor, mother a spirited housewife. Schooled in Iron River, Ferris Institute, and later the University of Michigan. Served in Women's Army corps to rank of Technical Sergeant after which she went to the U of M, graduating with a major in Speech Therapy. Taught in a field which was always a joy to her in the Plymouth, Northville, and South Lyon Schools. Her devoted husband, Bernard, to whom she was married on Feb. 21, 1952, predeceased her in 1973, and she finished raising her six youngest children while teaching in the South Lyon Schools, until retiring in 1986. Upon retiring, she was able to do the volunteering, for which there had been too little time in earlier years. She gave 12 years to being a monitor with Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic, many years to delivering Meals on Wheels, 27 years acting as a weekly volunteer at Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor where she delighted in learning about the behind-the-scenes operations of the Concert House while enjoying music and the people who made it so available to the community. Throughout her long and much enjoyed life, she was a volunteer at her parish Church, St. Joseph's in South Lyon, also serving on numerous commissions, teaching catechism classes, and becoming the first woman lector in her parish and continuing in the role for years. Her great delight in life was her large and enthusiastic family of eight children: Polly (Ron) Kufner, Joe, Julie (John) Milowe, Greg, Steve (Kaori), Ted (Lorain), Dan and Peter (Carol) and her much loved 21 grandchildren. Her faith was always important in all that she did and was a factor in everything that she undertook. She truly enjoyed life and tried to spread that joy to all those she met. Visitation was held at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon on April 14, Sunday, from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Funeral mass was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon on April 15, Monday, at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Fr. Stan Tokarski officiating. Interment was at Old St. John's in Hartland, MI following the funeral Mass. Anyone wishing to do so may donate to Active Faith, South Lyon, in her memory. Her one hope for those she leaves behind is that they will make their faith a vibrant joy in their lives. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

CANFIELD, JOHN L.

Age 97, passed away April 5, 2013. He was born on May 7, 1915, in New Hudson, to the late William and Elsie (Harding) Canfield. On Nov. 1, 1939, he married Mary Holtz. He was a member of the New Hudson United Methodist Church, Farm Bureau, Michigan Milk Producers, New Hudson DDA, Agricultural Soil Conservation Committee, and a founding partner in Great Lakes Hybrids. He took up golf in his 70's and played as long as his health permitted. John is survived by his children: Carolyn (Bruce) Sdunek, Joyce (Richard) Chillingworth, Douglas (Robin LaBelle) Canfield and 3 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Mary K. Canfield, his brother Harding Canfield, and his sister Mary E. Marvin. A memorial gathering will be held on May 3, Friday, from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. A memorial service will be held on May 4, Saturday, at 11:00 a.m. at the New Hudson United Methodist Church, 56730 Grand River, New Hudson, MI 48165. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

ROBAR, RICHARD WAYNE

Passed away at The Sanctuary at White Lake in White Lake, Michigan on April 10, 2013 at the age of 85. Wayne is survived by his loving wife Sue of 46 years. They were married at St. John the Baptist Church in Fenton, Michigan on January 7, 1967. Wayne is lovingly remembered by son David and his wife Wendy of Lakewood, Ohio, son Daniel and his wife Colleen of Shanghai, China, daughter Susan Settle and her husband Paul Settle of Highland, Michigan, son Robert and his wife Carrie of Waterford, Michigan and daughter Carolyn Zenisek and her husband David Zenisek of Chelsea Michigan; grandchildren Jackson and Hannah Robar, Paige and Cooper Robar, Adam Settle, Benjamin and Lauren Robar and Dawson and Ava Zenisek. Wayne came from a family of five brothers and one sister in Munising. He was born in Munising, Michigan in 1928. He graduated from St. Michael High School in Pontiac, Michigan in 1947 and joined the United States National Guard. Wayne graduated from the LaMar Barber College in 1955 and worked for Pontiac Motors Company in Pontiac, Michigan, retiring in 1990. Wayne greatly enjoyed volunteering at St. Mary's, gardening, bluegrass music, traveling to Walt Disney World and Frankenmuth, cooking and giving red roses to his bride. Funeral Liturgy was held at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows, Milford, on Saturday, April 13. Burial St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Fenton. In lieu of flowers, the Robar Family requests that memorial donations be made in Wayne's name to St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Cardiac Rehabilitation Center, Mercy Hospice or Community Sharing. For further information phone 248.684.6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

EMBREE, JAMES (JIM) LEE

Passed away on April 14th, 2013 at the age of 66 following an 8-month battle with esophageal cancer. He was at his home in Northville, Michigan surrounded by family. He spent the last eight months imparting wisdom and expressing love to those around him. He fought a brave battle without complaint or resentment. He was born to Arnold and Roberta Lee (Stanley) Embree on November 28, 1946 in St. Joseph, Missouri. Jim received his undergraduate degree in history from the University of Michigan ('69) and his MBA ('74) and MS of Accounting ('77) from Eastern Michigan University. He proudly enlisted to serve his country in the US Marine Corps, completed a tour of duty in Okinawa, Japan and was honorably discharged as a 1st Lieutenant on November 1, 1972. He was united in marriage to the love of his life Carolyn G. Ohst on June 14, 1975 and they spent 40 cherished years together. His career at Comerica Bank spanned 37 years and culminated in 2011 as a Senior Vice President in the Special Assets Group. After retirement, Jim became a Managing Director with Conway MacKenzie. He is remembered for his work ethic, his intellect, and his natural leadership abilities. Jim was a member of Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon, Michigan as well as Cascade Hills Country Club in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was an avid golfer, hunter, and fisherman. He and his brother, Steve, enjoyed annual hunting and fishing trips with Jim's son and both their son-in-laws. He was a voracious reader, an inspirational speaker, and a loving, encouraging, and a generous provider. He was a lover of history, politics, and a deeply spiritual man. Jim's doctrine was as follows: "God is the creative force in the Universe, animated by Love, leavened by forgiveness and Revealed in Jesus Christ." - James Lee Embree. He is survived by his wife Carolyn, his children Jennifer (Sam) Stover and Joshua (Lindsay) Embree, and his brother Steve (Carolyn) Embree. Jim was known as "Poppy" to his two beautiful granddaughters, Everleigh Alexandra Stover (3-years-old) and Brynn Embree Stover (10-months-old). He was preceded in death by his parents and his two beloved hunting dogs Max and Jake. Visitation will be held Thursday April 18th, 2013 from 5-8pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap Street, Northville, MI 48167. A Masonic Ritual will be held on April 18th, 2013 at 7pm. The funeral service will be held Friday, April 19, 2013 at 1pm, with visitation beginning at Noon at the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Memorial contributions can be sent to the Esophageal Cancer Awareness Association, PO Box 55071#15530, Boston, MA 02205.

HAMMOND, WALTER J.

Age 86, of Northville, passed away April 14, 2013. He was born March 22, 1927 in Salem Township, Michigan; son of Charles and Lena (Foss) Hammond. He proudly served in the United States Navy during World War II. Walter spent most of his life in Northville, but also lived in Intermediate Lake, Michigan for 15 years. After retiring as an accountant with Ford Motor Company, Walter became a skilled and talented builder and contractor. He enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing, and watching the Detroit Tigers. He was a member of the VFW and the Plymouth Elks. Walter is survived by his loving companion of 22 years Mary Lou Downing; his sister Hazel Kelliher; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and 2 sisters. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to St. Joseph Mercy Hospice, PO Box 995, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home of Northville. Share online condolences at: www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

HOCK, RICHARD DENNIS

A resident of Howell, and former resident of South Lyon, died at his home on April 11, 2013 surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his beloved wife of nearly twenty-six years, Vicki Hock; dear children, Dawn (Timothy) Fuentes, Darlene Hock, Deborah Givens, Dennis Hock, David Hock; grandchildren, Kenneth, Christopher, Nicolas, Nathan, Kaylene, Jamie, Jared, Jordan; great-grandchildren, Madison, Caleb; siblings, Catherine (Butch) Wongstrom, Robert (Kathy) Hock, Shirley (Pat) Murphy, Ronald (Barb) Hock; grandmother-in-law, Blanche Roberson; brother and sisters-in-law, Rhonda Pfaff, Lisa (Tracy) Adams, Jimmy Lucas, Steve (Bridgette) Adams, Bobby (Trish) Adams, Paul (Alice) Adams; many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Mr. Hock was a member of Cornerstone Church of Highland and operated Hock Construction Company in Livingston County for over forty-five years. Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford on Monday, April 15th. Memorials may be made in his name to Angela Hospice. For further information phone: (248) 684-6645

MORAWA, DIANA VICTORIA (ROBBINS & BURGER)

64 formerly of Milford, Michigan, passed away on March 31, 2013. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on April 20, 2013 at Commerce United Methodist Church in Commerce Twp. Diana worked as a self-employed massage therapist in Milford, for many years. She was a courageous, outspoken and loving person. She had a special passion for cooking and baking. Her need and desire to save animals of all kinds was contagious. Diana is survived by her daughter, Andrea (Jason) Longhurst, grand-daughter Addison, 3 nieces, a nephew, and many friends. Please consider a memorial donation payable to Oakland County Animal Shelter, in lieu of flowers. In Memory of Diana Morawa, Oakland County Animal Shelter, 1700 Brown Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48359.

GRANEY, SEBASTIAN THOR

Stillborn son of Erik and Kerry Graney and brother of Annabelle; grandson of Kathryn Olgeirsson, Thorarinn Einar Olgeirsson, Brigitte Graney, Kenneth Graney; great grandson of Annemarie Esperer and Doris Graney; nephew of Jennifer (Alan) DeWitt, Erik Olgeirsson, Julia Graney and cousin of Jackson DeWitt. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on Thursday, April 11, 2013 with burial in Milford Memorial Cemetery. Condolences may be left at LynchFuneralDirectors.com

LEMIRE, PETRINA

March 24, 1925 - April 3, 2013 obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

WERTH, WALTER

February 3, 1920 - April 8, 2013 obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

BOLUCH, WALTER

February 6, 1943 - April 2, 2013 obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

BONHAM, CONSTANCE L.

Age 91, born on February 15, 1922 in New Brunswick, Canada passed away in White Lake, April 11, 2013. eltonblackandsonhighland.com

KAZA, ALBERT

January 23, 1925 - April 1, 2013 obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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April 9, 2013, age 93. Born August 11, 1919. Resident of Dearborn, formerly of Elk Rapids and Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late Niles Beaugrand. Dearest mother of Bonnie (Edward) Wagman, Stacie (late Jack), May and Laurie (Tom) Wooderson. Loving grandmother of Gregory (Jennifer) Wagman, Christopher (Elaine) Wagman, Amy (David) Rohweder, Rebecca Little, Kelli DiPietro, John (Angela) May, Natalie (Patrick) Keane, Emily Wooderson and Thomas Wooderson Jr. 17 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren also survive. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, April 13, 2013. Memorials to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or Henry Ford Village Benevolent Fund. Share your memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

BERGIN, ROSEMARY DOWSEY

Born November 12, 1922, passed away April 10, 2013. Born in Iron River, MI to Blanche Bertrand and Walter Dowsey, one of six children. Raised in the Upper Peninsula. father a cement contractor, mother a spirited housewife. Schooled in Iron River, Ferris Institute, and later the University of Michigan. Served in Women's Army corps to rank of Technical Sergeant after which she went to the U of M, graduating with a major in Speech Therapy. Taught in a field which was always a joy to her in the Plymouth, Northville, and South Lyon Schools. Her devoted husband, Bernard, to whom she was married on Feb. 21, 1952, predeceased her in 1973, and she finished raising her six youngest children while teaching in the South Lyon Schools, until retiring in 1986. Upon retiring, she was able to do the volunteering, for which there had been too little time in earlier years. She gave 12 years to being a monitor with Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic, many years to delivering Meals on Wheels, 27 years acting as a weekly volunteer at Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor where she delighted in learning about the behind-the-scenes operations of the Concert House while enjoying music and the people who made it so available to the community. Throughout her long and much enjoyed life, she was a volunteer at her parish Church, St. Joseph's in South Lyon, also serving on numerous commissions, teaching catechism classes, and becoming the first woman lector in her parish and continuing in the role for years. Her great delight in life was her large and enthusiastic family of eight children: Polly (Ron) Kufner, Joe, Julie (John) Milowe, Greg, Steve (Kaori), Ted (Lorain), Dan and Peter (Carol) and her much loved 21 grandchildren. Her faith was always important in all that she did and was a factor in everything that she undertook. She truly enjoyed life and tried to spread that joy to all those she met. Visitation was held at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon on April 14, Sunday, from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Funeral mass was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon on April 15, Monday, at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Fr. Stan Tokarski officiating. Interment was at Old St. John's in Hartland, MI following the funeral Mass. Anyone wishing to do so may donate to Active Faith, South Lyon, in her memory. Her one hope for those she leaves behind is that they will make their faith a vibrant joy in their lives. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

CANFIELD, JOHN L.

Age 97, passed away April 5, 2013. He was born on May 7, 1915, in New Hudson, to the late William and Elsie (Harding) Canfield. On Nov. 1, 1939, he married Mary Holtz. He was a member of the New Hudson United Methodist Church, Farm Bureau, Michigan Milk Producers, New Hudson DDA, Agricultural Soil Conservation Committee, and a founding partner in Great Lakes Hybrids. He took up golf in his 70's and played as long as his health permitted. John is survived by his children: Carolyn (Bruce) Sdunek, Joyce (Richard) Chillingworth, Douglas (Robin LaBelle) Canfield and 3 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Mary K. Canfield, his brother Harding Canfield, and his sister Mary E. Marvin. A memorial gathering will be held on May 3, Friday, from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. A memorial service will be held on May 4, Saturday, at 11:00 a.m. at the New Hudson United Methodist Church, 56730 Grand River, New Hudson, MI 48165. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

EMBREE, JAMES (JIM) LEE

Passed away on April 14th, 2013 at the age of 66 following an 8-month battle with esophageal cancer. He was at his home in Northville, Michigan surrounded by family. He spent the last eight months imparting wisdom and expressing love to those around him. He fought a brave battle without complaint or resentment. He was born to Arnold and Roberta Lee (Stanley) Embree on November 28, 1946 in St. Joseph, Missouri. Jim received his undergraduate degree in history from the University of Michigan ('69) and his MBA ('74) and MS of Accounting ('77) from Eastern Michigan University. He proudly enlisted to serve his country in the US Marine Corps, completed a tour of duty in Okinawa, Japan and was honorably discharged as a 1st Lieutenant on November 1, 1972. He was united in marriage to the love of his life Carolyn G. Ohst on June 14, 1975 and they spent 40 cherished years together. His career at Comerica Bank spanned 37 years and culminated in 2011 as a Senior Vice President in the Special Assets Group. After retirement, Jim became a Managing Director with Conway MacKenzie. He is remembered for his work ethic, his intellect, and his natural leadership abilities. Jim was a member of Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon, Michigan as well as Cascade Hills Country Club in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was an avid golfer, hunter, and fisherman. He and his brother, Steve, enjoyed annual hunting and fishing trips with Jim's son and both their son-in-laws. He was a voracious reader, an inspirational speaker, and a loving, encouraging, and a generous provider. He was a lover of history, politics, and a deeply spiritual man. Jim's doctrine was as follows: "God is the creative force in the Universe, animated by Love, leavened by forgiveness and Revealed in Jesus Christ." - James Lee Embree. He is survived by his wife Carolyn, his children Jennifer (Sam) Stover and Joshua (Lindsay) Embree, and his brother Steve (Carolyn) Embree. Jim was known as "Poppy" to his two beautiful granddaughters, Everleigh Alexandra Stover (3-years-old) and Brynn Embree Stover (10-months-old). He was preceded in death by his parents and his two beloved hunting dogs Max and Jake. Visitation will be held Thursday April 18th, 2013 from 5-8pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap Street, Northville, MI 48167. A Masonic Ritual will be held on April 18th, 2013 at 7pm. The funeral service will be held Friday, April 19, 2013 at 1pm, with visitation beginning at Noon at the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Memorial contributions can be sent to the Esophageal Cancer Awareness Association, PO Box 55071#15530, Boston, MA 02205.

HAMMOND, WALTER J.

Age 86, of Northville, passed away April 14, 2013. He was born March 22, 1927 in Salem Township, Michigan; son of Charles and Lena (Foss) Hammond. He proudly served in the United States Navy during World War II. Walter spent most of his life in Northville, but also lived in Intermediate Lake, Michigan for 15 years. After retiring as an accountant with Ford Motor Company, Walter became a skilled and talented builder and contractor. He enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing, and watching the Detroit Tigers. He was a member of the VFW and the Plymouth Elks. Walter is survived by his loving companion of 22 years Mary Lou Downing; his sister Hazel Kelliher; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and 2 sisters. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to St. Joseph Mercy Hospice, PO Box 995, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home of Northville. Share online condolences at: www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

HOCK, RICHARD DENNIS

A resident of Howell, and former resident of South Lyon, died at his home on April 11, 2013 surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his beloved wife of nearly twenty-six years, Vicki Hock; dear children, Dawn (Timothy) Fuentes, Darlene Hock, Deborah Givens, Dennis Hock, David Hock; grandchildren, Kenneth, Christopher, Nicolas, Nathan, Kaylene, Jamie, Jared, Jordan; great-grandchildren, Madison, Caleb; siblings, Catherine (Butch) Wongstrom, Robert (Kathy) Hock, Shirley (Pat) Murphy, Ronald (Barb) Hock; grandmother-in-law, Blanche Roberson; brother and sisters-in-law, Rhonda Pfaff, Lisa (Tracy) Adams, Jimmy Lucas, Steve (Bridgette) Adams, Bobby (Trish) Adams, Paul (Alice) Adams; many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Mr. Hock was a member of Cornerstone Church of Highland and operated Hock Construction Company in Livingston County for over forty-five years. Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford on Monday, April 15th. Memorials may be made in his name to Angela Hospice. For further information phone: (248) 684-6645

MORAWA, DIANA VICTORIA (ROBBINS & BURGER)

64 formerly of Milford, Michigan, passed away on March 31, 2013. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on April 20, 2013 at Commerce United Methodist Church in Commerce Twp. Diana worked as a self-employed massage therapist in Milford, for many years. She was a courageous, outspoken and loving person. She had a special passion for cooking and baking. Her need and desire to save animals of all kinds was contagious. Diana is survived by her daughter, Andrea (Jason) Longhurst, grand-daughter Addison, 3 nieces, a nephew, and many friends. Please consider a memorial donation payable to Oakland County Animal Shelter, in lieu of flowers. In Memory of Diana Morawa, Oakland County Animal Shelter, 1700 Brown Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48359.

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OUR VIEWS

Balancing act

Northville school board makes difficult decision to ease overcrowding

With its decision last week, the Northville Public Schools Board of Education ended an exhaustive redistricting process that should even out attendance boundaries in the district for the near future at the elementary and middle school levels.

At the middle school level, the board decided to move a portion of the current Ridge Wood Elementary/Meads Mill Middle School attendance area to a Ridge Wood Elementary/Hillside Middle School attendance area. This plan, which goes into effect this fall, will move 215 students currently in grades 5-7 from Meads Mill to Hillside.

In addition, at the elementary level, 75 kindergarten through fourth graders currently attending Ridge Wood from the Northville Hills subdivision area will be moved to Winchester Elementary in the fall. Out of this total, there are 13 fourth-graders that will be affected. Realizing how difficult it might be for these students, the board decided to allow parents of those children to have an option of open enrollment, which could keep them at their current school.

The plan will bring the enrollment at the overcrowded Ridge Wood down from its current 716 students to 636 students. Winchester's enrollment will go from 476 to 567, bringing it close to 90 percent capacity.

week. Families hoping to take advantage of the open enrollment option need to make a request by May 3, so the district can start making plans for the fall.

No doubt there are some parents who aren't happy with the board's decision, and we certainly sympathize with them.

At the same time, however, any time a school board heads down the redistricting road, there is going to be criticism. Change is not easy.

The problem, if you want to call it that, is Northville is still growing. Housing starts are up in both the city and especially the township, which means more families are moving into the community. Certain schools were experiencing too much growth, which means classes were becoming too crowded.

One of the school board's main functions is to make sure all of the children in the district are in a classroom setting that is conducive to learning. At the beginning of the school year, the board heard many complaints from parents about the overcrowding. The board really had no choice but to act and balance out the attendance.

The board and the administration should be commended for a process that has been thorough and transparent. Parents were given ample opportunity to voice their opinions about the process, and in some cases those opinions were incorporated into the final plan that was approved last week.

Hopefully the new plan will be adequate for at least five years — that is the goal. Board members didn't enjoy this process, and they don't want to go through it again until it is absolutely necessary. Now that the decision has been made, it is in the best interest of the district, and especially the children, that everyone is supportive and makes the best of it.

COMMUNITY VOICE

A recent newspaper article indicated that motorcycle fatalities in Michigan increased from five in 2011 to 55 in 2012. Do you think motorcyclists should be required to wear helmets?

We asked this question at the Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet held at Suburban Collection Showplace.



"I think people should have the choice, but I do wear one."

Duane Sprague
vendor at Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet



"Of course. Take it from a person who almost died 30 years ago in a crash. Helmets can save lives."

Howard Leahy
Clawson



"Yes, I've been around motorcycles my whole life and I don't personally like wearing a helmet, but they do save lives. It's just common sense."

Paul Hollo
Lapeer



"I believe it's a personal choice, but for me I care about my family and friends, so I do wear one."

Robb Stancer
Livonia

LETTERS

Senior complex needed

The Scott Prison site would be a great place for a senior citizens complex. There are few small assisted care senior complexes in downtown Northville but there is a real need for apartments, independent and assisted living units for seniors in this area. While Fox Run in Novi is nice, it is very large and not all seniors want or need the type of lifestyle promoted at Fox Run. It would be lovely to have a smaller, quiet but upscale senior living environment in the Northville area.

Use of the nearby park could be a real bonus to seniors. Walking/nature paths could easily be incorporated into the plan.

Something to consider.

Ray and Pat Martin
Northville

Extortion by gun grabbers

North Korea is pretending to be crazy, threatening to nuke the U.S. and Japan, and expecting us to once again provide millions or billions of dollars in aid in return for backing down from their pretend stance; in other words they are using extortion.

This is precisely what the gun grabbers are doing. Pretend to take an extreme position and then settle for whatever you can get. The problem is twofold. The gun grabbers do not understand that the Second Amendment was written to prevent, or if needed repel tyranny.

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cars because a few drunk drivers have misused them. Stop thinking with your emotion and use the God-given brains that you have.

Bob Cushman
Northville

Protect wolves and democracy

Yes, I wish to protect Michigan wolves from hunting and trapping. Yes, I collected signatures and signed a petition to place this issue on the ballot allowing the voters of Michigan to voice their opinion as well. But, just days after submitting the signatures, Senate Bill 288, introduced by Senator Casperson was voted out of committee and passed on to our state senators for voting. SB 288 will literally smash our efforts, ignore our voices, remove our right to vote on the wolf protection issue as well as any wildlife issue ever again. SB 288 is a blatant threat to our democratic rights, again.

Even if you have never called your state senator or state representative before, please call them today.

Your state senator will probably vote on SB 288 this week. Then it will quickly move on to your state House representative.

Tell them this threat to your democratic rights is unacceptable, tell them you oppose SB 288 and ask them to vote no on SB 288.

We must act now to protect our democratic rights.

Judith C. Brock
Northville

GUEST COLUMN

Discover why the library is a 'very special place'

Editor's note: In honor of National Library Week, we share this testimonial from one of Northville's biggest library supporters.

By Fred Shadko
Guest Columnist

Libraries have always been important to me. I grew up in Detroit, and as I started school, my parents would take me to the Parkman Branch



Fred Shadko

Library (designed by the same architect who built much of Northville's Wayne County Training Center). I had my own library card, and I would check out a stack of books. I would have them all read in the car by the time we got home. I quickly went through every book in the youngsters' section,

and my parents had to check out books for me from the older kids' section.

We moved and left that wonderful old building behind, but at the new house we were halfway between the Sherwood Forest and Bella Hubbard branches, and I could ride my bike to them both. I made weekly trips to the branch libraries as long as weather permitted.

When I was old enough to take the Dexter bus (20 cents) by myself to Detroit's Main Library, I got to work on research papers and explore. I was delighted when they expanded it. My uncle, Sam Cashwan, did the Tom Thumb statue in the new children's section, but of course I wouldn't be caught dead in there — I was 13.

So, eventually I grew up (some would say), and when my wife, my son and I moved to Northville, we discovered the Northville District Library — a qui-

et gem, tucked behind the city hall, full of wonderful people and books and videos and a well-stocked local history room. I have spent hours and hours there researching presentation for the township's Historic District Commission on the Waterford area, the Wayne County Training Center, and the many institutions that dotted our landscape.

I am delighted to see the library evolving to embrace the new technologies that so captivate our young people. I would like to thank everyone for making it such a warm and comfortable place.

Sure, it's easier to look something up online from home, but it seems so much more authoritative when you have dug the information out in this very special place.

Fred Shadko is a Northville Township trustee and charter member of the Cady Street Dog Park.

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Family signs on for benefit as part of daughter's fight

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

It meant a lot to 15-year-old Kaitlyn Berg that family dog Bailey, a yellow lab, came to see her at the hospital.

Berg's parents, 13-year Novi residents Larry and Lynn Berg, got permission for Bailey to visit at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor during Kaitlyn's brain tumor treatment. The family, including sister, Kara, 17, recently sat down to talk about Kaitlyn's illness and a May 11 fundraiser they're working on.

"Unfortunately you can usually find someone in a worse place than you are," said Lynn of her involvement in an American Brain Tumor Association forum. "That's helped me, knowing relatively speaking she's in a good place."

Kaitlyn's a sophomore at Novi High, Kara a senior. Kaitlyn recalled of eighth grade, "I just had really bad headaches and started to get seizures."

Headaches aren't uncommon for teen girls, Lynn said. "We kind of put off things a bit." Epilepsy was considered as a possibility.

Kaitlyn had an MRI on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and was off school sledding. Her parents got the call about the large tumor, which was benign but still doing damage.

'Shocked'

"We were all just shocked," Lynn said.

"No one had indicated that was even an option. Before we knew it, we were in the emergency room."

The parents explained how the benign tumor had been growing for some time, creating pressure. "But it isn't cancer," Lynn said. "If you're going to have a brain tumor, apparently it's a good type to have."

Neurosurgeon Dr. Hugh Garton has been a big help, as has Mott staff. "They've been amazing," Lynn said. Staff helped on how to talk to Kaitlyn about the illness.

Larry's vice president and general manager for Valassis Solutions, and the family's grateful for health insurance to cover most costs. Larry's col-



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Berg family in their Novi home. Top row: Larry and Lynn. Bottom row: sisters Kara, 17, and Kaitlyn, 15.

GIVING BACK

The family didn't need charitable functions for their own expenses, but wanted a way to give back. They're participating in a Saturday, May 11, 5K Run & Walk for the American Brain Tumor Association at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. There's a total goal of \$50,000 for the event, and their United Against Tumors team has a \$10,000 goal, well on the way to being met. They have about 15 team members, Larry said. There's a fundraising website, and there's also a general website, www.breakthroughforbraintumors.org. Donations are welcome online.

leagues were supportive. "They said 'Do what you need to do.' They were awesome," he said.

Kaitlyn's had two surgeries, with the first one lasting 12 hours. "A lot better than I did before," she said when asked how she felt.

She also went through some tough radiation, 30 treatments five days a week over six weeks. That was just before 10th grade.

Novi Schools staffers were flexible on Kaitlyn's schoolwork. "Very accommodating," her dad said. The parents are proud of Kaitlyn's work to get good grades.

"Kaitlyn is very determined," her mom said. "She was determined to come back and keep her grades up."

Family, friends

Kaitlyn appreciates a good friend who talks about other things: "She kind of distracts me." A friend made posters of dog Bailey for Kaitlyn while she was in treatment, and having family nearby has helped.

"It's hard enough for adults to know what to say to someone," Lynn said. Some teens strug-

gled with that. Many friends sent cards, which were appreciated.

The family and their friends used the caring-bridge.org social sharing site for updates and words of encouragement.

Lynn recalled a mom of Kara's friend who helped. "That was something I didn't need to worry about. Things like that were really beneficial."

Kaitlyn now gets an MRI every three months to see how the radiation did. "No one could really tell us what the future would hold," her mom said. "A lot needs to be done to figure out how to treat these things." They're grateful for the technology and care that saved Kaitlyn.

"We don't really talk about it that much," Kara said of the situation, other than planning for the May 11 benefit. Kara, who's headed to Ball State University in Indiana to study journalism, wrote an article on her family for the NHS paper, the Wildcat Roar.

"I had a bunch of people coming up to me and saying they thought it was a good idea we were doing that," Kara said of the benefit. The girls swim

team and National Honor Society also worked together in a related fundraiser.

"We're just kind of in a wait and see mode," Lynn said. They hope for good health news, and are glad to work on the fundraiser: "It's more the chance to give back," she said.

Friends wanted to help, Larry said. "This gives a way for them to participate. Everybody wants to help and there isn't always something for them to do."

May is Brain Tumor Awareness Month as well. "Awareness is important to help other people know how to deal with health crises," Lynn said.

"We're hoping a lot of people will come out and support us on that day," she added.

Kate Butler, marketing & communications manager for the Chicago-based ABTA, said registration will start 8 a.m., the walk/run at 9 a.m.

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Mustangs boys track team falls to Rocks



Northville's Dan Sims leads the pack in the mile run on his way to a first-place finish.

Team takes home several first-place finishes

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

On one hand, a loss in the beginning of the season always stings. On the other hand, at least the Northville Mustangs boys track and field team didn't have to cancel their meet against Salem due to snow.

The team experienced some actual spring weather last week when they took on a tough Salem Rocks squad. The Mustangs, coached by Brandon Langston, fell, 73.67-58.33.

"It's great to see so many of our athletes competing at such a high level this early in the sea-

son," said Langston. "It's nice, as a coaching staff, to be able to target and identify our areas in need of improvement, too."

The Mustangs did have several top finishes in the meet despite the loss. Justin Hsieh won the 110 hurdles while Dan Sims captured first place in both the mile and the two-mile run. Charlie May took the top spot in the 300 hurdles and Justin Ferrante earned first in the 800-meter run. Taking first in the 200-meter dash was Anthony Sourges. The 4-by-800 relay team of Sims, Ferrante, Nathan Tajer and Conor Naughton took first as well.

"We knew coming into the season our distance runners were going to be a very solid and aggressive group," said Langston. "They definitely didn't disappoint."

In the 800, Ferrante led the way while Naughton took second and Tajer captured third. Northville also swept the two mile behind Sims while Nick Noles taking second and Sean McCullough in third. Noles also finished third in the one mile behind Sims' first-place showing. In the 200, Bailey Edwards was second and John Stroud was third behind Sourges' first-place showing.

Other top finish-

ON TAP

The Northville boys track and field team will compete again when they visit Walled Lake Western Saturday. The team will then visit South Lyon East Tuesday at 3:45 p.m.

es include Ryan Flanagan and Alec Przybocki in second and third, respectively, in the 400 dash, Alex Kerns taking second in the pole vault and May taking third in the 110 hurdles. The 4-by-100 relay team of Hsieh, Jonathon Li, John Stroud and Edwards took second.

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Wildcats split a pair

Girls lacrosse team falls to Salem after win over Farmington

By Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

The Novi girls lacrosse team came into Monday's game with visiting Salem shorthanded and came up a little short in the end, falling 11-8. The Wildcats, who played the game minus three senior captains, had to juggle the lineup and couldn't overcome a rough start.

"We had a tough first half but played much better in the second half and it ended up being a very close game," said Novi coach Caitlin Warda. "We had to rearrange our defense. We like to play zone but had to go to man-to-man and we did a good job once we switched."

The Wildcats are only in their second year as a program so overcoming two injuries and an illness to three key players

ON TAP

The Novi girls lacrosse team (2-3 overall) played at undefeated Canton yesterday. The Wildcats play at Rochester on Friday. On Monday, the Wildcats return home to host South Lyon and then play at Plymouth on Wednesday. All games are at 7 p.m.

well," Warda said. "Alana Clark had four goals and won about eight draws for us. She was a big help with our transitions and really played well."

Freshman attacker Gina Salemi also played well, scoring two goals for Novi. Natalie Trainor and Nicole Lazzara each scored once for the Wildcats.

Goalie Morgan Egner had 15 saves for Novi.

On Friday, the Wildcats got four goals from junior Megan Paul and three from Salemi in an impressive 7-4 win over host Farmington.

"It was another close game that we pulled out at the end," said Warda. "We lost only three draws and won 10 which was big for us."

Goalie Laura Pierson had 16 saves for the winners.

"She was phenomenal," Warda said.

Show of strength

Wildcats knock off host Milford 10-2 in boys lacrosse

By Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

The Novi boys lacrosse team stuck its game with Huron Valley in the win column.

The Wildcats had goals from six different players in a 10-2 win over Huron Valley last Wednesday at Milford High School.

"It was a well-played game by both teams," said Novi coach Eric Hoffman. "Huron Valley's goalie played a great game and kept the game close."

Lucas Buck led the Wild-

ON TAP

The Novi boys lacrosse team played yesterday at Northville. The Wildcats also play at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Troy. They host Plymouth at 7 p.m. on Wednesday and Notre Dame Prep at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

great," Hoffman said. "Huron Valley only scored when they were man-up. It was a good team effort the whole game."

The defense was led by Travis Sparling with three take-aways and five ground balls; Scott Schramm with one take-away and three ground balls; Tommy McMaster with two take-aways and four ground balls and Jason Sherran with three ground balls and played solid the whole game.

Mitch Adams faced seven shots and had five saves for the Wildcats.

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You win some, you lose some

Northville girls soccer takes two wins, first loss

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs girls soccer team suffered their first lump of the season last week, but tallied two wins to keep their season on the right track.

The team, coached by Eric Brucker, took a 5-0 victory over Livonia Stevenson and a 2-0 win over Canton last week, but fell in their first loss of the season to a veteran Plymouth team, 3-0.

Against Stevenson Monday evening, the Mustangs bounced back from their loss and collected a decisive 5-0 victory and even had the luxury of playing in 65-degree weather with no rain — an absolute rarity so far this “spring.”

The Mustangs didn’t take long to make a statement in the contest, scoring in the second minute when senior Gabbie Guibord fired home a shot from 30 yards away that found the back of the net for the 1-0 lead. Assisting on the opening salvo was sophomore forward Alana Dorfstatter.

Northville scored again

just six minutes later, again with an assist by Dorfstatter, who collected a through ball and fed it to sophomore Kelly McHugh with a high cross to the back post. McHugh settled the ball and fired home the goal for a 2-0 advantage.

The Spartans couldn’t find the answer for Northville’s offense and were behind 3-0 before the end of the first half. A Stevenson defender was called for handling inside the penalty box, giving Northville a penalty kick that was put in by senior Emily Bush.

“We had a much better team performance tonight,” said Brucker. “We were able to control the play with some quality possession which helped to generate more scoring opportunities. We also had good balance on the defensive side of the ball to help minimize the scoring chances by Stevenson. This was a good win to start (Central) Division play.”

In the second half, Northville didn’t slow down at all. McHugh tallied her second goal of the night just three min-



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Northville’s Gabbie Guibord gets some assistance to the pitch from Stevenson’s Sari Rakowitz during the teams’ April 15 game. No foul was called on the play; Northville was leading 2-0 early in the first half.

utes in as she snagged the ball from a Spartan defender who was unable to clear it and fired home a 22-yard shot to the upper left hand corner of the net for the 4-0 lead. The final tally came with just over nine minutes left in the contest when McHugh fired a shot that hit the crossbar and bounced back to junior Rachel Yaggi. Yaggi didn’t hesitate as she registered the final goal of the game for the 5-0 final.

Senior Kiki Hilmer earned her third shut-out of the season with two

saves in goal.

Northville climbed to 4-1 on the season with the victory while Stevenson fell to 2-2.

Plymouth 3, Northville 0

Northville’s first loss of the season came to a veteran Plymouth Wildcats squad last week in front of Northville’s hometown crowd.

With temperatures dipping to around 37 degrees and constant wind and rain, the field conditions were better suited for a rugby match than a soc-

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls soccer team will be back on the pitch when they visit Salem today at 7 p.m. before hosting Novi Tuesday at 7 p.m. The team will then play next Thursday at 7 p.m. at South Lyon.

scoring opportunities, but the Plymouth goalie, said Brucker, was up for the challenge. Brucker noted Guibord and Alexis Men-cotti both had strong performances in the contest, despite the loss.

Northville 2, Canton 0

The Mustangs used the strong play of their defense and a good showing by Hilmer in goal to earn a shutout against the often-powerful Canton Chiefs.

“(This was) a great effort tonight from the girls,” said Brucker. “We had solid defensive play and control a lot of the play tonight through the middle of the field. We generated some nice scoring opportunities in the second half.”

Northville tallied their first score at the 34-minute mark in the first half as junior Gabby Mencotti snagged a pass from the right flank from freshman Kacey Cerretani and fired it to the far post for the 1-0 lead.

It took another 34 minutes before the Mustangs would strike again, this time off the foot of Bush, who received a short-floated pass from McHugh in the 18-yard box and fired it home for the 2-0 score.

Novi tennis team sweeps S.L. East

By Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

The Novi girls tennis team opened the season on April 9 on the road against an experienced South Lyon East team. But even experience couldn’t handle the talented Wildcats as Novi netted a 7-0 victory.

The top three singles players for Novi were dominant in their season debut. Senior Caitlin O’Brien won 6-0, 6-2 over Erin Blackledge at No. 1 singles; junior Amy Zhou won 6-0, 6-0 over Rosemary Hyrila at No. 2 singles; and sophomore Dhivya Sridar won 6-0, 6-1 over Christine Appicelli at No. 3 singles.

At No. 4 singles, Novi

senior Abigail Swain won 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 over Kayla Marquardt in the only match of the day to go three sets.

Novi’s No. 1 doubles team of junior Harika Bollineni and freshman Allison Lollo won 6-2, 6-1; the No. 2 doubles team of seniors Melisa Bunio and Melanie Murphy won 6-1, 6-1; the No. 3 doubles team of sophomore Shaki-la Khan and senior Prasanti Ravipati won 6-3, 7-6 (2); and the No. 4 doubles team of sophomores Asritha Vinnakota and Minu Pitchiah won 6-1, 6-2.

At No. 5 doubles, junior Navya Devarasetty and freshman Tulasi Talluri won 7-5, 6-3.

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we did that and saw a lot of good things.”

He certainly saw plenty of good things from Erin Dircks, who didn’t seem to mind the chilly weather. The senior forward was on fire all afternoon for the visiting Wildcats, scoring three of Novi’s four goals.

With 37:15 left in the first half, Taylor Pavlika delivered a perfectly placed corner kick that Dircks placed in the back of the net to give Novi a 1-0 lead.

Just seven minutes later, Natalie Krygier, who dominated the mid-

dle of the field all day long for Novi, delivered a nice through-ball to Chloe Allen, who beat Saline goalie Hannah Sheth to make it 2-0.

Sheth made a couple of nice saves later in the half, including a diving stop in the final minute on a shot by Melissa Needham, to keep the score at 2-0 at the break.

The Wildcats struck early in the second half on a goal by Dircks with another assist from Pavlika.

At the 22:15 mark of the second half, Dircks scored again off a nice cross from Kendall Kramer to give Novi a 4-0 lead. Caterina Nussio picked up the assist on the goal.

The Hornets, who had few scoring chances for most of the second half, finally got on the scoreboard when Abbey Sovitch scored on a penalty kick with 3:32 left in the game. The Hornets had put good pressure on the Wildcats in the middle, just in front of keeper Jade Antolec, when the penalty was called.

Antolec, who played solid in net all day, got a hand on the shot but the ball deflected off the crossbar and into the net to cut the lead to 4-1.


With 2.7 seconds left in the game, Saline’s Taylor Mulder scored on a breakaway. Again, Antolec was able to get a hand on the ball but

Mulder followed up the first shot by delivering the rebound into the back of the net.

Saline coach Dana Restrck wasn’t pleased with the final score, but did see plenty of positives from a team missing four players.

“I thought we had a really good first half besides the goals. We were unorganized in the back at times and that’s what hurt us. Otherwise, I’m happy with the way we played,” said Restrck. “We have some new faces along the back line and that showed (Saturday),” Restrck said. “Novi is too good a team to make those kinds of mistakes.”

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Wildcats drop opener, but down Anderson in nightcap

By Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

The first time the Novi softball team stepped outside was in a game last Monday against visiting Southgate Anderson. And the lack of practice time showed as Anderson took the first game of a double-header 10-0. But the Wildcats bounced back with an impressive 9-6 win in the second game.

“I don’t want to make excuses, but we have not practiced outside yet and we just returned back from Easter Break so even though we played sloppy at times we did do a number of good things,” Lulek said. “I was pleased with the way we hit the ball in the second game. The girls played very hard. Now that we are able to practice outside I think we will be able to work on game situations and do things we were not able to do inside.”

Laura Oakley had the only Novi hit in the first game. Novi did get three walks including two by Jenna Lowney. Kailey Oppat had the other walk.

Natalie Tarrant allowed nine hits and three walks

ON TAP

The Novi softball team played yesterday at Northville. The Wildcats play at 4 p.m. on Monday at Plymouth and play two on Wednesday starting at 4 p.m. at home against South Lyon East. They host Canton at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 25.

while striking out two for Novi in the opener. The Wildcats had four throwing errors and three fielding errors.

Novi played a much better game in the nightcap as they pounded out 14 hits and scored nine runs.

Sam Troher had three hits including a double with two RBI; Kasey Lowney had two singles, a walk and an RBI; and Casey Lawler had a single, double and two RBI.

Mallory Daschke, Laura Oakley, Miranda Hanby, Lola Teran, Anna Greulich, Christina Oakley and Kailey Oppat had one hit apiece for the Wildcats.

Daschke gave up six hits and three walks while striking out four.

Northville girls lacrosse team splits two games

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville girls lacrosse team last week added another victory to their record to keep their season running at high-octane levels. So much so, that the first loss of the season against Saline a few days later only solidified their drive this season.

The squad came out last week and collected a close 12-11 victory over cross-town rival Novi before heading to Saline and falling to a very tough Hornets squad, 9-7.

The game against Novi proved to be a true challenge for the enthusiastic Mustangs, and the two teams came out of the opening half tied, 7-7, and pushed each other every step of the way until the final seconds remained.

Northville led, 12-11, and won the final face-off of the contest and looked to run out the clock. The Wildcats, however, pressured, causing a turnover and charged into the Northville defensive zone with second remaining the contest.

Northville’s defense reacted, doubling down on the ball carrier, but a whistle from the officials with three seconds left for a shooting-space foul within eight meters gave Novi a free shot.

The fans were on their feet and both teams could only watch as Northville goalie Kali Maisano, a senior, and a Novi attack stare one another down.

Maisano, who faced five free position shots on the night, watched as the attack drew back and fired. Maisano stepped in front of the shot, deflect-

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls lacrosse team will compete again when they visit Kettering tomorrow at 7 p.m. On Monday they will visit Canton before hosting Salem Wednesday at 7 p.m.

ing it wide and sealed the victory for the Mustangs, who had taken the lead just 85 seconds before.

With 1:28 left in the contest, Northville and Novi were knotted up, 11-11, following a goal a minute and a half earlier by Mustangs’ sharpshooter Claire Beaudoin. The contest was getting physical, which was expected between the rival teams, but Novi got a little too chippy with just under 90 seconds left in the contest and giving the Mustangs a free position shot.

Northville sent Beaudoin out for the shot, and she buried it to give her squad the lead and the victory, 12-11.

In the first half of the game, the Mustangs fell behind almost immediately, 1-0, when the Novi team raced down the field and put the first score on the board at the 22-minute mark of the first half. From that point on, it turned into a back-and-forth affair, with Northville tying the game nearly five minutes later on a shot by Erica MacDonald, who was assisted by Erin Vogel. Novi went up again a minute later, 2-1, and it took two more minutes before a shot by Beaudoin knotted the game up again for Northville.

The Mustangs took the lead at 11:26 on a shot by MacDonald, 3-2, but Novi tied it and went ahead with four straight-goals over one minute of play with scores coming with 10:31 left in the first half, 10:03, 9:50 and 9:29 to give the Wildcats a 6-3 advantage.

Northville was forced to collect itself and then went on the march, answering Novi’s onslaught with several goals of their own as Grace Guibord tallied at goal with just over eight minutes left in the first to make it a 6-4 game before Alivia DuQuet scored less than two minutes later, followed by a goal from Rylee Donovan to make it a 6-6 contest.

Novi struck again, however, taking the lead once again with just over four minutes left in the half, but a push on the offensive side of the field paid off in the waning moments of the half as Northville once again tied the game, this time off a free-position shot from Vogel with just 11 seconds on the clock to knot it at 7-7.

Northville struck first in the second half, scoring on a shot from Vogel, but the goal was answered by Novi less than a minute later for an 8-8 contest. Novi then took the lead with 15 minutes remaining, followed by MacDonald tying it for Northville at the 12:25 mark. Northville took the lead again a minute later off Vogel’s stick and then fell behind on a free-position score and another goal from Novi that put them up, 11-10, with 7:25 remaining before Northville came back to earn the last-minute victory.

Saline 9, Northville 7

Northville’s first loss of the season was truly a tale of two halves as Saline marched out to a commanding 5-2 lead in the first half before Northville dominated the second half but couldn’t muster enough points to secure the victory. In the first half of the contest, Northville came out with the opening goal off the stick of MacDonald before Saline scored five unanswered goals to slide out to a 5-1 lead. Northville did tally another goal from MacDonald with 1:26 left before the half to make it a 5-2 contest.

In the second half, Northville scored five goals and held Saline to just four, but couldn’t get enough traction to get the win. Saline opened the half with a goal at the 21:11 mark, and Northville answered with two goals from DuQuet and Vogel to cut into the Saline advantage, 6-4. Saline notched another goal with 13:36 left in the game and Northville scored three minutes later off a shot by Vogel to make it a 7-5 contest.

‘Stang boys earn two wins

The Northville Mustangs boys lacrosse team picked up two wins and suffered a loss last week.

The team, coached by Greg Durham, toppled the Howell Highlanders, 13-8, and defeated the Walled Lake Northern Knights, 16-10.

Northville also fell, 13-7, to Holt last week.

BASEBALL

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gled offensively, I thought we had good at bats and put the ball in play, only striking out two times,” said Kostrzewa. “We also ran the bases very well, taking the extra base when possible.”

In the second game, Evan Flohr pitched four complete innings of the shortened contest to earn the win.

He gave up an early run in the first inning and then settled down, striking out four and walking one.

“Offensively we made several base running mistakes that cost us opportunities to score early on, but overall it was a good way to start the season,” Kostrzewa said. “We pitched well and played good defense all day and that is what we try to stress and it showed in their play.”

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Unwanted alarms a serious issue for fire departments



The National Fire Protection Association and the International Association of Fire Chiefs released in 2012 the Fire Service Guide to Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarms, a free 17-page downloadable PDF document that offers guidance to members of the fire service to reduce unwanted fire alarms. It is available through NFPA's catalog at www.nfpacatalog.org/redgd.

Fire departments are often faced with challenges presented by unwanted alarms as they strive to allocate limited resources to fulfill their core mission of protecting lives and property and deal with these types of notifications which do not require emergency services. An unwanted alarm is defined by NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code, as any alarm that occurs that is not the result of a potentially hazardous condition. A recent NFPA study found that in 2009, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 2.1 million false alarms, which includ-

ed 979,500 responses due to unintentional activations and 698,000 due to system malfunctions.

"Unintentional fire alarm activations that clearly do not require an emergency response are happening at a rate that challenges the fire service and this guide was developed to offer guidance to fire departments seeking out information on how they can take action to reduce the amount of unwanted alarms in their community," said Ken Willette, NFPA's division manager of Public Fire Protection and a former fire chief.

This new guide offers fire service personnel basic knowledge on how fire alarm systems and detection devices operate and how to assess the cause of alarms where no emergency condition is apparent. The guide can assist authorities having jurisdiction (AHJ's) in developing strategies to manage response to unwanted alarms through practices reflective of risk assessment, resources management,

and current code recommendations. It addresses commercial and residential building fire alarm systems, as well as single-family dwellings and single- or multiple-station smoke alarms within dwelling units.

"Unwanted alarms are a drain on fire department resources and pose a significant safety hazard to both responders and the public," said Chief Hank Clemmensen, IAFC president and chairman of the board. "IAFC was pleased to work in collaboration with other fire service organizations, the federal government and industry to address this issue at the national level; but our work can't have true meaning if we don't provide tools and resources for our fire departments to make a difference in local communities."

This guide is the outcome of a summit that addressed the challenges of unwanted fire alarms that was hosted by NFPA, IAFC and the Unit-

ed States Fire Administration in 2011. NFPA and IAFC developed this document in collaboration.

The IAFC represents the leadership of firefighters and emergency responders worldwide. IAFC members are the world's leading experts in firefighting, emergency medical services, terrorism response, hazardous materials spills, natural disasters, search and rescue, and public safety legislation. Since 1873, the IAFC has provided a forum for its members to exchange ideas, develop professionally and uncover the latest products and services available to first responders.

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education.

Heed concerns, threats

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I recently heard about someone who was actually shot and killed while being a board president of a condominium. Do you have any information about it?

A: Mahmoud Yousef Hindi, a doctor accused of fatally shooting two board members of the Spring Creek Homeowners Association in Louisville, Ky., is now being held in jail without bond. Prosecutors are seeking

the death penalty for Hindi who opened fire during a Sept. 6, 2012, meeting and killed board president David

Meritt and board member Marvin Fisher. According to police reports, Hindi was frustrated over several battles with association leaders. He is quoted as saying "they just made the killer in me. I had to do it." "Those are not human beings, those are actually big-time racists." Hindi has since pleaded not guilty to two charges of murder and multiple counts of first-degree wanton endangerment. This underscores the fact that frustrations and anger in condominiums can result in the ultimate price being paid by those who are willing to serve and that no complaint should be taken lightly.

Q: We have a person in our condominium that leaves food and water out for feral cats. The cats are a nuisance and we want them to leave. How can we keep residents from feeding them?

A: If these feral cats are in your complex and they are not spayed or neutered, the stray cat population in your association can explode. Associations can expect good Samaritan residents to attempt to care for stray animals. Most people don't want to see animals starving and suffering, which is why feeding bans are not effective ways to control homeless cat populations. Moreover, in my experience, Associations don't always have the tools to stop residents from feeding the strays either. I counsel Association clients, however, to consider trap, neuter and return (TNR) programs to control nuisance homeless cats. Associations perceived as having inhumane or cruel rules regarding homeless cats, however, risk becoming the targets of community outrage and animal rights groups. You may wish to reach out to your local animal control agency to discuss the feasibility of TNR in your community.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

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47113 Glastonbury Dr	\$295,000
863 Harrison St	\$250,000
4151 Hunters Cir W	\$65,000
50201 Jefferson St	\$258,000
43776 Laurelwood Dr	\$136,000
50463 Monroe St	\$216,000
8271 Orhan St	\$123,000

45926 S Stonewood Rd	\$250,000
1715 Stonebridge Way	\$304,000
46961 Torrey Hills Ct	\$305,000
909 Torrey Hills Dr	\$270,000
42075 Trent Dr	\$227,000
39874 Woodale Way	\$166,000
GARDEN CITY	
29456 Alvin St	\$28,000
33065 John Hauk St	\$48,000
LIVONIA	
35556 Ann Arbor Trl	\$160,000
36905 Ann Arbor Trl	\$121,000
35548 Bennett St	\$90,000
36612 Bobrich St	\$191,000
9907 Cranston St	\$148,000
35863 Elmira St	\$175,000
11858 Farmington Rd	\$90,000
14977 Haller St	\$33,000
15212 Knolson St	\$102,000
36915 Lancaster St	\$134,000
18825 Nola St	\$125,000
19280 Parkville St	\$74,000

33051 Perth St	\$184,000
19786 Saint Francis St	\$46,000
14621 Stonehouse Ave	\$111,000
18296 Whitby St	\$105,000
32200 Wisconsin St	\$120,000
NORTHVILLE	
17877 Briar Ridge Ln	\$708,000
44414 Broadmoor Blvd	\$366,000
45029 Broadmoor Cir S	\$359,000
45035 Broadmoor Cir S	\$345,000
17289 Crestbrook Dr	\$540,000
16164 Crystal Downs E	\$534,000
16228 Crystal Downs E	\$489,000
46400 Crystal Downs W	\$595,000
46454 Crystal Downs W	\$453,000
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16184 Oakwood Ct	\$431,000
15744 Robinwood Dr	\$255,000
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19064 Stonewater Blvd	\$760,000
50451 Teton Ridge Rd	\$499,000
PLYMOUTH	

9961 N Canton Center Rd	\$278,000
47675 Norton Ct	\$465,000
48995 Pine Bluff Ct	\$473,000
Redford	
15832 Denby	\$38,000
17150 Garfield	\$33,000
14215 Marshall Dr	\$200,000
14238 Mason Dr	\$133,000
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16005 Marguerite St	\$192,000
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218 Hillboro Dr	\$190,000

5320 Hollow Dr	\$263,000
3610 Larkwood Ct	\$425,000
1747 Saint Johns Ct	\$312,000
2232 Sudbury Way	\$359,000
325 Wadsworth Ln	\$268,000
1691 Ward Rd	\$310,000
1710 Ward Rd	\$130,000
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8119 Farrant St	\$337,000
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35371 Dewberry St	\$156,000
36883 Lansbury Ln	\$147,000
33144 Tall Oaks St	\$150,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
27650 Acorn Park Ct	\$205,000
29126 Augusta	\$390,000
32411 Briarcrest Knls	\$173,000
25546 Bridlepath Ln	\$252,000
30343 Essex Dr	\$220,000
28143 Golf Pointe Blvd	\$284,000
31494 Hunters Circle Dr	\$119,000
30953 Huntsman Dr E	\$269,000
27864 Kendallwood Dr	\$42,000
30157 Muirland Dr	\$225,000
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27972 Hopkins Dr	\$168,000
27974 Hopkins Dr	\$155,000
27976 Hopkins Dr	\$158,000
28028 Hopkins Dr	\$161,000
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20965 Constitution St	\$108,000
24171 Evergreen Rd	\$35,000
20081 Lacrosse Ave	\$68,000
28440 Lahser Rd	\$45,000
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ACROSS

1 Blouse, e.g.
6 Mountain lion
10 Part of Moby's name
13 Modern
19 Wood-turning tool
20 Oil
21 List-ending abbr.
22 Skilled public speaker
23 Daffodil
24 Fatherly
26 Series of church petitions
27 Start of a riddle
30 Ballet outfit
31 Male wig
32 French desire
36 Alert to squad cars, briefly
39 Riddle, part 2
44 Rural retreat
46 Plural "is"
47 Catch right on
48 Polo
49 Southern Sioux
50 Full of negatives

DOWN

1 Dinner side
2 Don't own
3 "trap"
4 Butler of "Gone With the Wind"
5 Olympian squad in red, white, and blue
6 Kid's pistol
7 Cream pie
8 Garlic glove
9 Dairy
10 Lacking a sound basis
11 Regulation
12 Sun block?
13 Ick director's cry
14 One of the Great Lakes
15 American Indian or wine
16 Homer's I answer
17 Prefix with prof. ferat on
18 Take a crack at
25 Old paper section
28 "Who am I - say?"
29 Jazz saxophonist
30 Fugue
31 Bouncer's floor request
35 Nearsighted people
36 Assent
37 Succinct, as a saying
38 I like kink
40 Missiles
41 Wall St. mavens
42 Lower boy
43 Hadule

ACROSS

53 With R5-
55 Gull life type
56 Riddle, part 8
62 Barrell & the original Pink Floyd
63 Crooner
64 Franklin w/ soul
65 I-bombs and the ke
66 Reel partner
68 Riddle, part 2
72 Miss - mile
73 Cast off, as leathers
75 Shogun
76 - kwon do (martial art)
78 Memphis-to-Chicago dir.
81 Riddle, part 5
87 - Mac Brown (Whorpi Gidberg's Oscar-winning "Ghost" role)
88 A Stooge
89 Steiner and Talmadge
90 Gambler's IOU

DOWN

91 Wyoming's - Range
93 "How awful!"
96 See 53-
97 Savior -
98 Land of the riddle
104 - capita
105 "Star Wars" sage
106 Types, e.g.
107 Curling too
109 Hiddle's answer
117 Reason
120 Mail rat, typically
121 Amazed
122 Eye piece?
123 Luba loca
124 Rice-A-
125 Signs over
126 In the hub of
127 Rd. crosses
128 Wet blanket dir.
129 Artory insert

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45 Old NASA lender
50 Alias letters
51 Back hit
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58 Notable time period
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69 Without a - (permissible)
70 Opp. n
71 Spy novelist
72 Stinger
73 Not uniform
74 Signature line of Cas Calloway
75 Airport northwest of LA
77 "Six-pack" muscles
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82 1970s-80s Dodge
83 Post-1 item

DOWN

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101 Songwriter Sammy
102 Wall-drilling equipment
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108 Trio tripled
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111 Hospital unit
112 Assistant of Frankenstein
113 Musical Home
114 Roe v. -
115 "Zoolander" actor Wilson
116 It's bird-built
117 Major record label, once
118 - pah band
119 Cycle or angle starter

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Comparisons between job hunting and dating are common, and never are they more true than when it comes to the follow-up. After a date, you want to let the other person know you're interested, but you don't want to appear desperate. Plus, you don't want to feel foolish if he or she had no intention of contacting you again. On the other hand, what if he or she is waiting for you to make the call and if you don't, you'll miss out on a great romance?

So many questions and no definite answers to any of them. Ultimately you have to use your judgment and hope for the best outcome possible.

Following up after a job interview is similar. As if you weren't nervous enough, you end up asking yourself a dozen questions and imagining hypothetical situations. "If I follow up now, do I seem desperate? If I wait too long, will they think I'm lazy? What if I'm the front-runner but I bug them and they cross my name off the list? What if I'm tied with someone and my initiative gives me the edge?"

As with dating, job hunts don't have rules set in stone. At best, you can do what feels right and see what happens.

Here are three possible methods for following up with an employer and ways to know

if you've crossed the line from eager to annoying.

1. The thank-you note is necessary after an interview, and no job seeker can afford to forgo it. Thank-you notes tell hiring managers that you respect their time. They have packed schedules and can afford to spend time interviewing only a select group of applicants, so your note acknowledges how grateful you are to get some face time.

Appropriate: An e-mailed note on the same day of the interview shows that you are courteous and don't dawdle. For most employers, an e-mail is an acceptable form of thanks because e-mail is a part of everyday business life and arrives quickly. A handwritten letter can be sent as a supplement to the e-mail if you want to stress your gratitude or you know the interviewer is old-fashioned.

Overkill: If you're going to follow up with a letter after your follow-up letter, think again. You already said thank you, so what else do you need to say? Both you and the hiring manager know that another letter is your way of asking, "Did I get the job?" Don't clog the hiring manager's inbox with more notes unless you want to be thought of as a pest.

2. The phone call is daunting and not the right move in every job situation. In fact, many job postings specifically



state, "No phone calls." Unless you're feeling brave, you might want to skip it.

Appropriate: Unless you were specifically instructed not to call the hiring manager or another contact, you can make the call after an appropriate amount of time has passed. In this case, if you were given a deadline for when a decision would be made, let it pass and wait a few extra days and then make the call. Just once (unless instructed to call back).

Overkill: The phone call is one of the easiest ways to sabotage your image. Call once, when appropriate, and don't call again unless you've been told to. Phone calls are a nuisance in a way that letters and e-mails aren't. You can decline to open a message or just read it and ignore it. A phone call is harder to ignore if it requires the hiring manager to screen his or her calls once you become a repeat

offender. If the company wants you, it probably won't forget to call you.

3. The pop-in causes you anxiety when your in-laws do it. Your place is a mess and suddenly you're forced to entertain people who you might not like very much anyway. Don't do that to an employer if you want to be considered for a job.

Appropriate: Stopping by to visit the company is rarely acceptable. Unless you have an explicit indication that you're welcome to show up uninvited, which would actually imply that you are invited, showing up in person is very inappropriate. This follow-up is one case where once is almost certainly too much.

Overkill: When you show up and the hiring manager or receptionist gives you a look that says, "Why are you here?" you'll know you've crossed a line. Em-

ployers are busy — they have schedules, meetings, clients and tasks. By showing up unannounced, you not only disrupt their routine but also imply that you are more important than their obligations and deserve their immediate attention.

Of course, you're bound to meet someone who broke one of these rules and impressed the hiring manager by his or her audacity. Perhaps going against etiquette will work. Just be aware that you're risking your professional reputation and could be removing yourself from the running for a job where you were once a top candidate.

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