





#### Rouge Rescue

Normally the annual Rouge Rescue event is held the first Saturday in June. However, this year a number of work sites will take place in May, including one in Northville Township.

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox is sponsoring the work site at Bennett Arboretum in Hines Park (on Hines Drive north of Six Mile) from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 11. Organizers need about 50 volunteers for the family-friendly event.

For more information, contact Jordyn Salmon at jsalmon@ co.wayne.mi.us.

#### Leave a legacy

The Northville District Library is hosting a program on the benefits of planned giving at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 16. Leave a Legacy Michigan Co-Chairman Chris Belcher will offer an overview of estate planning with an emphasis on the benefits of planned giving, to ensure your money goes where you want it to. Take some steps now to ensure that the organizations that you care about benefit from your estate planning. Leave a Legacy is designed to inspire everyone to make a charitable bequest to an organization. Call (248) 349-3020 to register for this informational program.

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## Sunday morning fire displaces family

Faulty fire hydrant hinders efforts to put out blaze

By Kurt Kuban Staff Writer

Fighting a fire is never easy, as there are always unexpected challenges. Northville Township firefighters experienced just one of those instances early Sunday morning when they responded to a fire at a home on the 41700 block of Ladywood Drive. Their efforts to put out the intense fire were hampered due

to an inoperable fire hydrant across the street from the home.

The fire not only displaced a family of four from the home, but the incident has caused some neighbors to question how many other hydrants in the township might not be working.

Fortunately the 63-year-old homeowner, Patrick Allen, his 38-year-old daugh-

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Northville Township firefighters arrived at a home on Ladywood Drive early Sunday morning to find the attached garage completely engulfed in flames.

## Soldier returns from Afghanistan to surprise younger brother at school

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

A recent visit from a U.S. Army soldier left Hillside Middle School and one sixth grader extremely surprised.

Sixth grader Wolfie Mueller hadn't seen his step-brother Landon Langham in two years, and there was a good reason. Langham has been serving as an US Army intelligence analyst in Afghanistan. But the two were reunited a couple weeks ago when Sgt. Langham along with Wolfie's father and mother, Wolfgang and Shanna Mueller, surprised him during the school day.

"Frankly, he was blown away when Landon walked into the lunch room," said Wolfie's dad. "I think everyone was."

There was hardly a dry eye in the room as they all embraced. Langham was on a weekend leave from Ft. Hood, Texas when he came back to Northville to see his fam-

For Langham, it was a day he's been looking forward to for some time. He said it's difficult to be a big brother from afar.

"I was nervous and excited at the same time," he said. "It was a really emotional and happy moment."

"I want to thank Hillside for allowing this to happen," Wolfgang Muel-ler said. "I think it was important for the students at the school to see a soldier in uniform. Everyone really appreciates their service."

Langham, 28, is a 2003 graduate of Catholic Central and 2007 grad of Western Michigan University. He expects to be honorably discharged in two months as a sergeant.

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U.S. Army soldier Landon Langham is reunited with his brother Wolfie Shanna on April 26 after they hadn't seen each other in two years. Wolfie, a Hillside Middle School student, was surprised by his step-brother's visit and those enjoying their lunch in the school's cafeteria applauded their happy reunion. Landon had been overseas, mostly in Afghani-

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## Farmers Market kicks off a new season on beautiful day

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Thursday, May 2 — opening day of the Northville Farmers Market — dawned bright and sunny. Kristin Cho of Northville Township and son Eli, 3, were

ready. "We've been waiting all winter for it," she said. "Just come down and support the local market. And you can't beat the day." She looks for soap, honey, herbs and produce.

"I will come here every week and plan dinner around what I get here," Cho said as Eli perused some colorful flowers.

The market, sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, runs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Thursday through Oct. 31 at the lot adjacent to Northville

Downs on Seven Mile.

Brandon Mitchell was busy that morning with his Cellar Door Soap Co., based in Plymouth Township, where he lives. This is Mitchell's third year at the Northville market and he also participates in the Plymouth, Dearborn and Canton markets.

"We do very well," Mitchell said. "This is pretty much our bread and butter. This is what we do right now."

He specializes in hand-crafted vegan-friendly soaps, and has done that a little more than five vears. "The variety of things to see and do" draws people in, he

"It's a good place for people to congregate and see their neigh-

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#### NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

#### Marijuana possession

A 20-year-old Northville man was arrested for marijuana possession after making a wrong turn.

On May 3, Northville City Police stopped the man after he turned onto northbound Novi Street from Eight Mile Road, which during certain hours isn't permitted. The man said he saw the posted sign, but made the turn anyway because he was late for work. As police spoke with him, it was reported the odor of marijuana was detected inside the vehicle.

After being asked whether or not anything was in the vehicle, the man said there was marijuana inside the glove box. A pipe along with a container with a substance that later tested positive for marijuana was found

#### Trespassing

Three people were cited for trespassing when a Northville Township police officer noticed their vehicle parked on the old hospital property along Seven Mile. According to reports, a 22-year-old Ann Arbor woman, a 20-year-old Ann Arbor man, and a 23-year-old Frankenmuth man were inside the Ford Escape when the officer approached, and flagged them down.

The driver told the officer the three used to live in the community, and decided to drive through because the property looked "spooky." They thought they would be able to drive through, but couldn't find an exit once they drove onto the property, which is owned by Northville Township.

All three were cited for trespassing, a misdemeanor, and were given a May 29th date in 35th District Court.

## Unsung hero gets her due

## Longtime Meads Mill parapro garners national award for academic work

**By Julie Brown** Staff Writer

Karen McDonald, a paraprofessional at Meads Mill Middle School, has been with the Northville school district for 12 years. The Wixom resident recently garnered national kudos with an award through Phi Alpha Theta, the national honor society for history scholars.

"To get this award was really nice," said McDonald, a 1975 Northville High School graduate. She earned a bachelor's degree in telecommunications in her younger days and now is studying at Wayne State University for a second bachelor's and teaching accreditation.

"It was a really nice ceremony," she said of the recognition. "It's an award for academic excellence in the history department."

She works at Meads Mill with kids who struggle academically.

"I do love it, it's a great school district," McDonald said of Northville, where she'd like to teach. "It is such a growing

The award helped to motivate her when driving to the WSU campus after work didn't appeal, especially this long past winter. She was encouraged by her students.

"Kids always ask me how I'm doing in school," said McDonald, mom to three grown children, the youngest 29. "They were



Meads Mill paraprofessional Karen McDonald was recently recognized with an award by Phi Alpha Theta — a national honor society for history scholars.

supportive and congratulated me."

Colleagues including Principal Sue Meyer were also quick to congratulate her. Meyer earned her doctorate when McDonald had started at Meads Mill, and that helped inspire the paraprofessional to return to school.

"If you have more goals, just keep working at them," McDonald said. "That's what inspired me.

"Education is vital," she said, noting she sometimes forgot what it was like to be a student. "I had pressures on me from my classes. You have to prioritize your time."

That's helped her in her work as an educator. McDonald anticipates a 2014 Wayne State graduation: "I felt good about it because my commitment has been there," she said of the award.

Friend Kim Peragine of Northville was a classmate since elementary school.

"I think it's phenome-

nal that somebody of her caliber gets a national award," Peragine said of the lifetime membership in Phi Alpha Theta. "She is so intelligent. This is a woman who's super. The only challenge is financial issues."

Peragine praised McDonald's impact on students.

'She's so inspiring with the kids. She's great with these kids."

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## Council gives final approval to new outdoor watering restrictions

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The Northville City Council waived its second reading, and adopted the proposed amendments to its lawn watering ordinance, enacting a number of restric-

The following are the new restrictions for City of Northville residents, which were approved by 4-0 vote. Mayor Chris Johnson was absent from the meeting.

• Even numbered addresses: Properties with an even-numbered address will be allowed to irrigate on even-numbered dates within the month and shall not be allowed to irrigate on odd-numbered dates within the month.

• Odd numbered addresses: Properties with an odd-numbered address will be allowed to irrigate on odd-numbered dates within the month and shall not be allowed to irrigate on even-numbered dates within the month.

• Underground irrigation systems: For those properties that have an underground irrigation system, outdoor watering, including the sprinkling of lawns and landscaping, shall be done only during the non-peak hours of midnight and 5 a.m., subject to the odd/even sprinkling schedule noted above.

• Manual irrigation: A water user may manually irrigate landscaping, provided that the irrigation is not connected to an underground irrigation system and is attended and monitored by the water user, but not during the hours of 5-11 a.m., and is subject to the odd/even sprinkling schedule as well.

During public comment, resident John Webster asked what the specific restrictions were and said he was confused after reading an article in the newspaper. He thought all users, including

those using hoses by hand, would be limited to midnight-5 a.m. watering hours. City Council member Nancy Darga also expressed the need of better clarifying the restrictions.

Public Works Director James Gallogly said the midnight-5 a.m. restriction pertained only to automatic sprinklers.

The council further amended his recommendation and struck the restriction of manual users not being allowed to water between 4 p.m.-9 p.m.

As part of the final language for the enforcement of the ordinance, the specific fine schedule was approved. Acting on concerns raised by the Police Chief Gary Goss, Gallogly said the violation was changed from a misdemeanor with a \$500 fine to a civil infraction with a \$50 fine (\$100 repeat fine). He said this includes the ability to add unpaid fines to property taxes.

These changes come in the city's effort to reduce Northville's water demand during peak hours. The DPW has implemented changes to the water control system utilized by the city through such things as replacing a critical supply valve, and plans to retain an engineering firm to monitor and adjust the city's controls during peak water usage days in summer months.

Gallogly said to further ensure it doesn't exceed its contracted maximum flow rate, the DPW has recommended the implementation of outdoor water use restrictions through this ordinance

To learn more about Chapter 86 Utilities, Article II Water System in the Code of Ordinances go to the city web site at http://www.ci.northville.mi.us/.

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## Voices of distinction

NHS choir students earn a place at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival

The Northville High School choir program has hit a home run this year with four individual vocalists and one vocal ensemble group representing the Mustangs at the 51st Annual Michigan Youth Arts Festival (MYAF), which begins today and runs through Saturday in Kalamazoo.

Nearly 1,000 high school artists involved in a wide range of artistic disciplines (including creative writing, dance, media arts, instrumental and vocal music, music composition, theatre, and visual art) were invited to the Festival, having been selected from



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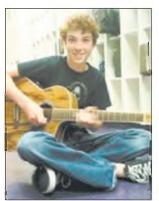
**Ashley Hart** 

more than 250,000 student applicants across the state. These students were selected based solelv on their artistic merit, through a succession of auditions. Invitation to the Festival represents one of the most prestigious honors in the arts



Lauren Wickett

education community. Judges selected Back-Beat from among hundreds of groups at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival as one of 13 finalist groups. Collec-



Michael Dause

tively, these 13 ensembles represent the very best singing groups throughout Michigan. Michael Dause, Andrew Donnelly, Ryan Duda, Brian Grimmer, Spencer Maize, Jonathon Oh, Hunter Wright and Joseph Wylie comprise BackBeat.

Individual vocalists Michael Dause, Ashley Hart, Lauren Wicket and Annelie Herrmann, have been named Michigan Youth Arts Distinguished Scholars and were selected as members of the 125 voice All-State Choir.

NHS senior Michael Dause performs in the Chamber and Chorale Choirs. In addition to singing, he plays the drums, guitar and piano. While at NHS, Dause has been in several productions, including Beauty and the Beast, Hairspray, You're a Good Man Charlie Brown, It's a Wonderful Life and Thoroughly Modern Millie. Next year, Dause will attend Belmont University in Nashville and be enrolled in the Music and Entertainment Business Program. This is his first time in

Ashley Hart, also a senior, performs in the Chamber and Chorale



**BackBeat** 



**Annelie Herrmann** 

Choirs, and Treblemakers. She also sings the national anthem for the NHS boys hockey games. Next year, she will study at DePaul University where she intends on majoring in psychology and minoring in music. Hart eventually hopes to work in the areas of child psychology and early child development. This is her first time in the All-State Choir.

Lauren Wickett, another senior, sings in the Chamber Choir, Treblemakers, and various Michigan Youth Ensembles at the University of Michigan. She plays the flute and piccolo in the school marching band. Wickett has also been in several school productions including Hairspray, You're a Good Man Charlie Brown and Beauty and the Beast. Next year she will study at the Cleveland Institute of Music, where she hopes to begin her career as a singer. This is her first time in

Annelie Herrmann, a junior, sings in the Chamber Choir. She plays the piano and is president of the German Club, a member of the NHS Robot-

the All-State choir

ics Team, and is a varsity member of the NHS girls cross country team. Herrmann hopes to study medicine when she goes to college. This is her third time participating in the All-State choir.

At the Festival, Back-Beat will perform at Western Michigan University's Dalton Center on Friday, May 10 at 1 p.m. The All-State Honors Concert will be held at Miller Auditorium at Western Michigan University on Saturday, May 11 from 2:30-5 p.m. Tickets for both performances are free.

The performers can be heard locally in their respective Northville High School Choirs at the NHS Spring Choir Concert, to be held May 15 and Mayh 16. Tickets are \$7. You can also enjoy these singers on a new CD — Chamber, Back-Beat, Treblemakers and Chorale are featured on a new 16-song disc available for \$10. Inquiries regarding purchasing either the CD or tickets for the Spring Concert can be made to Ms. Pryce at prycema@northvilleschools.org.







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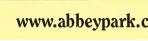




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## School district reaches new deal with four unions

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

In the new two-year contracts Northville Public Schools has reached with some of its employee groups there are some concessions that continue while other benefits are being

According to the agreements, there will be a continuation of unpaid furlough days and frozen step increases.

In exchange for these continued concessions, the agreement also partially restores wage concessions previously taken by providing "off schedule" salary adjustments.

Last week, the Northville Board of Education by a 6-0 vote approved two-year contract agreements with four of its employee groups.

"The agreements reflect a true collaboration balancing the mutual desire to increase pay for employees who accepted significant concessions two years ago against the harsh reality of flat and uncertain revenues from the state and unpredictable employee retirement costs," said Northville Board of Education President Ken

The employee groups covered by these agreements include the Northville Association of School Administrators (building principals, assistant principals, the athletic director and program supervisors); Central Office Administrators not including the superintendent (two assistant superintendents and district-wide directors); Office Support Personnel from across the district; and Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs employees.

No representative from the groups spoke. However, it was noted Hillside and Meads Mill

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Principals James Cracraft and Susan Meyer represented the School Administrator group.

**Contract negotiations** with the districts other employee groups are proceeding well, according to Human Resources director David Rodgers. The largest employee group (with over 300) is the Northville Education Association, whose contract expires this

August. The four signed agreements, which cover the 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years, provide a 1.75 percent wage increase for Central Office, district and school administrators, that partially restores a 4 percent wage reduction taken by these employees in the previous two-year contract.

Office Support Personnel and Early Childhood Education and Extended Day program employees will receive a 1 percent wage increase following a wage freeze for these two groups in the previous contract.

Both wage increases will be "off schedule" and will not carry forward into the next contract, and there will be no step raises for eligible employees in these groups during the two years of the contracts. Additionally, the two unpaid furlough days per school year, which were bargained into the previous contracts for central office, district and school administrators, and office support personnel, will continue under the new agree-

Rodgers said all four of the agreements have changes in the district's health care plan, including new prescription drug co-pay that applies after the high-deductible is met. In addition, instead of paying 20 percent of the health care premium, employees will now pay all costs

that exceed the Public Act 152 "hard cap" amounts set by the Michigan Department of Treasury for family, twoperson and individual

health care coverage. The district stated both Public Act 152 and Federal Health Care Reform create complexities in contract negotiations that were not in effect at the time the current agreements were settled two years ago.

While the contracts for these four groups were not to expire until June 30, 2013, both parties were interested in reaching these agreements in a timely manner to avoid the significant employee contribution increases under the current medical plan, which would have been required by law at contract expiration had an agreement on medical plan modifications not

been reached. The new agreement reached with the school administrators also includes contract language changes to comply with Michigan's new

right to work law. Roth thanked the district staff for their hard work in getting these agreements worked out. And he thanked the employee groups "for their continued willingness to take action to help protect the financial stability of our district during these challenging and unpredictable economic times for public education."

He added, "We remain confident that by working together — board members, district leaders, teachers, staff, students, families and community members — we will navigate these difficult financial times with a focus on providing the best possible educational programs for all students.

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#### NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### **Armed Forces Day**

The Northville High School baseball program will host its Armed Forces Day Doubleheader beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday May 18 at the varsity baseball field and grounds, 45700 Six Mile Road. The teams will be collecting snacks and toiletries for the troops. Admission is free and food will be available. Veteran and active duty troops are invited to attend, as well as the community in gen-

The Mustangs will take on White Lake Lakeland at 11 a.m., and then Wyandotte Roosevelt at 2 p.m.

Activities include a color guard, military displays, giveaways, obstacle course, jousting challenge, and games. Donations will be accepted by 501(c)3 Michigan Military Moms for troops overseas. Popular individually packed snack donations include drink mix, beef jerky, granola bars, power bars, coffee/

tea packets, pull-tab cans (fruit, soup, tuna). Popular toiletry donations are SPF 45 sun block, lotion (zinc, vitamin E), shampoo, conditioner, gel deodorant, bug spray, and foot powder. Popular entertainment donations are hand-held board games, travel games, batteries, decks of cards, Frisbees, and Nerf footballs. Miscellaneous needs include knit hats, twin-sized blankets, plastic utensils, dryer sheets, pens, stationery, and old cell phones.

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#### Vocal music program

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## Superintendent orders new training for all bus drivers

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Northville Public School officials have completed their investigation of the April 12 bus incident, in which a driver was placed on an immediate administrative leave for dropping off a number of students at an undesignated stop after an incident on the bus.

According to Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher, the investigation has been completed with the assistance of school district administration, the building principal, management representatives from the district's contracted transportation provider (Durham Student Services), and the student bus rid-

She wrote a letter to parents on May 3. "Based on the results of the investigation, appropriate disciplinary measures were applied by Durham Student Services. Further, the district has mandated additional training, which took place on May 3, for all bus drivers and bus aides in the areas of positive student intervention and support, verbal de-escalation strategies, and refresher training in district transportation procedures," Gallagher wrote in the letter.

It was not specified what discipline the driver received.

Gallagher added, "Equally important, this incident also provided an opportunity to reinforce the responsibilities of everyone involved in student transportation including our students, bus drivers and aides, transportation office personnel, and District and building administration."

On April 12, the school district received a report at 4 p.m. that one of its buses pulled off the road on Six Mile Road between Bradner and Northville roads after 3:15 p.m., and that students got off of the bus. It was confirmed that an unspecified number of students disembarked Bus L at a location other than a designated stop, while students were being transported home from Meads Mill Middle School. The bus driver was a substitute.

"While situations may arise that could potentially impede bus safety, it is imperative that appropriate action is taken to avoid placing students at risk. As a result of this investigation, actions were taken to enforce the district's Student Code of Conduct based on information available to the school district," said Gallagher. "Additional steps have been taken to reinforce the actions available to our principals, administrators, and transportation service providers to ensure that students are transported safely."

For those with any concerns about the district's transportation service, they can contact Mike Henry, general manager, and Durham School Services at (248) 344-8470 or jmhenry@durhamschoolservices.com with a copy to Chris Gearns, director of Operations for Northville Public Schools at GearnsCh@ northvilleschools.org. Additionally, Gallagher said if anyone notices a student issue on a bus, please contact that student's principal to report the concern.

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bors, friends from around town. Plus you get to get out and enjoy this beautiful weather," he said.

Nearby with flowers and plants was Bill Lintner of Hollow Oak Farm Nursery and Greenhouses, a 40-acre farm in the South Lyon area. Lintner, who also does the Brighton market, is in his third year in Northville.

"Most of the time they're looking for something with a bigger flower," he said. "Geraniums have been No. 1 for years."

Last year, he celebrated 50 years of working with flowers. Lintner also was a school administrator for 26 years. He hasn't had many questions this year on impatiens' limitations in Michigan, and said that flower can be planted here but won't bloom as much.

Lintner added it'll still get cold here, as his daughter in Minneapolis was reporting snow in ear-



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Eli Cho, 3, hustles between some rows of gardenias and ferns on May 2, the first day of the Northville Farmers Market. The market, located at the northwest corner of Seven Mile and Center, is open every Thursday through Oct. 3, and runs 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ly May. He's glad to carry on the farming tradition: "There's very few farms left."

Market manager Sher Watkins and volunteers were distributing doughnuts to vendors, an opening day tradition. She said organizers have market photos dating back to  $192\bar{4}$ .

It was then in the old opera house building,

where Rebecca's restaurant and the bike shop are now. "It has moved around quite a bit" and hasn't been continuous, Watkins

There are 75-90 vendors in a typical week filling 100-125 stalls.

"Isn't this perfect?" she agreed of the blue skies and warm temperatures. "Yes, this was by special order."

You can buy gift cards at the chamber office, good for such occasions as Mother's Day or teacher appreciation, and spend those at the market. There's also a SPROUTS program of kids' activities weekly.

Starting July 11, there will be a new gourmet corner with details to come. Chef demonstrations will be at the market almost weekly beginning May 16.

The market is held to maintain community traditions, Watkins said, and "to provide fresh, locally grown produce." It also provides a sense of community. Office workers visit for lunch and neighbors run into each other.

"I think it works incredibly well," Watkins said.

The chamber website can be reached under "Events" via www.northville.org, and the market

is also found on Facebook. For information on volunteering or joining the Friends of the Market, call (248) 349-7640.

cbrown@hometownlife.com

#### **ENGAGEMENT**



#### Pascente-Gaidica

Chantel Pascente and Charles Gaidica of Northville are engaged to be married. Pascente is the daughter of Tony and Marlene Pascente of Ridgefield, Conn. She has a degree in directing/design for theater from New York University, and is currently employed by Lighting Supply Co. She is also a freelance lighting designer. Gaidica is the son of Chuck and Susan Gaidica of Northville. He has a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University, and is currently attending the University of Michigan pursuing a master's degree in architecture. An August 4, 2013 wedding is planned in Brooklyn, New York.

#### **NORTHVILLE SENIOR** SERVICES CALENDAR

Northville Community Center Senior Services

Location: 303 W. Main St. Contact: (248) 349-4140

• FASHION FRENZY **FASHION SHOW** Noon to 3 p.m., Wednesday,

May 22. Details: Fashions by Dress Barn, lunch and prizes. RSVP early by May 16. The fee is

and the event has sold out in past years.

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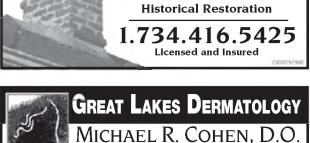
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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, May 20, 2013, at 7:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers of the Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, for the purpose of receiving testimony and discussing the proposed 2013-14 Annual City Budget.

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

PROPOSED 2013 MILLAGE RATES The following statements are provided, as required by State statute, concerning the 2013 proposed millage levies for the City of Northville. The 2013 tax levy for the City Operating Millage is proposed to be 13.5864 mills, compared to 13.5864 mills in 2012, resulting in no change. The City Council has authority under the City Charter to set the Operating Millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 14.1824 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee roll-back formula.

The 2013 levy for the Improvement Program for Streets, Drainage and Sidewalks, approved by the voters on March 4, 1997, is proposed to be 1.7670 mills, compared to 1.7670 mills in 2012,

The total City millage for operating, debt, and improvements is proposed to be 15.3534 mills in 2013. Compared to the 15.3534 mills levied in 2012, the increase is 0.0000 mills, or 0.00%

ANTICIPATED EQUALIZATION FACTORS The 2013 equalization factors for both Wayne and Oakland County are expected to be 1.00 for all classes of property.

### **FIRE**

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ter, and her two sons, all of whom lived in the home, were able to escape without injury. Neighbors say they are devastated by the fire, which completely destroyed the attached garage and all its contents, and caused severe smoke damage to the home. The fire also destroyed the family's three vehicles, one of which was in the garage. Due to the smoke damage, the family lost many personal items, including clothing and other everyday items.

Neighbors in the Northville Colony Estates have responded by collecting items for the family, including clothing for the two boys, ages 6 and 9, who both attend Winchester Elementary.

"We've had an enormous outpouring from the people in the neighborhood. It's been amazing how people have responded," said neighbor Amy Helner, who has organized the collection for the homeowners asso-

Clothing and everyday items, as well as gift cards to local stores and restaurants are appreciated and can be dropped off on the porch at 42215 Ladywood Drive. For more information, contact Amy Helner at (248) 229-6540.

The fire was first reported shortly after midnight early Sunday morning. Bob Cushman, who lives directly across the street, said he was laying in bed and had the windows open when he heard loud voices.

"I heard these anguished screams and went to the window. That's when I smelled an acrid smell and knew something was burning. I said, oh my God, something is bad," Cushman said.

Cushman went outside and found many neighbors gathering outside. Several had already called to report the fire. Shortly after, police and fire arrived, but by that time the garage was completely engulfed in flames. Firefighters connected to the fire hydrant near Cushman's home, but couldn't open the valve.

Cushman said he and other neighbors, including Paul Potrzeba, also tried to help firefighters open the valve. He said Potrzeba broke several wrenches trying to open the valve. Finally, firefighters had to find another hydrant about 400 feet away.

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According to Public Safety Director John Werth, the inoperable hydrant cost responders about five minutes time. However, he said while they were trying to find the other hydrant, firefighters were able to empty two 1,000 gallon water tanks from an engine and ladder truck onto the fire.

Werth said the initial investigation indicates the homeowner had used his lawn mower and put it in the garage around 8 p.m. They believe the mower was still hot, and was parked next to some items, including Christmas decorations, that caught fire. It took several hours before the fire grew large enough for anyone to notice. Once the flames reached the car within the garage, it really ignited

because of the fuel, tires, etc.

Despite the criticism from some neighbors, Werth said his first firefighters were on the scene less than seven minutes after receiving the 9-1-1 call, which he said is an excellent response time. In addition, he said his firefighters had several challenges at the site, including the inoperable fire hydrant. the fact that fire had already completely engulfed the garage and there were many people standing around.

"We had some obstacles to overcome at the site," Werth said. "They adapted to the situation and they did a profession-

"We will review this incident, just like we always do. The goal is to learn and always try to get better."

To make matters worse, a Ford Expedition owned by the fire department that was parked across the street from the site suddenly began rolling backward being parked for nearly two hours, and rolled over some shrubbery, a chair and made contact with a neighbor's garage. Werth said they are also reviewing whether the incident was due to operator error or was a mechanical issue.

Cushman said he has spoken to township officials since the incident and is less critical of the response than he was the night of the fire. However, he still feels the township needs to have a better fire hydrant inspection program than it currently has. Unlike in some communities, where the fire department handles the inspections, in Northville, Township's water department is responsible for it.

"My thought is how many other hydrants in the township aren't working," said Cushman. "What if that was my house? I think we need to do a better job with the inspections."

According to Northville Township Manager Chip Snider, there are 1,537 fire hydrants in the township.

"We've never had a fire hydrant go bad like this. This is the first time I can ever remember," Snider said.







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#### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### **Maybury Farm** Fest

Maybury Farm's Farm Fest will take place from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, May 18. The farm will introduce the new arrivals, including baby lambs, goats, calves, piglets, and chicks, at the event. Activities include viewing of the baby animals, shearing of the sheep, samplings of old fashioned crafters, music, square dancing by the Shin Diggers, face painting, hayrides, food demonstrations, and much more.

The sheep shearing will take place at 1 p.m. Watch as the sheep and llamas shed their winter coats in preparation for summer. The Michigan Handspinners Guild will demonstrate the art of spinning the sheared wool to make yarn from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. The Shin Diggers will demonstrate square dancing at 3 p.m. And the food demonstrations will run from noon to 1 p.m.

In addition, crafters will have their crafts for sale throughout the event.

Admission is \$3 per person. Hay rides, face painting, food and drink may also be purchased.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile between Beck and Napier. For more information, call (248) 374-0200 or visit www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org.

#### **Rouge Rescue** event

Northville Township will be hosting an educational event May 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the township's Community Room located at 44405 6 Mile Road. The goal of the event will be to introduce and educate residents on the environmental benefits of rain gardens, as well as to gather volunteers to construct a sample demonstration rain garden at the Northville Township Fire Station, located at 45745 Six Mile Road. The rain garden demonstration project will be part of Rouge Rescue 2013 and be held June

1, between 9 a.m.-noon. Rain gardens are a technique to reduce and treat storm water runoff on developed property. Rain gardens are depressed landscape beds that retain low volume rain events on site. It is the low volume rain events that can cause bank flow conditions and erosion in the Johnson Creek, and the Rouge River. Rain gardens are aesthetically pleasing, inexpensive, and fun to construct and maintain while providing an environmental benefit.

#### Garden club meeting

The Northville Garden Club will hold its next meeting at noon, Monday, May 13, at the Cady Inn. There will be a light lunch. This will be the members' annual Plant Auction, where plants from members' gardens will be auctioned off. In addition, other items like garden tools, garden books, birdhouses, and wind chimes can be auctioned as well. Guests are always welcome. For more information, call Mimi Kibbey at (248) 348-2299.

#### **Blood drive**

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Thursday, May 23 from 2:30-8:15 p.m. at Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49774 Six Mile.

All donors interested in making an appointment should contact Diane at (313) 549-7052 or Diane. Risko@redcross.org.

#### Class reunion

The Northville High School Class of 1993 will hold its 20th reunion from 6-11 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 24 at the Greektown Casino-Hotel in Detroit. Tickets are \$65 per person and will include dinner, live music and a reunion of "Michigan Made" friends.

Rooms at the Greek-

town Casino-Hotel can be booked by calling (877) 424-5554. Be sure to use group code NHS2013 for the discount.

For more event details, including the locallyinspired menu, Great Lakes brewed beers and live music featuring one of our classmates, please join the group's Facebook page.

#### **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 is \$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.

#### **Garden Club** meeting

The Northville & Novi Garden Club will host its next meeting with the theme "The No-Nos" at 6:30 p.m., May 13 at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady in Northville. Judy Cornellier will present "Container Gardens".

Please bring a nonperishable food donation for a Northville-Novi food bank For more information, visit http://gardeners-

#### **Relay for Life**

northville-novi.org.

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.



## New mom to give Mother's Day sermon

Rev. Monica William, a new mother whose daughter Danielle was born just three months ago, will deliver the sermon on Mother's Day at First United Methodist Church in Northville. She will have some fresh and personal comments about mothers in her two sermons, the 9:15 a.m. contemporary and 11 a.m. traditional worship services at the church, located at 777 West Eight Mile Road at Taft. Rev. Williams is new herself at the church, having taken the position of associate pastor at the historic Northville church in July, where Reverend Dr. Steven J. Buck is senior pastor. Further more information on the church and services, call (248) 349-1144.

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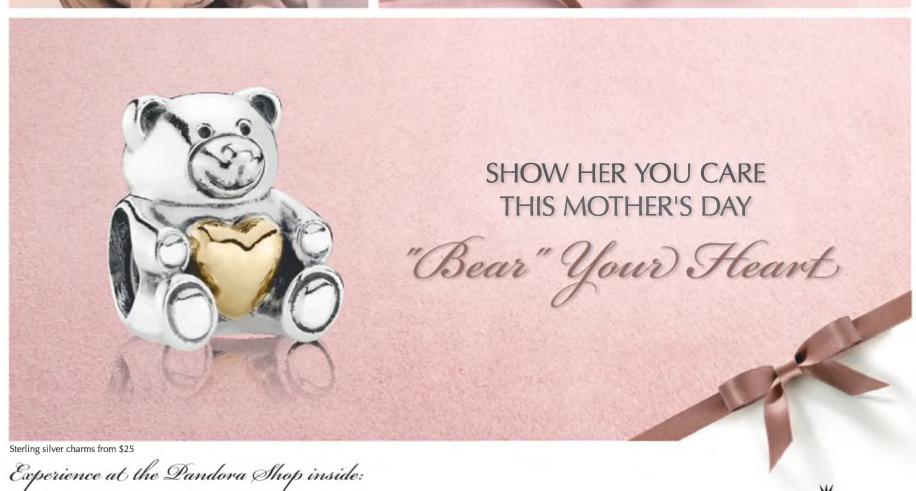
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## Schoolcraft College graduates Class of 2013

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Dr. Conway A. Jeffress, president of the college, and the Board of Trustees chose the commencement ceremony to recognize and honor several people.

Sarah McCullough of Westland, president of the Omicron Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the community college international honor society, was selected to present the Student Reflection on behalf of the Schoolcraft College Class

Usha Kadiyala of Farmington Hills was one of only 73 recipients in the United States to be named a Jack Kent Cooke Scholar for 2013. This transfer scholarship will provide her with up to \$30,000 per year to complete her undergraduate studies at the University of Michigan in biochemistry. Criteria used to select the Jack Kent Cooke Scholars include achievement and academic ability, desire to engage



Neil Peter Rudish receives his diploma from Dr. Conway Jeffress.

in and contribute to the world, self-confidence and resilience. Kadiyala is pursuing a career in neuroscience and plans to earn a doctorate degree.

Dr. Richard Pappas, president of Davenport University since 2009, was the keynote speaker. Prior to Davenport University, he served as president of National-Louis University in Chicago, Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor, Michigan, and Harford Community College in Bel Air, Maryland.

A native of Michigan, Pappas earned his doctoral and master's degrees from the University of Michigan and his undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University. At the conclusion of his remarks, Pappas was presented with an Honorary Associate of Arts and Sciences degree from Schoolcraft College in recognition of his continued dedication to higher education.

Board of Trustees Vice Chair Carol Strom also presented an Honorary Associate Degree of Arts and Sciences to longtime former board member Mary Breen. During her 28 years on the board, Breen served in a variety of roles including vice chair and chair. Breen retired from the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees in 2011.

Brian Broderick, chair of the



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Board of Trustees, presented Northville resident Thelma Kubitskey with the Distinguished Alumni Award. Kubitskey serves as the budget director for the city of Westland, but spent the vast majority of her career working for Northville Township. Kubitskey was encouraged to attend Schoolcraft by one of her former bosses, Dave Lelko, Northville Township's first township manager. It took her more than a decade to achieve her educational goals, including an asso-

ciate degree from Schoolcraft and a bachelor's degree from Madonna University, while she worked full-time and was raising a family. She attributes her success to Lelko and the solid educational foundation she received at Schoolcraft College.

Schoolcraft College is a public college, offering classes at the main campus in Livonia, at the Radcliff Center in Garden City, the Public Safety Training Complex in Livonia, and online at www.schoolcraft.edu.

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Donald Trump will speak this month at a GOP dinner in Novi.

# Donald Trump to speak at local Lincoln Day Dinner

Oakland County Lincoln Day Dinner chairman David Trott announced recently that Donald J. Trump will be the keynote speaker for the 2013 Lincoln Day Dinner to be held Tuesday, May 21, in Novi.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to share my thoughts and views with the Oakland County Republican Party and the great state of Michigan," said Trump. "As the oldest, largest and one of the most influential Lincoln Day Dinners in the country, I could not have been more pleased to receive this invitation."

"We are thrilled to have Mr. Trump headline this year's event," said Trott. "The Lincoln Day Dinner is a tradition Oakland County

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has celebrated for 124 years, and it is only fitting that our keynote address is delivered by one of the most celebrated and recognizable entrepreneurs and philanthropists in the world."

Trump, who considered a presidential bid during the 2012 cycle, is a developer of quality real estate in the United States and abroad. His portfolio includes dozens of award-winning skyscrapers, hotels, golf courses and clubs. He is also a best-selling author, and star and co-producer of the NBC hit series, The Apprentice. He is a graduate of The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He currently serves as the chairman and president of The

#### **DETAILS**

The Lincoln Day Dinner will be held at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi on May 21. Additional special guests and information including time, ticket and sponsorship opportunities is posted on the Oakland County Republican Party's website at www. oaklandgop.net.

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"This is the don'tmiss event of the year
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## Chamber flower sale to take place May 24-25



Downtown Northville will be a lot more colorful on the weekend of May 24-25, when the Northville Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual flower sale along Main Street. The big sale, sponsored by Imagine Design and Build of Northville, will take place 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, May 24 and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 25. More than 20 local growers and greenhouses will be selling ornamental accent plants, perennials, herbs, annuals, roses, shrubs, exotic plants, and trees. Quality garden art and accessories will also be for sale. "The Northville Flower Sale is the kick off to the summer season of great events and fun, family times in downtown Northville," said Traci Sincock, associate director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce. "Northville residents and businesses look forward to supporting our local growers at this popular event." For more information, contact Sincock at (248) 349-7640 or tracisincock@ northville.org, or visit www.northville.org.

### **NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS**

#### **New associate**

Local law firm Kelly & Kelly, P.C. has hired Jonathan Paul as a new associate. Paul's practice focuses on family and criminal law. He handles divorces, paternity, child custody and support issues, along



with representing clients faced with drunk driving offenses, misde-

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and felonies. Jonathan appears in circuit and district courts throughout Michigan and is licensed to practice law in the State of Michigan and the State of New

Paul graduated from the University of Michigan Law School, and was a recipient of the prestigious Fred L. Leckie and Odette Whipple Law Scholarships, and participated in the Henry M. Campbell Moot Court Competition. Today, he continues to support this competition by serving as

a guest judge. Paul is a former New York City Assistant District Attorney and former Oakland County (Michigan) Assistant Prosecutor. He has prosecuted thousands of high profile felony, misdemeanor and drunk driving cases. During his career as a prosecutor, Paul had a 100 percent conviction rate, having never lost a jury or bench trial.

Along with being a former prosecutor, Paul was also a faculty member at Kingsborough College in New York City, where he lectured on criminal law, criminal justice and constitutional law. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association, the State Bar of Michigan, the Oakland County Bar Association and the Washtenaw County Bar Association.

Kelly & Kelly, P.C. is located at 422 E. Main Street, in downtown Northville. For more

information, call (248) 348-0496, or visit http:// kellykellylaw.com.

#### Genitti's to host author

Author Marianne Campagna will appear at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall (108 E. Main Street, Northville) from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, May 19. Campagna will be signing copies of her book, "Reflections From Gavea: My Epic Journey Home", which is a mem-



her colorful life searching for a sense of identity and wholeness,

oir about

amid the mountains of Brazil, university life and marriage in the United States — and a return to the land of her birth.

Light fare and refreshments will be served during the event, along with a cash bar. The band Brazil and Beyond will entertain guests. Signed books will be available for purchase.

For more information, call (248) 349-0522. Information about Campagna's book is at reflectionsfromgavea.com.

#### **Business growth** workshop

A free workshop focused on business growth through customer loyalty is being held from 9:15-10:05 a.m., Tuesday, May 21 as part of the Revenue North Business Growth Summit. The customer loyalty workshop will be held at the Novi Sheraton at 39000 Haggerty Road in Novi. It will be led by Gerald Bricker, principal, Aadvise Consulting, LLC of Northville. Bricker is a business coach who managed leading sales organizations in the Detroit area

for 30 years. "Do your customers love doing business with your company? Do they consistently come back to you for repeat business? Do you want to grow your business and profits? These questions and more will be discussed at the workshop," said Bricker. "My objective is that attendees leave understanding that customer loyalty is the single most important aspect of growing and sustaining a business.'

The Revenue North **Business Growth Summit** is dedicated to helping businesses increase their profitability through revenue growth in the most cost-effective manner possible. The summit will include experts familiar with Southeast Michigan's markets, culture, and economy. Experts in sales, marketing, customer retention, access to capital, planning, and acquiring and retaining A+ talent will share proven ways to grow a busi-

For more information and to register for this free summit, contact Gerald Bricker at info@aadviseconsultingllc.com. You can learn more about the summit at Revenue-North.com.

#### **Oldtimers** Luncheon

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville, will host the next Oldtimers Luncheon at 11 a.m., Monday, June 10. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$15 per per-

son. There is no age limit. Call Genitti's for reservations at (248) 349-0522, or mail payment to 108 E. Main, Northville, MI 48167.

#### **IXL** summer program

The IXL Learning Center, located at 43333 7 Mile Northville, is now accepting registration for its summer program. The program is offered to school-age children, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m.-6 p.m., and is led by a certified elementary teacher, who keeps

the focus educational, yet fun during our summer months. Days are filled with field trips, theme days, art, journal writing, experiments, outdoor activities, sports, water play, and good friends.

For more information,

contact Jamie Miller at

(248) 349-2223, or visit

www.ixlkids.com.

## Township approves plan for new senior living community

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

A new senior living community, that will also have offices and medical facilities, is being planned for Northville Township.

At its April meeting, the Northville Township Board of Trustees approved by a 7-0 vote to move the Beacon Square Planned Unit Development conceptual plan forward after some back and forth between planners and township officials to get it ready for review.

Beacon Square spokesperson Stefan Stration, with the Pomeroy Investment Corporation in Troy, went before the board to present the plan to construct around 60 residential units and other buildings off of Eight Mile

The location is just over 12 acres on the south side of Eight Mile between Meijer and Meadowbrook Country Club. The parcel is zoned residential, but was designated for mixed use on the master plan. The plan meets this description.

"A major component of this development will be specialized care for Alzheimer's and other dementia-related illnesses, including Parkinson's," said Stration.

He added the develop-

ment would be a good tax value generator for the township. The ownership is a group called Northville Development. Stration said they are in agreement with the plan that has been worked out with the staff and Planning Commission.

As part of the plan, Beacon Square has reached agreement with Meijer that will help provide better traffic flow on Eight Mile. A cross connection to the east of the location is planned to provide access to the traffic signal on Eight Mile via the Meijer service drive. Another access point onto Eight Mile would be at the west side of the location.

For Northville Township, this PUD plan is a welcome development that it hopes will be successful. Board Trustee Marv Gans said a lot of plans have come forward pertaining to the property, which is composed of three parcels, but nothing ever happened. All gave their support to this plan.

'We're really happy to have this project," said Supervisor Robert Nix.

The PUD will now move forward so it can be finalized. Construction is expected to start in the spring of 2014.

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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.



Attornevs Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the

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.

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#### City of Northville NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2013-14 PROPOSED ANNUAL CITY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, May 20, 2013, at 7:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers of the Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, for the purpose of receiving testimony and discussing the proposed 2013-14 Annual City Budget.

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

PROPOSED 2013 MILLAGE RATES The following statements are provided, as required by State statute, concerning the 2013 proposed millage levies for the City of

The 2013 tax levy for the City Operating Millage is proposed to be 13.5864 mills, compared to 13.5864 mills in 2012, resulting in no change. The City Council has authority under the City Charter to set the Operating Millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 14.1824 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee roll-back

The 2013 levy for the Improvement Program for Streets, Drainage and Sidewalks, approved by the voters on March 4, 1997, is proposed to be 1.7670 mills, compared to 1.7670 mills in 2012, resulting in no change.

The total City millage for operating, debt, and improvements is proposed to be 15.3534 mills in 2013. Compared to the 15.3534 mills levied in 2012, the increase is 0.0000 mills,

ANTICIPATED EQUALIZATION FACTORS The 2013 equalization factors for both Wayne and Oakland County are expected to be 1.00 for all classes of property.

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## Schoolcraft College plans \$18 million in improvements, university partnership



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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The 110,000-square-foot American Community Mutual insurance, located on the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads in Livonia, was purchased by Schoolcraft for \$3.4 million.

## Passages

1-800-579-7355 • fax 313-496-4968 • htwobits@hometownlife.com Deadline: Tuesday 9:45 a.m. for Thursday

GORDINIER,

GARY W.

Sylvia Gordinier. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Air

Force. Prior to his retirement, he

was a dedicated employee of

Milford Fabricating, formerly lo-

cated in Detroit. He was an avid

NASCAR fan and was involved

in go-cart racing, winning sever-

al awards. Gary was a kind and likeable man. He will always be

remembered for his great sense

of humor and his ability to make

friends wherever he went. Even

as his health began to fail, Gary

continued to make friends in the

nursing home. Gary was a loving

and devoted husband, father and

grandfather. He is survived by

his beloved wife of 31 years,

Gordinier, Robert & Tracy Butsky and Danielle Starner; his

father, Jule Gordinier; his grand-

Madalyn and Maisie; his broth-

ers: Terry & Terri Gordinier,

Larry Gordinier and his sisters:

Sandra & David Davies, Cynthia

& Shaun Mattes and many nie-

es, nephews and loving friends

He was preceded in death by his

mother and his four best friends

A private family service will be

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HARRAH.

CHRISTI R.

2013. She was born on May 29,

in Ann Arbor, to Harold and

Sharon Harrah. She was a mem-

ber of the South Lyon Special

40, passed away May 1,

held. Online guestbook at

Raeanne,

Scott

Susan; his children:

children: Kimberlyn,

Age 69, passed away May 5, 2013. He was

born on August 6, 1943,

in Detroit, son of Jule &

#### AYERS. MARGARÉT

GREGORY "Margie" Ayers, 93, died peacefully Thursday, March 28, 2013, at the Perrysburg Care and Rehabilitation Center in Perrysburg, Ohio, following several years of failing health. She was the widow of the late Arthur Monroe Ayers who died in 2006. Margie and Art were long-time residents of Wellston, Ohio, then moved to Northville, Michigan in 1970. Born May 22, 1919, in Wilkesville, Ohio, Margie was the younger of two daughters born to the late Charles and Alma Bosworth Gregory. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Edna Gregory Hutchison, formerly of Jackson, Ohio. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Carolann Ayers of Northville, Michigan; grandson Dr. Gregory Ayers, his wife Patricia, and their children Joshua, Jordan, and Jeremy, of Eastsound, Washington; grandson Douglas Ayers and his wife Rachel of Big Timber, Montana; and several nieces and nephews. The family is being served by Peinert - Dunn Funeral Home in Waterville, Ohio. A private memorial will be held at a later date, with burial to follow at Ridgewood Cemetery in Wellston. The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to staff members at the Browning Masonic Home in Waterville, the Perrysburg Care and Rehabilitation Center, and Hospice of Northwest Ohio for the excellent care given to Margie during the

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past six years.

#### BECKSTEIN,

SALLY J. Age 66, passed away May 4, 2013. She was born on September 2, 1946 in Milan, Michigan, daughter of the late Lyle & Donna Cubberly. She was passionately involved for more than 35 years with the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of MI (I.O.O.F.) She also was a dedicated nurse, who had an endless love for helping others. She will be missed and cherished. Sally is survived by her beloved husband, Edward; loving sons: Dean Beckstein and (fiance'- Lori Leja) Beckstein; grandchildren: Ashley and Cody. She is also survived by her brothers: Norman (Sharon) Bryan, Lyle (Barb) Cubberly, Fred Cubberly and Dean (Ellen) Cubberly; her sisters: Barb (Bob) Hiser, Susan West, and Jackie (Ken) Hamilton and many nieces, nephews and loving friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Edward. This big family is all courtesy of Lyle and Donna Cubberly, who she now joins in heaven. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 7, from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. with an Odd Fellows service at 7:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, May 8, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon, 205 E. Lake Street, South Lyon. Reverend Michael Horlocker will be officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to I.O.O.F and Rebekah Camp or the First Presbyterian Church of South

Lyon. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

BITNER **JOHN** 

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**COTANT** KATHLEEN Oct. 11, 1917 - April 14, 2013

Stars and participated in Special Olympics. Christi was very likeable and had many friends She was known for her caring, selfless nature, always had a smile, she was very happy and would willingly cheer up a friend when needed. She was employed by Larry's Foodland for many years and enjoyed working there. Christi is survived by her loving mother, Sharon; loving aunts, uncles, cousins, her foster family, the Michael Haapala Family, and many friends. She was preceded in death by her fa-ther Harold in 2007. Visitation was held on May 3, Friday, from 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. with a Scripture Service at 7:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral mass was celebrated on May 4, Saturday, at 10:00 a.m. with final visitation from 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to South Lyon Special Stars. c/o Rose Butkovich. 814 Hidden Creek, South Lyon, MI 48178 or Leader Dogs for

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The Blind, 1039 S Rochester

Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48307.

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DOROTHY June 17, 1923 - April 23, 2013 obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

MACQUEEN **DOUGLAS** March 24, 1942 - April 22, 2013 obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

By Karen Smith

Schoolcraft College will spend \$18 million on improvements over the next 18 months, including renovating a building it purchased earlier this year that may be used to offer bachelor's and master's degree programs through a partnership with a university.

**Schoolcraft President** Conway Jeffress said Thursday it was too early to say which university it may be, but the college is hoping to partner with one whose programs are in harmony with Schoolcraft's. He gave health professions as an example.

He said students may one day be able to complete an associate's degree, a bachelor's degree and a master's degree without leaving Schoolcraft's main campus on Haggerty Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livo-

"I think Schoolcraft has been an asset and what you will have is an improved Schoolcraft," he said of the upcoming changes.

The Board of Trustees approved issuing \$18 million in bonds in a 7-0 vote Wednesday. The bonds will be repaid over the next 15 years without the need to go to voters for a tax increase, Jeffress said.

Moody's Investment Services, the nation's leading bond credit rating agency, issued Schoolcraft College one of its highest grades,

an Aa1 rating.

Moody's recently released a statement that said Schoolcraft received the rating because of "solid financial management that has controlled expenditure growth and utilized tuition raising flexibility to maintain strong financial revenues." The company also mentioned the "very modest debt burden" the college currently holds.

The 110,000-squarefoot building, located on the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads in Livonia, was formerly occupied by American Community Mutual Insurance. Schoolcraft purchased it for \$3.4 million, Jeffress said. The money for buying the building is not part of the \$18 million in bonds that will be issued, he said.

The college will likely spend at least another \$3.4 million renovating it for classrooms and offices. Offices for the continuing education department, business office, president's office and business development center are expected to move there, Jeffress said.

But the biggest portion of the \$18 million will be spent overhauling the college's mainframe computer, Jeffress said.

Other projects on the list include tearing down the existing continuing ed building and putting a parking lot in its place and building a road around the back of campus so motorists

can get from Six Mile to Seven Mile without going onto Haggerty.

Jeffress said the improvements that will be generated from the \$18 million investment will be far-reaching. "We are committed to educating our public, but we also have an obligation to help stimulate economic development in the region, and that is exactly what we plan to do," he said.

Livonia Chamber of Commerce President Dan West applauded Jeffress and his team at Schoolcraft for the planned investment, saying it will give our area's students and business community the tools needed to adjust to an everchanging marketplace.

"For more than 50 years, Schoolcraft College has been a proactive educational institution and it continues to emerge as a key economic development resource for western Wayne County and all of the metro Detroit," he said. "Many of the skills needed to fill anticipated jobs over the next five to 10 years can be cultivated at Schoolcraft Col-

Schoolcraft offers classes at its main campus and at its Public Safety Training Complex. It also operates the Radcliff Center in Garden City and offers online courses at www. schoolcraft.edu.

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#### MILBURN, CARL E. 79, May 1, 2013. Funeral Service

May 6. Burial Great Lakes National Cemetery. Lynch & Sons LynchFuneralDirectors.com

#### PERRY, VERAR.

Of Highland, died May 4, 2013. Services held Tuesday, May 7 at Lynch & Sons, Milford. www. LynchFuneralDirectors.com

### SPARROW, TIMOTHY G.

54, passed away May 1, 2013. He was born on July 24, 1958, in Dearborn, son of Gerald & Patricia Sparrow. Tim is survived by his beloved fiance' Shirley; his loving children: Shane, Stephanie and Brandon; his parents: Gerald & Patricia Sparrow; his siblings: Robert & Laurie, Steven & Sherry and Pamela & Russell Baltazar; his nieces and nephews: Shannon, Justin, Sara, Brian Sean, Cory, and Dana. He is also survived by Shirley's children: Amanda Lawrence, Bradley Lawrence and granddaughter, Kennady Lawrence. Olv, his black lab and loval friend also survives him. Tim was preceded in death by his brother, Brian, in 1983. Visitation was held on Sunday, May 5 from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. with Scripture prayers at 7:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon.

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#### STAMBOULIAN, **CHARLES**

Of Farmington Hills, MI was born July 5, 1921 in Detroit, MI and died April 30. Charlie worked in automotive engineering and design for 36 years, 27 of which were at General Motors in the Chevrolet/Corvette division. He graduated from Cass Tech High School in 1939 and went on to earn a Bachelor's degree from Lawrence Tech in Mechanical Engineering. He then served in the U.S. Air Force in the 40th photo reconnaissance intellience squadron/CBI division in WWII. There he exchanged hundreds of love letters with his future wife Anabell, including ones where he proposed and she accepted. They were married immediately upon his return in 1946. Charlie was also active in the Armenian community, serving in many church groups including the choir, Knights of Vartan, and Parish Council. Charlie is the beloved husband of the late Anabell. The loving father of Thomas Sr. (Linda) Stamboulian and Jimmy (Patricia) Stamboulian. proud grandfather of Thomas Jr., Charles, Kristen, Jessica, Michael and Ani. Dear brother of Nevart (the late George) Godoshian and the late Sevart (the late Steve) Karakashian. He will also be dearly missed by his many nieces, nephews and friends. A memorial service with Military Honors was held at St. Johns Ar-

menian Church, 22001 North-

western Highway, Southfield, on

Saturday May 4. Memorial con-

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#### **Henkel Scholarship**

Gita Sabhapathy of Northville has been awarded the Henkel Scholarship for the University of Detroit Mercy.

UDM is one of 28 Jesuit colleges and universities and the largest of 16 Mercy institutions of higher education in the Unit-

#### Law school honors

Kirstyn Wildey, of Northville, made the Dean's List and the Honor Roll, earned a Certificate of Merit in Contracts 1, and won the Sol Siegel Award and the Shane Joseph Johnson Memorial Scholarship, during the 2012 fall term a the Thomas M. Cooley Law School. She is a graduate of Grand Valley State University and Northville High School. She is the

daughter of Ray and Michelle

#### Spring Arbor honors

Local students who earned a place on the Spring Arbor University Fall 2012 Academic Honors List, include:

- Perry Dunlap, a junior
- majoring in pastoral ministry. • Kayla Chenault, a sophomore majoring in psychology.

The Academic Honors List recognizes full-time students who have received a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for the semester. Part-time students must receive a 3.7 GPA for the semester and carry a cumulative 3.7 GPA.

#### Walsh graduates

The following local students were summer 2012 graduates

who graduated from Walsh College on Sept. 12, 2012:

- Diana Goode of Novi, earned a Bachelor of Accountancy degree.
- Trace Evans of Northville, earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting processes degree.
- Patrick Barry of Northville, earned a Master of Science in information assurance degree.
- James Sands of Northville, earned a Master of Science in information assurance degree.

#### **MTU Dean's List**

Local students who made the Michigan Technological University Dean's List for the 2012 fall semester, include: Eugene Kim (chemical engineering), Benjamin Maguire (mechanical engineering), Meredith

Mulder (materials science and engineering), and Raven Rebb (software engineering).

To be included, students must achieve grade point averages of 3.5 or higher.

#### Saint Mary's Dean's List

Anna Vandecaveye, daughter of Andrew and Lisa Vandecaveye of Northville, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2012 semester at Saint Mary's College, located in Notre Dame, Ind. To earn academic honors at Saint Mary's, a student must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale, have at least 12 graded credit hours, no incompletes, and no grades lower

#### **Olivet Dean's List**

Northville residents Nicholas Grosz and Roy Wilseck were both named to the Olivet Nazarene University Dean's List for the fall 2012 semester. To qualify for inclusion on the dean's list, a student must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.0 grading scale.

#### Savannah Dean's List

Lindsay Bohn of Northville, was named to the Dean's List at the Savannah College of Art and Design for fall quarter 2012. Full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade point average of 3.5 or above for the quarter receive recognition on the Dean's List.

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Pastor Andy Whitter Phone 248-374-2268 Sunday School (ages 5-12) at 10 AM Adult Sunday Bible Study at 10 AM Sunday Service at 11 AM Bible Study, Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

## Novi

#### ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI

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**OUR VIEWS** 

## Rescuing the Rouge

## Cleanup event has helped restore stream once known for pollution

It was back in 1986 when a group of volunteers finally stood up for the Rouge River, and decided it was time to quit treating the waterway that weaves through much of metropolitan Detroit like an open sewer. That was the year a group called Friends of the Rouge started Rouge Rescue. Volunteers still pull trash out of the river, but the event has evolved and now includes many other activities, like nature walks, planting native plants (and removing invasives) from the river corridor, stabilizing stream banks, and building nature trails.

Rouge Rescue has been a real success, largely because it helped sway public opinion to support efforts to restore the river and its watershed, which is home to more than a million people, making it one of the most urban rivers in the state.

Government — from the federal level to local municipalities — has spent millions of dollars to bring the river back to life, and it has begun to pay dividends. In many parts of the watershed, important health indicators like dissolved oxygen levels have improved dramatically. Industrial and municipal pollutants, especially raw sewage, have in most cases been eliminated. As a result, fish and aquatic insects are beginning to show up in places they haven't been in a generation.

But the backbone of the effort to revive this natural resource has always been Rouge Rescue, largely because it is a grassroots activity by local volunteers and other Rouge River stakeholders, who refused to give up on the river, even when many said it could never be saved. Year after year, and little by little, the event helped change perceptions about the

The Northville community is part of the Rouge watershed, and is very fortunate to have some of the nicest streams in the Rouge system. Johnson Creek, for example, is the only coldwater stream in the watershed, and is home to a fairly healthy brown trout population, which is significant because trout need clean streams to survive.

The Rouge also runs through the downtown area, and through the historic Mill Race Village, creating a picturesque setting that is enjoyed by many in the community. The Middle Branch of the Rouge also races through Hines Park, a popular recreation destination for locals.

Northville will host at least three Rouge Rescue events this year. While the event traditionally takes place the first Saturday in June, this year there a number of events happening in May, including one this Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon in Bennett Arboretum located in Hines Park (in Northville Township). The event is being sponsored by Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox. Volunteers, who are asked to meet at the Cass Benton Pavilion, will be removing invasive plants, working on logjams, and doing some weeding/park maintenance. The event is being coordinated by Jordyn Salmon. For more information, contact Salmon at jsalmon@co.wayne.mi.us.

In addition, there will be two events taking place on June 1. About 40 volunteers are needed to create a rain garden at the Northville Township Fire Station, located at 45745 Six Mile Road. Rain gardens are important because they capture storm runoff and filter it rather than have it rush into storm drains and then directly into the river. The township is coordinating the event, which runs from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact Tom Casari at tcasari@twp.northville.mi.us.

Another event is set for 9 a.m. to noon at Mill Race Village, where the Northville Historical Society will continue its efforts from last year to improve the river bank along the Rouge and an old impoundment. The group is in the process of recreating what the river bank landscape looked like back in the late 19th century, which means reducing mowed lawn and bank erosion by creating a buffer zone filled with colorful native plants that are also beneficial to wildlife and the river itself. For more information, contact the historical society at (248) 348-1845 or mrv1845@yahoo.com.



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### What would make your Mother's Day special?

We asked this question in downtown Northville.



"Spending time with family." **Ruby Albertson** 



"Being pampered and getting some me time." **Kristine Dreyer** Northville



"A relaxing day with family."





"Spending the day with my daughter. Hugs and kisses are all I need."

Sarah Milroy Northville

#### **LETTERS**

#### On book

My name is Alexa Patsalis, and I am a 2011 graduate of Northville High School. I spent my seventh through 12th grade years in Northville Public Schools, including my middle school years at Meads Mill Middle School. Currently, I am finishing up my sophomore year at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. In addition to my firsthand experience within Northville Public Schools, I also have a younger sister who is currently an eighth-grader at Meads Mill Middle School and a brother who is currently a sophomore at Northville High School. I am just as invested in Northville's school system as any parent, which brings me to the point of this letter. Over the last several days, I have been following the national story regarding the use of the unedited version of "The Diary of Anne Frank" in Meads Mill's seventh grade classrooms. I have followed the story through the local Patch office, the Huffington Post, our local Fox affiliate, and Fox Nation. The decision to ban or allow this book is clearly a major issue, and this decision could set

a precedent for years to come. The experience that Anne Frank describes in those two sentences, the one that Ms. Horalek describes as "pornographic" is one that I believe every girl lives through at some point in her life, and we need to teach young girls that exploration of their own bodies is not something to feel guilty about. The role of schools is to shatter ignorance and pull away the veils of illusion. In this instance, it is the role of Northville Public Schools to show students that their bodies are not something from which they need to shy away, the topic of their bodies is not shameful, and it is not a topic that needs to be hushed and silenced. I am not suggesting that the ELA teachers jump into a lesson about body image and body exploration, I am simply suggesting that teachers lead by example and show students that discussing one's own body is not a taboo subject. In addition, this small passage has the power to open up honest conversations

between parents and students. We need to teach students that while discussions about the human body, especially at this age, are important; they are not topics that need to be hushed away in a closed room segregated from the opposite sex. I remember my sexual education sessions in seventh grade — they were nowhere near comprehensive. I remember the anticipation and whispers among my classmates that it was sexual education day. I remember that we had to segregate from the boys, even though we were watching the "boy" movie. I remember the hushed tones that my teacher used when she was explaining the information. I remember the outdated movies that taught me basically nothing. I

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hometownlife.com. remember the way my teacher sidestepped questions. I do not want to make this a huge issue about our nation's sexual education for students because that is an issue for another day, but I am trying to point to a bigger societal problem here. Anne Frank's comments about her body are not pornographic. There is nothing arousing or titillating about them: they are fact. They are facts that many girls in the seventh grade have questions about. We should not simply brush this away because there is an opportunity here to teach students that just because a topic has to do with their body that does not mean it is shameful. In the same way that we teach our children to not utter obscenities and to silence swear words, Ms. Horalek's suggestion of a permission slip to read the unedited version of Anne Frank's diary would suggest to students that our bodies are something to keep silent about and feel ashamed of. "The Diary of Anne Frank" is an important piece of history, and it is an important piece of history that is presented to students through the eyes of someone their own age. When you read "The Diary of Anne Frank," you see the story through someone else's eyes, which allows students to humanize the situation and connect to the issue much more deeply than simply reading facts out of a history book. This book serves as political and historical touchstone that should not be opted out of because of two sentences that describe the experience of a young girl; an

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thoughts regarding the review board the district will put together, if the issue is not resolved at the school level In Mr. Behkne's, the assistant superintendent for curriculum at Northville, statement to the local Fox affiliate, he stated that the review board would consist of parents, teachers, media specialists, and administrators. I believe he is leaving out one important demographic: the students. My suggestion is simple: allow students, whether it be graduated Northville students, high school students, and/or even the seventh-grade students, take a part in their education. Our viewpoint on this issue will be unique because we can give current, firsthand knowledge of how students deal with material presented to them in the classroom. We know where the deficiencies lie in the system because we are living through a different side of the same process. Let the people who will be affected by the decision help make the decision. At the very least, include them in on the discussion and give them a voice at the table. Too often students are excluded from discussions and votes that directly affect them, and they should be able to be heard because we do care what happens to our educational system.

This issue is an important one, and one that deserves due discussion by the community. The national coverage that the story is now receiving makes this issue much more important because there are now parents and school districts from all around the country looking to Northville's example. I hope that the school and district decide against a permission slip or censoring the book by use of the edited version because this passage while brief is important because it shows girls — who are bombarded with messages about their bodies all the time — that curiosity about the adolescent body is a healthy and positive part of life.

**Alexa Patsalis** 

#### Asbestos issue

I write this e-mail in response to the question of using township general fund monies to subsidize asbestos abatement in the hospital power-house demolition.

The township Board of Trustees and Supervisor Robert Nix's decision supporting use of general fund monies for asbestos removal was, in my opinion, an exercise in sound fiduciary responsibility. Their decision will continue forward progress in removing a community eye-sore and address health concerns of asbestos in our neighborhoods, as well.

My real concern is, why was the State of Michigan, the former occupant and responsible party for the contamination, allowed to walk away from this liability?

Ed Huyck

Northville Township

## March of Dimes walk gives a boost to healthy baby cause

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Nancy Henzi of Livonia was walking Saturday, April 27, with the "Madison Hope Henzi" team for the March of Dimes.

She and husband Matt lost their daughter on Christmas Eve 2007, and have walked each year since then, also in honor of son Knox, 2 1/2.

"Great," she said of their son's health prior to the six-mile March for Babies' start. "Dancing and looking at police cars." Knox made it through most of the six miles before needing a ride.

"We're so grateful for the March of Dimes," his mom said. "The organization means the world to us. They were there just to be supportive. There's so much research they do to give each baby a healthy start."

#### 40-year milestone

Rolland Walt of Farmington Hills is a proud 88year-old who's a regular. "This'll be my 40th year, consecutively," said Walt, who received special recognition that morning. "I'm walking for babies. I have healthy grandchildren and healthy children and I'm grateful for that."

Much of his family attended the Hines Park event, which began and ended at the Nankin Mills area in Westland and moved onto Livonia. Walt has three children and five grandkids. "All of my grandchildren are great." he said with a smile when asked about the coming generation.

"Years ago, we worried about polio," Walt recalled. When the vaccine was developed and polio disappeared in western countries, the March of Dimes moved onto premature

"I get together with my family for a worthy cause," Walt said. "The March of Dimes is one of the first to walk for a worthwhile charity."

His dad had a store and would collect dimes to fight polio through the March of Dimes. Walt's proud of there being fewer premature babies: "It's getting lower every year and that's what we're walking for. I'm just glad to be 88 years old and do the sixmile walk."

He walks regularly for fitness. "Forty years ago, it didn't mean anything," Walt said of fitness walking. "That's something new."

A tree was planted in Walt's honor in Hines Park, drawing a round of applause.

Walking the route was Cynthia DeVerney of Garden City, walking in honor of her late mom and Cynthia's sister who had a birth defect.

"She died when she was five days old," said DeVerney, whose mother died 20 years ago. She was accompanied by daughter Michelle DeVerney of Leonard, Mich., and grandchildren Jasmine, Caitlyn and Kale.

"It means a lot to support well babies," Cynthia DeVerney said. "That's basically what the March of Dimes has done. I'm just glad it's a beautiful day. This is awesome."

Skies were blue and temperatures rapidly climbed as walkers, many in distinctive T-shirts, made progress. Some T-shirts bore babies' images.

#### Mom and daughter

Walkers included Gloria Penrod of Livonia and daughter Amanda Penrod, 27, also of Livonia.

"I've just been doing this about the last eight years," Gloria Penrod said. "I enjoy it. Just good exercise, too. Raising money for the babies."

She has friends who've experienced premature births. "It takes a lot of care and a lot of money, especially if you don't have insurance," said Penrod, who likes March of Dimes educational efforts. Her daughter, an Allen Park Cabrini High graduate who also studied at Henry Ford Community College,

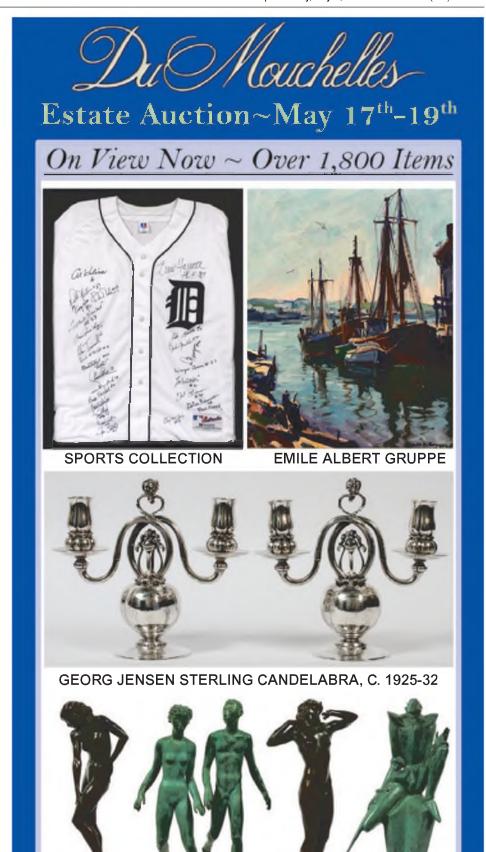
At the site, sponsored by Ford Motor Co. and the UAW, was state Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland. He and wife Liz have two children, Andrew, 11, and Austin, 7.

"Knowing that I have two healthy kids at home. I'm very blessed," Kosowski said. He agreed premature births and infant mortality are major policy issues.

"It's where we start off at," Kosowski said. "There can never be enough money for that."

The Northville Fire Department had volunteers at the end passing out popcorn. "We've done it for several years," said firefighter/EMT John Sassaman, a Northville Township resident. They have their own popcorn machine, and do the March of Dimes March for Babies as well as many city of Plymouth and Northville events.

Sassaman was joined by Matt Samhat, Corey Devers, Mike Wroblewski, Alex Loiselle and Mike Asher, all firefighters.



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### Let me show you



JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jeannine Warrow of Wyandotte tries a sampling of Posh Detox Body Mud - applied by representative Tauscha Johansen during the Mary 2 international Women's Show at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. The three-day event featured acres of booths with items and services for women ranging from financial services to health and beauty ideas.

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Zuelch, associate pastor

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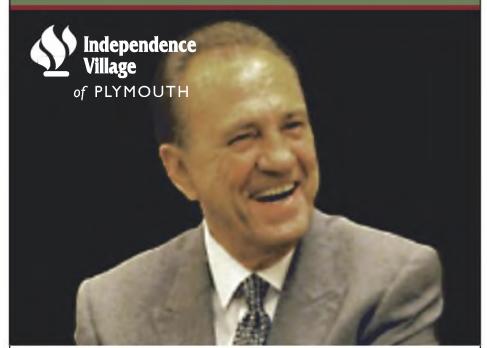
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## Mustangs take first in NextTee invitational

Northville defeats eight of top-10 ranked Division I teams

By Sam Eggleston

If you follow high school golf, you probably didn't even have Northville on your radar this

No one would blame you, of course. But that was before the Mustangs came out in the Next-Tee invitational on Monday and beat everyone — including eight of the top-10 ranked teams in Division I.

"This is beyond amazing," said coach Jeff Balagna. "These five guys have worked really hard this year and all off season to get to this point. They really deserve the honors that were thrown their way this afternoon.

"They all played very smart and kept it together. It's a long grind during some of these tournaments but these boys really stayed focus and knew the game plan."

Northville shot a team total of 288, which tied them with Lake Orion for the top spot until they earned the victory with a fifth-score tie-break-

#### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys golf team will be back on the links when they play today at Novi with a 2:30 p.m. start before playing Tuesday at home against South Lyon at 3:30 p.m. The golf team will then host Livonia Stevenson a week from today at 3:30 p.m.

er. Northville's victory put them one stroke ahead of Rochester Adams, which finished third overall, and led them to victory over Detroit Catholic Central, Muskegon Mona Shores, Lakeland, Plymouth, Battle Creek Lakeview and Brother Rice. Those schools are ranked No. 1

through No. 6, respectively, in Division I currently. They also topped Jackson Lumen Christie, ranked No. 2 in Division III, and Country Day, ranked sixth in Division II.

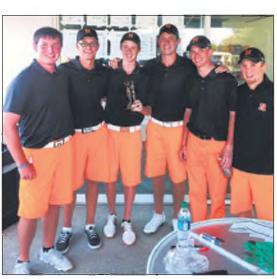
The entire victory came down to the final hole where Todd Goebel was three over par. Northville thought a 73 from Goebel would be good enough for the team to win, but the senior

wasn't so sure. "Rather than listening to my advice and laying up on the final hole, a par five, he went fro the green in two and made birdie," said Balagna. "At the time we thought we had won. We were unaware that Lake Orion had also turned in four

outstanding scores. "If Todd would have listened to me and only made par, we would not have won. He was feeling good and knew he had the shot in his bag.

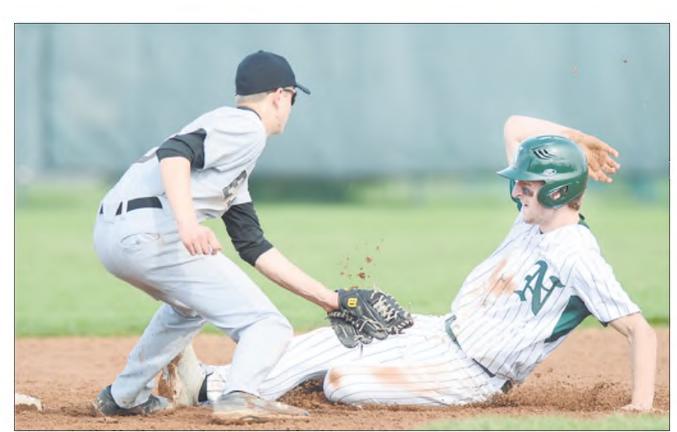
What a way to finish the tournament." Goebel finished with a 72 — two above par on the challenging Oakland Hills Country Club

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COURTESY OF NORTHVILLE GOLF

The Northville boys golf team poses with the trophv at the awards ceremony following their tournament win Monday night. Pictured (from left) are Andrew Sarokin, Andrew Stevens, Matt Evasic, Todd Goebel, Brad Minniear and coach Jeff Balagna.



Wildcat baserunner Grand Wheeler beats a throw from the catcher as he steals second against South Lyon East on April 30.

## Cranking out the hits!

## Wildcats finding their offense at just the right time

By Terry Jacoby Correspondent

The Novi baseball team is starting to hit on all cylinders as they racked up 11 runs in an 11-1 romp of Westland John Glenn on Monday.

Novi improved to 8-8 overall and stand 6-2 in the KLAA.

"Yeah, we played pretty good baseball," Novi coach Rick Green said. "We had some pretty big hits. And I thought we communicated much better on defense."

They had a number of big hits in the fourth inning when the Wildcats broke the game open with six runs.

Mario Ferrini started and earned the win. The senior went four innings without allowing a run and just two hits. He struck out five and didn't walk anyone in a solid effort.

Michael Mitchell pitched in relief, going an inning for the winners.

Four Wildcats had multi-hit games. Both Ferrini and Keaton Figurski each went 2 for 3 with a run scored and an RBI. Kyle Matel went 2 for 4 with two runs and Blake Boron went 2 for 2 with a run scored.

#### **ON TAP**

The Novi baseball team hosted a doubleheader on Wednesday. The Wildcats will finish their postponed doubleheader with Northville on Thursday at Northville. They host a three-team tournament on Saturday with Detroit Country Day and Rochester participating in the annual breast-cancer awareness fundraiser tournament.

Ryan Caputo had three walks, a hit and two RBI. Bryan Klosterma drove in two runs with an RBI. Mitchell, Tyler Whitehead and Nick Shelar also had hits. An RBI by Andrew Stefan ended the game for Novi.

#### **Two Stevensons**

On Friday, the Wildcats dropped a pair to Utica Stevenson. They lost the first game 11-6 and the nightcap 4-2.

Novi had better luck with Livonia Stevenson last Wednesday. After dropping a close 2-1 game in the

opener, the Wildcats pounded out a 15-6 win in the nightcap.

Despite the opening loss, the Wildcats showed plenty of fight. Down 1-0 in the seventh inning, Klosterma singled and then Caputo delivered a perfect bunt single. With runners at second and third and no outs, Figurski singled to tie the game at 1-1.

But with runners at first and third and still no outs, the Stevenson pitcher struck out the side to keep the game deadlocked.

In the bottom of the inning, Stevenson loaded the bases and scored the winner on a one-out error.

Ferrini, Figurski and Grant Wheeler also had hits.

Ryan Davis had an outstanding outing on the hill for the Wildcats. The senior allowed no earned runs and five hits in  $6\frac{1}{6}$  innings. "It was a gutty performance because he was fighting an injury," Green said. "He pitched really well."

In the second game, Novi took a 3-0 lead only to see Stevenson score six straight runs. But the Wildcats

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## Shamrocks go through week unbeaten

Squad picks up three big wins, including OT thriller over Cranbrook

By Sam Eggleston

As a coach, Detroit Catholic Central lacrosse helmsman Dave Wilson must have had an interesting week. On one hand, he watched as his

#### ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks lacrosse team will be back in action when they play in the Catholic High School League tournament Saturday at 7 p.m. They will then play Tuesday at Troy Athens at 7 p.m.

team easily picked up wins over Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 18-2, and Ann Arbor Pioneer, 10-4. On the other, he got to experience the nail-biting overtime victory

against rival Cranbrook, 14-13. "Both teams played hard," said Wilson of the Cranbrook game. "It was a hairy game, which is usually the case between these two teams,

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CC attacker Jack Van Ackers wheels around a Orchard Lake St. Mary's defender on April 30 on his way to scoring the first of the Shamrock's goals that game.



## Wildcats play Okemos to 2-2 draw

By Terry Jacoby Correspondent

The Novi soccer team played to a 2-2 tie on Friday with Okemos in a battle between two top-five ranked teams in the state and the last two state champions.

The Wildcats (7-1-2 overall) are currently ranked No. 3 in the state with Okemos ranked fourth.

"It was a great high school soccer game with lots of excellent play from both sides," said Novi coach Brian O'Leary.

The Wildcats opened the scoring just 4 minutes into the game when Kendall Kramer sent a cross into the box where Chloe Allen calmly settled the ball and beat the keeper into the side netting for the early 1-0 lead.

Just 5 minutes later, Novi scored again. Cat Nussion took the ball down the right sideline and played a great ball into the box that Erin Dircks finished for the 2-0 lead.

Okemos would respond 10 minutes later as their first-team all state forward found a little space behind our defense and made us pay for losing track of her as she received a

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The Wildcats, who played South Lyon East on Tuesday, host Northville on Thursday. The Mustangs are ranked eighth in the state. Novi also hosts 10th-ranked Rochester Adams at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

pass over the top and fired it into the net.

Okemos would score again with 3 minutes left in the first half on a scramble in front of the goal.

"In the first half Okemos had the wind and for us to be tied 2-2 going against the wind seemed like a good spot to be, as the game was quite even up to that point," O'Leary said. "In the second half we applied a lot of pressure and had six great scoring chances to one for Okemos, but they made some good defensive plays and we had some near misses. "

Novi finished with five corner kicks to four for Okemos. The Wildcats had 17 shots with 9 on goal while Okemos had 7 shots with 5 on goal.

On Thursday, Novi crushed South Lyon 8-0. Dircks had three

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goals while Allen and Sydney O'Donnell each scored twice. Jessie Parvana also scored for the winners.

Assists went to Parvana (two), Dircks (two), Allen, Amanda Minassale, Kaylin Hoomaian and Kramer.

#### Stevenson

On April 29, Novi defeated Livonia Stevenson 7-0.

"In the first half we had the wind but would only get out to a 2-0 in the half," O'Leary said. "Stevenson did a good job of getting players behind the ball and bottling up the middle of the field. "

The first was scored when Dircks crossed a ball from the end line that went over the goalie's head and O'Donnell scored from the back post. The second goal was scored when Dircks found Allen on a nice split pass.

The game stayed 2-0 until 14 minutes left in the game when Novi would score five times.

Goals were scored by Allen (two), Parvana, Dircks, and O'Donnell, with assists going to Parvana, Taylor Pavlika, Katrina Koomen and Megan Riley.

Jade Antolec made four saves in goal for Novi.

## Wildcats lacrosse earns a spot in KLAA title game

By Terry Jacoby Correspondent

The Novi boys lacrosse team edged Salem in a close game last Friday to set up a showdown with Brighton on Friday. The winner of the Novi-Brighton match will claim the KLAA championship.

Knocking off Salem wasn't easy but it was a great step in the right direction after an impressive 8-7 win.

"This was a back and forth game all the way to the end," said Novi coach Eric Hoffman.

Salem tied the score with 3 minutes to go in the game.

"Salem had control of the ball and looked like they were gong to take the lead," Hoffman said. "Mitch Adams made a great stick side low save with 1 minute to go. "

After clearing the ball, Novi called a time out.

"We had a play set up for Justin Danks to take the ball from the wing and either take a shot or feed the crease," Hoffman said. "Justin beat his man and a slide came early. He passed the ball to the crease. John Van-Dermay caught a low pass and dove around the crease to score the gamewinning goal with around 40 seconds left in the

Hoffman called it a "great effort" from both

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#### ON TAP

The Novi boys lacrosse team hosts Brighton at 7 p.m. tomorrow in a KLAA crossover. The Wildcats also host Flint Powers at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 16. The girls team plays Friday at Farmington Harrison and at Dexter on Tuesday.

Novi held off Salem the last 40 seconds of the game to stay undefeated in the Kensington Conference in the KLAA.

#### **Walled Lake** Western

Last Wednesday, Novi knocked off Walled Lake Western 16-5.

Lucas Buck led the scoring with six goals. Danks had four goals and Chris Kennedy had two goals and two assists. Austin Nicholsen, Alex Caprara, Mark Ghannam each scored a goal in the win and Nick Gasporotto scored his first of the vear.

Defensively, Scott Schramm and Tommy McMaster each had four ground balls. Scott Schramm and Steffan Werth each had two takeaways and Travis Sparling had one. Mitch Adams had seven saves on eight shots and Jake Bielenda had three saves on seven shots. "This game was a full team effort," Hoffman said. "Everyone on the team got a lot of playing time, which will help us going into the play-

#### **Trov Athens**

Last Thursday, the Cats lost to Troy Athens 10-1. Nicholsen had Novi's

lone goal with an assist from Kennedy. Mitch Adams played a good

game keeping the score close with 16 saves. Scott Schramm had three takeaways and Tommy McMaster had two.

"Athens had a good game plan and worked it to perfection," Hoffman said. "We were a little too confident going into the game after the game on Wednesday. As a team we learned that you can't overlook any opponent. "

#### Girls lacrosse in Ladywood tourney

The Novi girls lacrosse team played in the Ladywood Tournament on Saturday where the Wildcats had an impressive showing. The format of the tournament is six 24-minute games with each team playing about 120 minutes of lacrosse.

"It was a tournament that was for fun and none of the games had a score keeper," said Novi coach Caitlin Warda.

And the Wildcats certainly had fun, until they had to leave for a different kind of fun.

"We won three games, lost one and forfeited the last two because my girls had prom and had to leave the tournament early," Warda said.

The Wildcats were coming off a tough 10-9 loss to Northville last Monday.

"Throughout the game it was neck and neck and we were up with only 2 minutes left to play with the score being 9-8," Warda said. "But at 1:46, they scored to tie the game up

With just 56 seconds left, Northville scored the game winner.

"It was a very intense and suspenseful game with fans from both Novi and Northville cheering them on," Warda said.

Last Wednesday, Novi defeated Salem 13-12.

#### **NOVI ROUNDUP**

#### Wildcats linksters improve to 4-0 with victory over South Lyon

The Novi golf team isn't swinging for the fences. They are swinging for perfection.

And so far, so perfect.

The Wildcats carded a 154-166 win last Thursday to improve to 4-0 in the KLAA.

Garret Buckley fired a 37 and Brad Kozinski and Mike Wenzl each shot a 38 to lead the way. Bryan Fegert had a 41 in the win.

The Wildcats played tough last Tuesday in a 151-165 win over Salem at Fox Hills.

Fegert led the way with a 37. Buckley, Kozinski and Jason Carless each shot a 38 for the Cats. Billy Ulle fired a 39.

The varsity team played in the Seaholm Invitational at Birmingham C.C. on April 29 and finished sixth with a score of 306 against some of the top teams in the state.

Wenzl and Kozinski both carded a 75 for Novi. Buckley and Fegert shot 78s and Carless fired an 84.

The JV squad participated in the Novi Invitational at Coyote Golf Club on April 29 and finished in third

Erik Czekaj was the medalist with a 76. Blake Carrick was fourth with an 80 and Matt Kelley took fifth with an 81. Connor Patterson fire an 88 for Novi.

The Novi golf team played in the Suntel Classic at Oakland Hills-North Course on Monday and had

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and this one was a onegoal game most of the second half."

The Shamrocks and the Cranes pushed the game right to the limits and the contest kept everyone in the stands on their feet right to the end.

Cranbrook looked poised to win the game as they brought the ball down the field and made a hard move toward the goal. A Cranes player fired a well-placed shot at the net, but Detroit Catholic Central senior goalie Jon Conley made a great save and then immediately fed a short outlet pass to Marc Longe, who turned and launched the ball 50 yards to senior defenseman Stephen Jarzynski. The senior cleared the ball, weaving into the Cranbrook defensive zone, and then fed a perfectly-placed ball to Ben Senkowski, who then released a hard shot on goal the found the back of the net for the win.

"It was a great game," Wilson said.

Senkowski had two goals in the game while Jack Van Acker, a junior, had four goals and senior attack Alec Gilhooly had three goals.

John Giampetroni led Cranbrook with five goals on the night.

Against St. Mary's, the Shamrocks didn't have to push the game into overtime, instead following Van Acker has he picked up 10 total points in the victory. Sean Birney, a junior midfielder, had a strong game as well, picking up three goals in the

The Shamrocks had a similar outing against the Pioneers of Ann Arbor as Birney notched three goals, Senkowski had two and Van Acker had one goal and three assists.

Conley and Chris Naubert split time in goal and held the Pioneers to just four scores between

#### **GOLF**

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North Course but, surprisingly, that wasn't the top showing for Northville on the day. Instead, that honor belongs to junior Andrew Sarokin, who shot a staggering 67 — three under par — to tie for first-place overall.

"What can you say about Andrew Sarokin?," said Balagna. "He is the leader of this team and his scores show it. Three under on a course like Oakland Hills North is just outstanding. He is quietly putting together an All-State-caliber season. He has finished towards the top of every tournament and has been the team low each time out."

Goebel finished second on Northville's squad while Matt Evasic, a senior, shot a 74. Junior Brad Minniear carded a 75 on the day and junior Andrew Stevens shot a 76 — the fifth score that proved to be the deciding factor in Northville's victory in the tournament.

"I can't even begin to tell you how happy I am for Matt, Brad and Andrew," said Balagna. "A team is only has good as their three and four scores, and these three guys have been amazing. If one guy has a bad round, the other two pick up the slack. Today all three of them played outstanding."

Balagna entered the tournament not sure what to expect. He said he discussed goals with the team before play began and hadn't even brought up making a run for the top spot.

"Last week we turned in a score of 309, which was eighth in a very tough field," he said. "I was very pleased with that finish. I told the boys that another top-10 finish in today's tournament would be amazing.

"Apparently that wasn't good enough for them."

Balagna said his team will be looking to capitalize on victory and use it to continue to build success for the remainder of the year.

"At least for one day people in the golf community can talk about Northville High School," he said. "Hopefully, we can build on this and carry some momentum for the rest of the season. It is great that we won today, but these boys want something bigger. They will not settle with just this tournament victory."

### BASEBALL

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stormed back with 10 runs in the fifth to take control to stay.

Caputo started and was relieved by Myers, who got his club out of a big jam and keep the game close. Luke Bageris went two innings and didn't allow a run to earn the victory.

Mitchell ripped a bases-clearing triple for the Wildcats. Wheeler had two hits and two runs scored and Klosterma

had a double and two RBI while Ferrini had a hit and scored three times. Figurski had a hit and three RBI, Turk had a hit and scored two runs and Bageris, Caputo and Stefan each had hits.

#### South Lyon East

Last Tuesday, Novi swept South Lyon East. Whitehead went the distance to earn the win in a 10-0 victory in five

innings in the opener. He allowed just two hits, one walk and struck out five.

Mitchell Hall was 3 for

3 with two runs and two RBI. Mitchell (two RBI), Wheeler and Boron all had two hits.

In the nightcap, Novi won 7-5 as Hall went four innings to earn the win. The senior racked up six strikeouts. Bageris and Myers (save) pitched in

Figurski had another big day at the plate. The junior had two hits, two runs and two RBI. Boron also had two hits in the win. Turek (two RBI). Hall (two RBI), Nick Shelar and Mark Czapski all had hits.

### ROUNDUP

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matches against Stevenson at Fox Creek on Tuesday and Northville at WCCC on Thursday.

#### **Novi track** impressive

The Novi track and field team split up last weekend because of prom and the Wildcats came away with impressive performances at both meets.

On Friday, the Wildcats attended the John Runyan Classic and on Saturday the freshmen and sophomores attended the Sunshine Invitational.

As a team the girls won the Runyon Relays.

Last Tuesday, the boys squad defeated Northville while the girls lost to the Mustangs.

Hannah Lonergan broke the Sunshine Invitational 800-meter record on Saturday.

Kerrie McMahan broke the school record in the

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high jump last Tuesday with

a jump of 5-feet, 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches. Ali Taha and Jordan Love led the team with 4 x 100 wins.

The boys discus team swept Northville in the

dual meet. Naoto Hikawa won the 100-meter dash at the

Sunshine Invitational. Abby Downs cleared 17 feet in the long jump. Novi will run at Livonia Churchill in KLAA cross-

over at 10 a.m. on Saturday. - By Terry Jacoby



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Dan Sims, Nick Noles and Conor Naughton finish one-twothree in the 3200m run. Sims set a new school record at

## Boys track stars continue to excel

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

It took some video replay to verify the feat, but Northville's Dan Sims is the school record holder in the grueling twomile run.

Sims turned in a time of 9:30.54 in the Livonia Stevenson Invitational to create a new record for the two mile last weekend. His time was so close to the previous mark of 9:30.8 that officials used a video replay to confirm his new mark.

"Dan took second in the mile, but he got what he came for in the two mile when he took down the Northville school record," said first-year Northville head coach Brandon Langston.

Northville also had a big success from Jason Ferrante, who ran a personal-best time of 1:56 while winning the 800meter race.

The Mustangs also took first in the distance medley relay in 10:40 while the spring medley relay took first by less than a second with a time of 2:31. The 4-by-100 relay team took fourth overall in 45.46 seconds.

Conor Naughton earned his best time in the mile, running a 4:39.95 for fifth while the 4-by-800 relay team took fifth, as did a 4-by-1,600 team. Taking sixth was the pole vault relay and the high-jump relay teams.

The Mustangs also com-

#### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys track and field team will compete again when they participate in the conference meet this Saturday.

peted against Novi in a dual meet and took a 74-63 loss.

Sean Wagner went 13 feet on the pole vault for his season-best performance while freshman Leo Keys jumped 19-feet-3-inches in the long jump.

Sims, Noles and Naughton took first, second and third, respectively, in the two mile while Anthony Sourges and Flanagan went first and second in the 400. Justin Days captured a third-place in the hurdles for Northville while Nathan Lwo ran to second in the 100 dash.

Last weekend, the Mustangs also sent a team to compete in the Farmington Hills Harrison freshman and sophomore invitational against 10 other schools.

Jacob Kamm took fourth in the 400 while the team of Kenny Goolsby and Haden Beaudoin took fourth in the long-jump relay with a combined leap of 28-11. The pole vault relay of Andrew Denniston and Ahmed Kamran took fourth while the sprint medley relay team of Kamm, Adam Ghabra, Nick Milewski and Nick Martin took second in 4:07.

## Coleman breaks two school records

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

If distance runner Rachel Coleman was looking to make an even greater mark on Northville High School, she can consider that mission accomplished.

Coleman, a junior, already holds several records at Northville, but she set the mark for two more last week when she ran in the Golden Triangle Invitational in Saline with the school's girls track and field team.

Coleman set a new mark in the mile — a record she had previously set — with a time of 5:05.7. She went on to create a new all-time record in the two-mile run as well, completing the race in an impressive 11:11.35.

"Rachel ran two great races," said first-year head coach Tim Dalton. "She is incredibly talented and it clearly showed on Friday."

Northville also collected a second place finish in the 100-meter hurdles with the stellar running of Lauren Rodriguez while the 4-by-800 team took third in 9:33.9 — the team's fastest time so far this season.

In the 400-meter event, freshman Lindsay Walters ran to third place while Morgan Robertson took fourth in the 300 hurdles and Erin Zimmer ran to fifth in the 800. Emma Herrmann ran her best time this season in

#### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls track and field team will be back in action when they compete in the conference meet Saturday.

the two mile, finishing in

Two true standouts at the meet were senior Alexa Abbott and her freshman sister, Chloe Abbott. Together they ran eight races each with preliminaries, semifinals and finals in the 100 and 200 dash. Alexa Abbott finished the day with a fourth-place showing in the 100.

Northville also ran a dual meet against Novi and walked away with a victory, 78-59.

Northville captured first-place finishes in the 4-by-800, the 4-by-200, the 4-by-100, the 4-by-400 and from Rodriguez (100 and 300 hurdles), Alexa Abbott (100 and 200 dash), Erin Zimmer (mile run), Robertson (800 run) and Coleman (two mile).

Northville also sent a squad to run in the Livonia Stevenson Invitational last weekend. There, freshman Haley Harris took 10th and sophomore Julia Slatin took 20th in the mile while Audrey Baetz, a junior, took 17th

in the 300 hurdles. The 4-by-100 relay team of Jamie Allcorn, Lidia Drury, Emily Katynski and Aya Pickett took 10th.

## Northville soccer team splits week

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

The Northville Mustang suffered their second loss of the season Monday when they bowed out to the Salem Rocks in Central Divi-

The Mustangs, coached by Eric Brucker, found themselves chasing a highly-energized Salem squad around the pitch for much of the first half and the end result wasn't in Northville's favor as the Rocks took home a 1-0 victory.

The loss drops Northville's record to 10-2-2 overall while Salem climbs to 8-3-1.

"We came out flat today and Salem jump on us early," said Brucker. "They were organized and had us chasing for the first 30 minutes. After we calmed down, we were able to dictate play and created scoring chances.

Unfortunately, Salem's lone goal in the 32nd minute of play was all they would need to earn the victory. It wasn't their only scoring opportunity, however, as the rocks fired a shot from just 14 yards out about 10 minutes into the game following a scrum for a loose ball in front of the Mustangs' net. Sophomore Sarah Castellano saved the goal for Northville, blocking the shot with her face to keep the game

The Rocks had a second chance just four minutes later when one of their players was tripped from behind and they were awarded a

#### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls soccer team returns to the pitch when they play today at Novi at 7 p.m. before visiting Saline at noon on Saturday. The team will then play at home Tuesday at 7 p.m. against South Lyon. Northville is also scheduled to play a week from today at South Lyon East at 6 p.m.

penalty kick. Senior goalie Kiki Hilmer had to sprawl out in goal for Northville to keep the ball out of the net, but her acrobatics kept the game at 0-0.

Salem's goal at the 32-minute mark came off a rebound as Emma Tardiff collected it and fired it home for the score and the 1-0 lead.

The Mustangs looked to tie it four minutes later, sending in a corner kick that floated into the box from the right side. Northville collected the ball and fired a hard shot at Salem's goal that was deflected by the goalie as she dropped to her knees to prevent the score. Northville junior Kyra Dahring collected the rebound and fired it home as the goalie falls backward into the net in an attempt to make the save.

Inexplicably, the ball is swiped back out of the net and no goal was awarded.

"Scoring goals and denying goals create big momentum swings,' said Brucker. "In the early going it was all Salem. Kiki came up huge with the penalty kick save

and the momentum swung in our favor. The Salem goal brought the momentum back to them."

Northville controlled the play throughout the second half and even fired a goal off the inside of the left post off a shot by junior Gabby Mencotti but they weren't able to find a way to get into the net for the tying goal.

#### Northville 4, Stevenson 0

The Northville Mustangs secured a victory over Livonia Stevenson last week with a shutout to keep them atop the Central Division standings.

"The stats show a great team effort tonight. Four different scorers. Three different players registering assists," said Brucker. "I'm pleased with this all-around performance. It was a very chippy game with hard hits and tough tackles. The girls played kept their composure and chalked up another victory."

The Mustangs had several big moments in the win — including goals from Mencotti, Kacey Cerretani and senior Gabbie Guibord.

The highlight of the night was the first goal of the night, which proved to be the game winner. The score was junior Jenny Willerer's first goal of the season. She took a pass from junior Ashley Peper and floated a shot over the Spartan goalie from 14-yards out to score and give Northville a 1-0 advantage.

Hilmer earned the shutout with two saves on the night.

## Mustangs scoring lots of runs

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Northville's baseball team put up 41 runs over the past four games – something no coach is going to complain about.

Unfortunately, even with all the scoring, the Mustangs only managed to split the week, earning wins over Wayne Memorial, 16-1, and South Lyon East, 15-0 and 17-7, while taking losses of 12-7 and 2-1 against an alwayspowerful Southgate Anderson team.

"Overall it was a pretty good week," said Kostrzewa. "We seem to have found a better groove offensively scoring a lot of runs this week. The pitching and defense were pretty solid in wins over South Lyon East and Wayne.

"The week unfortunately culminated in 2 losses versus Southgate."

**Against South Lyon** East, the Mustangs jumped out to a 2-1 lead in the first inning and then tacked on six more runs in the second as they put the rest of the game in cruise control for the victory. The team added

#### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs baseball team will be back on the diamond when they host Salem Saturday at 10 a.m. before playing Monday at John Glenn at 4 p.m. The team will then play Wednesday at home against Livonia Stevenson at 4 p.m.

one run in the third, four in the fifth and four more in the sixth to get the victory in just six innings for a mercy-rule finale.

Leading the way with three hits and six RBIs was Zach Wilds, while Thomas Huber added three hits and four RBIs in the victory and Jake Slominski had three hits.

Evan Flohr, Sam Houston and Tim Eis split time on the mound for North-

In Northville's other win over East, the Mustangs took a 15-0 victory in four innings while not allowing a hit off the pitching of Houston and Taylor Turner. Combined they struck out three and walked three.

runs in the opening three innings, including two runs scored and an RBI by Wilds.

The Mustangs scored 12

#### Northville 16, Wayne Memorial 1

Against Wayne Memorial, the game was over before it could really get going as the Mustangs won via the 10-run mercy rule at the end of the third inning.

The squad put up 10 runs in the first inning and three in each the second and the third for the victory while giving up just one run in the first to the Zebras.

Huber and Brad Van-Hulle split time on the mound for the win while Huber led the offense with two hits. Picking up three RBIs was Wilds while Slominski, Van-Hulle, Brandon Patrone and Evan Wieland had two RBIs each.

#### **Southgate Anderson 12-2, Northville 7-1**

The Mustangs just couldn't put together the game they needed to take one away from Southgate Anderson as they fell in a doubleheader against the perennially powerful team.

"In the 12-7 loss we were not fundamentally sound at all committing several mental and physical mistakes on defense that lead to the loss," said Kostrzewa. "Offensively we battled and had the lead late in the game, but we made way too many fundamental defensive mistakes and Southgate was able to capitalize."

In the second game, Northville hit the ball hard but couldn't find any gaps. They picked up the lead late again but couldn't hold on as Southgate rallied for the vic-

Eis threw 7.1 innings and kept the game close.

"He did an outstanding job, but a couple of defensive mistakes in the eight led to the Southgate walkoff win," said Kostrzewa.

Southgate Anderson loaded the bases in the eight and Northville had a chance for an inningending double play but failed to execute, leading to their loss.

## Tennis team on an absolute tear

By Sam Eggleston

Chalk up two more dual meet victories for the Northville Mustangs girls tennis team and a huge victory at the Midland Quad tournament last

Winning, it seems, is becoming old hat for these ladies.

The Mustangs collected victories over Walled Lake Northern, 9-0, and Brighton, 9-0, in crossover divisional play last week. The team, coached by Linda Jones, finished first in the KLAA Cen-

#### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls tennis team will be back on the court when they play Saturday at the KLAA tournament with a 4 p.m. start. The team will then play Tuesday at Port Huron Northern at 4 p.m.

tral Division and played Walled Lake Northern and Brighton as the winners of their respective divisions.

If that weren't enough, the Mustangs made the trek to Midland and

played in a quad at the Midland Tennis Center. There, they defeated Midland Dow, Troy and Mason with several exciting matches — including several that lasted over two hours each.

Northville earned 20 points for the victory while Midland Dow took second with 14 points.

Five of Northville's eight flights took the top spot with Emma Worley winning No. 2 singles, Anika Mulkerji and Danielle Romano winning No. 1 doubles, Elizabeth Sakorafis and Jordan Hermiz taking

first at No. 2 doubles, Chloe Page and Paige Baal winning No. 3 doubles and the final victory coming from the No. 4 doubles team of Libby Quinn and Shannon Wil-

The No. 1 doubles team had what was likely the most exciting match of the tournament. They had a three-set victory over Troy in the second round where the third set was won in a sevenpoint tie breaker. The Mustangs jumped out to an early lead and won the tie break in the third

## Mustangs seeing growth in softball team

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Five games in two days sounds absolutely

exhausting, doesn't it? For the Northville softball team, it was indeed a tiring experience, but a fulfilling one as they not only played through five games in a span of just a couple of days, but they walked away with three big wins on the season.

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs softball team will be back on the diamond when they play Monday at John Glenn at 4 p.m. The team will then play Wednesday at home against Livonia Stevenson at 4 p.m.

The team played in the Michigan Stars Invitational last weekend, hosted at Grand Blanc. Northville picked up wins against Birmingham Seaholm, 12-4, Warren Cousino, 9-8, and Traverse City West, 12-6. They did take their fair share of lumps, however, falling to Brandon, 8-2, and North Farmington, 6-1.

Northville followed the lead of freshman Shannon Rounsifer on offense as she batted a .500 over

the entirety of the tournament while junior Allie Chapekis hit .438 over the two days. Alison Zwarka and Jessica Jones shared time on the mount throughout the weekend.

additional loss on Monday evening, falling, 7-4, to a tough Livonia Churchill team.

The team suffered an

Northville is now 2-7 in the KLAA and 5-12 overall this season.

## Novi softball runs win streak to five games

By Terry Jacoby Correspondent

The Novi softball team is on a roll. A five-game roll. And while there is still plenty of room for improvement, the Wildcats (7-7 overall) are proving they have plenty of talent on the roster.

The Wildcats took a pair from Westland John Glenn on Monday, including a dramatic 8-7 comeback win in the opener in eight innings.

Novi was down 7-5 with two outs and no one on base in the seventh inning. With two strikes, Sam Troher battled and managed a single to keep the game going. Casey Lawler, another sophomore, followed with a base hit. Senior Miranda Hanby hit a fly ball to the outfield that was misplayed allowing Troher and Lawler to score and tie the game.

In the eighth inning, Kailey Oppat drove in the winning run. Oppat also pitched in relief to get the

Lawler and Jenna Lowney each had two hits for the Cats. Troher, Hanby and Laura Oakley (two RBI) also had hits in the win.

Novi also won the sec-

#### **ON TAP**

The Novi softball team plays its makeup game Thursday against Northville. The Wildcats also play Saturday at a tournament in Royal Oak.

ond game, 7-3. Mallory Daschke earned the win, allowing six hits, three walks and two strikeouts. The game ended with a diving catch in the outfield by Brooke Embley, who turned the grab into a game-ending double play.

Oakley had a huge day at the plate. The senior third baseman had two singles, a double and two RBI. Oppat had a triple and Lola Teran and Anna Greulich also had hits.

#### Royal Oak

Last Thursday, the Wildcats swept a doubleheader from Royal Oak.

Oppat helped lead the offense in the openinggame 8-1 victory. The senior had two walks, a triple, a home run and two RBI.

Hanby had a double and two RBI and Lowney drew two walks. Troher, Daschke and Oakley all had hits for the Wildcats.

Daschke had six strikeouts and allowed just three hits to earn the win.

In the second game, the Wildcats pounded out a 15-5 win behind a solid pitching performance from Tarrant. The junior allowed just two hits and three earned runs in the game.

Jenna Lowney led the offense with four hits and Oakley delivered a double and two singles. Oppat, Lawler and Troher had two hits apiece. Daschke had a triple and two RBI. Tarrant, Teran and Embley also had hits.

#### Stevenson

Last Wednesday, the Wildcats split a doubleheader with Livonia Stevenson. The Cats allowed five unearned runs and managed only three hits in a 7-2 loss in the opener. Greulich, Oppat and Lowney had the hits.

The Wildcats bounced back with a 6-4 win in the second game.

Tarrant allowed just two hits and two walks and overcame four errors behind her to get the win.

Oppat again had the big stick with two doubles and two RBI. Lowney, Troher, Hanby and Teran all had hits in the victory.

## Novi tennis bounces back with win over Grand Blanc

By Terry Jacoby Correspondent

The Novi tennis team bounced back from a rare loss with a 7-2 win on Thursday over Grand Blanc. The Wildcats improved to 8-2 on the season and are 6-1 in the KLAA.

The two teams split the singles matches. Erin Day (No. 1 singles) and Allison Lollo (No. 4 singles) both came up short for the Wildcats.

Novi freshman Youna Lee won 6-0, 6-2 at No. 2 singles and sophomore Dhivya Sridar won 7-5, 6-

1 at No. 3 singles. The Cats continued their dominance in the doubles as they took all

six matches. Caitlin O'Brien and Amy Zhou won 6-1, 6-3 at No. 1 doubles; Rachel Bailey and Dina Fawaz won 6-0, 6-4 at No. 2; Rebecca Chen and Asawari Kanit-

#### **ON TAP**

The Novi tennis team played Canton on Tuesday and defending state champion Grosse Pointe South on Wednesday. The Wildcats will host the KLAA "A" Tournament on Saturday featuring the top three teams in each division, including Novi, Northville and Salem. The tournament begins at 8 a.m. and will feature matches at both the high school and middle school.

kar won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3 singles; and Harika Bollineni and Melanie Murphy won 6-1, 6-1 at No. 4.

At No. 5 doubles, Melisa Bunio and Prasanti Ravipati won 6-4, 4-6, 7-5 and at No. 6 doubles, Shakila Khan, Carolyn Zhang and Abigail Swain teamed up for a 6-7 (5), 6-3 (10-7) win.

Last Wednesday, Novi fell to host West Bloomfield 5-4 in a close match.

The Wildcats lost in straight sets against a solid singles team for West Bloomfield.

But Novi won four of the five doubles matches, losing only at No. 1 doubles as O'Brien and Zhou lost 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (7).

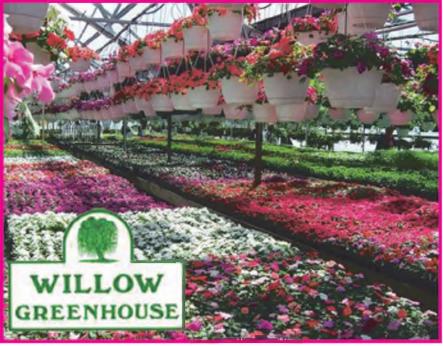
Rachel Bailey and Dina Fawaz won 7-5, 6-2 at No. 2; Rebecca Chen and Asawari Kanitkar won 6-4, 6-4 at No. 3 singles; and Harika Bollineni and Melanie Murphy won 6-4, 6-0

at No. 4. At No. 5 doubles, Shakila Khan and Carolyn Zhang won 5-7, 6-2 (10-6). Last Tuesday, Novi

defeated host Lakeland 8-1. Lee won 6-3, 6-4 at No. 2 singles, Sridar won 6-1, 6-3 at No. 3 singles and Lollo won 6-4, 6-3 at No. 4

All six doubles teams won in straight sets.

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## Knights upend previously undefeated Troy

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

The Northville Knights Rugby Football Club knew heading into their contest against Troy that they would have to play a fundamentally-sound game in order to stand a chance at winning.

When all was said and done, a strong first half and the ability to overcome mental errors in the second half left the Knights with a victory over the previously-undefeated Troy squad, 15-12.

Troy came into the contest with a 4-0 record and stood atop the division standings while the Knights boasted a 1-1-1 record following a tough 16-15 loss toe Howell the week before.

Northville came out strong, however, and dominated the first half

#### **ON TAP**

The Northville Knights Rugby Football Club will be back on the pitch when they host Shelby today at 5:30 p.m. at their home field at Livonia Stevenson.

of the contest with relentless rucking and strong all-around play but it took a 40-meter run by flyhalf Bastien Dupessey, who hails from Novi, with just two minutes left in the game to secure the victory. He snagged a loose ball that squirted free from the ruck and scampered down the sideline, untouched, for the score and the victory.

A strong defensive stand as time expired led to the end of the game as scrum half Matt Stoner disrupted a late Troy lineout, causing a knock-on to end the match and solidify the victory for the Knights.

Northville climbed to 2-1-1 on the year with the win. The team had a strong first half showing in the victory as they went up 3-0 to take an early lead when Ricky Lensczewski put in a 20-meter penalty kick, and David Borthwick added to that score with a try on a pick-andgo off the ruck from five meters out to end the first half. Lensczewski added the two-point conversion to put Northville on top, 10-0, heading into the break.

Unfortunately, despite solid pressure from the Knights, several costly mental mistakes and turnovers helped Troy take the lead, 12-10, on two tries as time fell off the clock.

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#### NORTHVILLE ROUNDUP

#### Northville picks up two wins The Northville Mustangs boys

lacrosse team secured a 13-5 victory over Plymouth last week after collecting a 14-6 win over Salem.

The team is now 5-6 overall. Against Plymouth, the team followed the lead of Joe Chase, who poured in five goals and had an assist while Jake Fuller had two goals and Nate Ray had two goals and an assist. Picking up a goal each were Alex Melucci, who also had three assists, John Cooke, who had five assists, Kevin Piwowar and Alex Fuller.

Against Salem, Chase had four goals and two assists while Cooke had three goals and four assists and Fuller had three goals and three assists.

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## **Help Like Santa**

Do you think Santa is busy only at Christmas time? No. Santa is busy all year round. Here is what Santa does. Santa goes to people and tries to teach them "How you can be of help to the needy people".

One day Santa was on a teaching mission. He met a rich and rude fruit market owner, Mr. Captain Grumpy. So Santa talks to Mr. Captain Grumpy and Santa explains how important it is to help the needy people. So Mr. Grumpy agreed to send ten boxes of fruit to Santa.

Then comes the first month and Mr. Grumpy makes ten boxes of fruits ready to send to Santa. He calls one of his poor employees, Mr. Walker and tells him to take these ten boxes of fruits to the North Pole and deliver them to Santa

Mr. Walker is very happy to take the fruits to the North Pole because he is excited to meet Santa Claus. He takes a carrying pole and puts five boxes on one side and five on the other side. He puts the carrying pole on his shoulder and starts the Journey proudly!

The journey was long and tiring. Mr. Walker was hungry. He doesn't think he can walk anymore without eating something. He doesn't have anything to eat except juicy fruits for Santa. So he decided to eat a box of mangoes. Even though he's working in the fruit market, Mr. Grumpy never gave him a single fruit to taste. Now he opens the box and sees the perfectly ripe mangoes. He finishes the whole box of mangoes and delivers the 9 boxes of other fruits to Santa Claus.

Mr. Walker may be a poor person but he is a very honest person. When he comes

back from the North Pole, he goes to Mr. Grumpy and tells the truth that he ate one full box of mangoes because he was so hungry. Mr. Grumpy gets really mad, he beats Mr. Walker and throws him out of the fruit market. Mr. Walker gets up and walks away crying.

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## Survey says: Buying a home can bring a young couple closer together

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Joe and Katie Allen are working to move into their new Superior Township home, which they've been fixing up the last six months.

"Hopefully getting to the end of it," he said. "Classic money pit." In the meantime, the Allens, both 32, are staying with their children, 3 and 5, at her parents' home in Canton.

The Allens sold their first Canton home in January. "Longterm value" is what he cites as an advantage of owning.

"We don't usually struggle to be on the same page," he said. He's the "make it happen person" on the home while his wife handles interior design.

They're doing 90 percent of the work themselves, and knew what it would cost, said Joe Allen, who owns an industrial parts distribution company. His wife is a homemaker.

Advice he'd give to other young couples buying a home

depends on the person and situation. Allen cautions against major changes if you're not on solid footing in your relationship now.

You need to prepare, he said, have your down payment in place and anticipate costs.

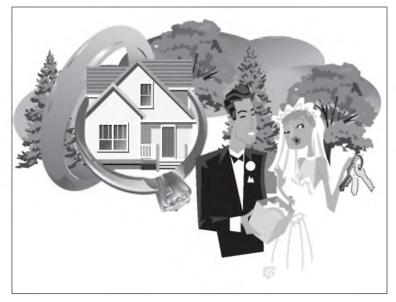
"Just have a good willingness to roll with what comes along," and plan, he said.

It's good to learn from others' experiences, Allen added.

John North, chief operating officer of Troy-based Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, agrees. "I think it speaks to the value of home ownership," said the 50year-old Birmingham resident.

A recent survey done by Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel showed that many couples 18-34 are buying homes and, if done right, that can strengthen a relationship.

Millennials are waiting later to marry, North said. "Their belief that home ownership is part of the American dream, I think young people are acutely aware of that."



North purchased a home before he was married, and now lives with his wife in Birmingham. He too has words of wisdom for younger couples.

"They have to decide their needs and wants, and be willing to compromise," North said. Honesty's essential, and couples must be open about finances.

Planning ahead, even 10 years down the road, is also essential, he said, as is having fun. "There's probably nothing more rewarding," North said. "Enjoy it, have fun with it."

He agreed with Allen's assessment on the financial aspect of owning a home. "There's no question that home ownership throughout the years has proven one of the best investments." North said.

"Prices are on the rise pretty much across the board," Realtor North, in the field with CBWM for 15 years, said of the local market. "We're encouraged about the fact Michigan's doing a great job of attracting more jobs. We're encouraged and excited about the future."

He said younger couples now are career-focused but also interested in home ownership.

"We see the value of it, we know what it means to have a home," North said of older buyers. "It helps bring a family together.'

He's been with CBWM his entire real estate career, and is encouraged by the local market. "Homes are available in every price range," North said, noting recent events have made bigger homes more affordable for younger cou-

The new study from Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC uncovered that about one in four married couples between the ages of 18-34 purchased their first home together before their wedding date, compared to 14 percent of those ages 45 and older. According to the survey, 35 percent of all married couples purchased their first home together by their second wedding anniversary, and 80 percent of married homeowners who purchased their home while married said it did more to strengthen their relationship than any other purchase they made together.

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## Forcible entry suit doubtful

By Robert Meisner

Q: My parent's home has been foreclosed upon, but I have remained in possession despite notice that the agent for the closing purchaser intended to enter the premises and remove my parent's belongings while I was out of town. However, the agent entered the premises, removed the belongings, changed the locks, and affixed a "no trespassing" sign to the door. Do I have any basis to sue for forcible entry and detainer as well as conversion, which I am told are possible remedies?

A: Probably not based upon a recent decision from the State of Maryland which on similar facts found that a land owners right to reenter a premises unlawfully detained had long existed at common law, so long as that



Robert Meisner

peaceable, which was apparently the case here. The legislative procedure for obtaining a sheriff's writ of possession was only an alternative

re-entry was

available to the landowner, which did not abrogate the common law right of self-help. The court also indicated that public policy supported the reasonable use of self-help in foreclosure repossession. However, you should check with your own attorney to see whether in fact the law in your jurisdiction may be different.

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

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 14-18, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
7425 Admiralty Dr	\$230,000
309 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$161,000
646 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$146,000
8750 Columbia Cir	\$143,000
7813 Corbin Dr	\$165,000
46490 Creekside Ct	\$228,000
41515 Haggerty Woods Ct	
39757 Hillary Dr	\$125,000
4546 Hunters Cir E	\$64,000
43110 Keystone Ln	\$185,000
1660 Manton Blvd	\$185,000
648 Merrimac Rd	\$115,000
2493 Premier Ln	\$77,000
3405 Riverside Ct	\$196,000
3339 Riverside Dr	\$185,000
2076 S Brookhill Ln	\$77,000
43888 Shiloh Ct	\$164,000
43449 W Arbor Way Dr	\$72,000
1580 W Lakeview Ln	\$102,000
44205 Westminister Way	\$151,000
GARDEN CITY	***
29418 Alvin St	\$26,000

31521 Bock St	\$52,000 \$35,000
31914 Donnelly St 6455 Fairfield St	
32116 Florence St	\$75,000 \$70,000
271 Helen St	
32944 John Hauk St	\$79,000 \$45,000
LIVONIA	\$43,000
29646 Barkley St	\$127,000
20382 Beatrice St	\$60,000
17311 Bell Creek Ln	\$157,000
11300 Brookfield St	\$155,000
14232 Cavell St	\$95,000
36245 Club Dr	\$301,000
36276 Club Dr	\$30,000
18606 Deering St	\$65,000
14038 Denne St	\$130,000
17111 Dolores St	\$117,000
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14639 Ellen Dr	\$136,000
11698 Farmington Rd	\$88,000
18225 Fremont St	\$126,000
15937 Gary Ln	\$210,000
35621 Hees St	\$130,000
14112 Henry Ruff St	\$85,000
11422 Ingram St	\$162,000
8942 Knolson Ave	\$162,000
35259 Leon St	\$132,000
18797 Mayfield St	\$238,000
15610 Nola Cir	\$163,000
14585 Park St	\$120,000
36075 Parkhurst Ave	\$215,000
19019 Stamford St	\$204,000

36985 Vargo St 18849 Westbrook Dr 9829 Westmore St 9409 Westwind Dr 14812 Yale St NORTHVILLE	\$180,000 \$215,000 \$60,000 \$141,000 \$160,000
16356 Brookwood Ct 42199 Crestview Cir 39715 Golfview Dr 18994 Grande Vista Dr 406 Mountainview Dr 41624 Rayburn Dr	\$217,000 \$338,000 \$515,000 \$100,000 \$285,000 \$285,000
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644 Adams St 49659 Draper Cir 698 Jener Pl 732 Kellogg St 41813 Lindsay Dr 717 McKinley St 641 S Harvey St 9609 Southworth Ave 11741 Spicer Dr 46671 Strathmore Rd 14845 Thornridge Dr REDFORD	\$183,000 \$110,000 \$312,000 \$47,000 \$215,000 \$123,000 \$120,000 \$185,000 \$295,000 \$173,000
8855 Appleton 18239 Delaware Ave 15405 Gaylord 9639 Hemingway	\$32,000 \$26,000 \$48,000 \$45,000

11345 Leverne	\$43,00
12829 Leverne	\$44,00
12006 Nathaline	\$60,00
18428 Negaunee	\$45,00
9654 Riverdale	\$25,00
11401 Winston	\$70,00
WESTLAND	
27558 Ann Arbor Trl	\$100,00
39149 Armstrong Ln	\$92,00
36011 Avondale St	\$36,00
32224 Bertram Dr	\$84,00
36142 Canyon Dr	\$85,00
31958 Charlevoix Ct	\$10,00
35221 College St	\$19,00
8003 Coventry St	\$25,00
163 Dawson Ct	\$105,00
35521 Dove Trl	\$83,00
32500 Grandview Ave	\$82,00
36231 Hazelwood St	\$80,00
8589 Ingram St	\$119,00
33772 Lacrosse St	\$80,00
30215 Marshall Ct	\$86,00
33309 Mill Race Cir	\$85,00
5895 N Christine	\$127,00
5719 N Parent St	\$20,00
30651 Nelson Cir	\$127,00
520 Pattingill St	\$119,00
1303 Sharon St	\$60,00
1267 Surrey Hts	\$105,00
33100 Woodworth Ct	\$50,00

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31851 Beverly Ct	\$220,000
30279 Embassy St	\$125,000
BIRMINGHAM	
570 Aspen Rd	\$680,000
638 Dewey St	\$1,400,000
200 Greenwood St	\$800,000
1742 Mansfield Rd	\$274,000
731 Willits St	\$425,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1462 Inwoods Circle Ct	\$1,245,000

1295 Forest Ln	\$375,000
4146 Meadow Way	\$189,000
97 Whysall Ln	\$635,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
5930 Franklin Rd	\$1,525,000
6659 Vachon Ct	\$240,000
4170 Valley Forge Rd	\$262,000
6180 Westmoor Rd	\$260,000
278 Westwood Dr	\$1,350,000
615 Windsor Run	\$330,000
711 Wooddale Rd	\$545,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
2941 Gabriel Dr	\$115,000
2370 Yasmin Dr	\$55,000
FARMINGTON	
31708 Sherwood St	\$65,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
28801 Aranel St	\$165,000
21417 Archwood Cir	\$135,000

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37420 Emerald Forest Dr 21326 Flanders St 28890 Glenarden St 21811 Hancock St 28917 Hidden Trl 30097 Kingsway Dr 30064 Old Bedford St 21113 Parker St 27983 Quail Hollow Ct 21674 Roosevelt Ave 30535 W 14 Mile Rd # 1	\$243,000 \$115,000 \$200,000 \$200,000 \$375,000 \$180,000 \$152,000 \$113,000 \$17,000 \$41,000
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41626 Clemens Cir 22007 Greentree Ln 22366 Lancaster Ct 22209 Pondview 41880 Quince Dr SOUTH LYON	\$370,000 \$223,000 \$416,000 \$104,000 \$125,000
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783 Westbrooke Dr SOUTHFIELD	\$260,000
27325 Arlington Dr	\$142,000
27240 Evergreen Rd	\$37,000
19490 Goldwin St	\$35,000
24331 Lathrup Blvd	\$69,000
16022 Mount Vernon St	\$70,000
20191 Norwood Dr S	\$50,000
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#### Assessment collection

The Meisner Law Group, P.C., announced that Robert M. Meisner will be conducting a seminar on Wednesday, May 15, from 6-8 p.m. covering the assessment collection dilemma.

This seminar is designed for board members and officers, managers, developers, and association members living in or working with a condominium or community association. Explore how to successfully navigate the new challenges in assessment collections for a associations. Cost is \$45 for UCOM members (\$65 per person for nonmembers of UCOM). For registration information, contact United Condominium Owners of Michigan; www.ucomonline. org; (248) 352-8490; e-mail: info@ucomonline.org.

#### Q: We have a policy that allows one dog at the condominium with no size. weight or breed limitations. A coowner wants to bring a pit bull into the condominium and we are concerned about that dog staying here. What can A: You may not have any

basis to keep the dog out unless you amend your bylaws to restrict certain types of breeds. However, while Michigan has a strict liability policy with respect to dog bites, not all states do which led to a decision by the Maryland Court of Appeals which had to deal with the "one-bite rule" which holds that a victim must prove that the dog was dangerous or the bite was due to the negligence of the dog owner before liability is established. However, the Maryland Court of Appeals rejected the onebite rule when the dog is a pit bull saying that pit bulls are "inherently dangerous," and a dog owner — and a landlord who allows the dog to reside in a rented apartment — could be held strictly liable. Moreover, the court in that case said "it is not necessary that the landlord (or the pit bull's owner) have actual knowledge that the specific pit bull involved is dangerous." Similarly, in a recent Kentucky Supreme Court case, the ruling was that a landlord who permits tenants to keep dogs could be as liable for the dog bite as the owner of the dog. You are best advised to speak with your community association attorney and/or if you are a landlord to take the appropriate precautions.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium. It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. Condo Living 2 is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of *Condominium* Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law. com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



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Job interviews are stressful. Being peppered with questions about your employment history, the skills you possess and how you'd handle hypothetical work situations is hard enough. You don't want to compound the challenge by making an easily avoidable mistake, like showing up late or failing to bring an extra copy of your resume.

Over the years, Robert Half International has surveyed hiring managers and workers, asking them to recount the biggest interview gaffes they've either seen or heard about. Following are some of the most unforgettable responses -- and suggestions for avoiding a similar fate.

#### Don't forget your people skills

- "An individual applied for a customer-service job, and when asked what he might not like about the job, he said, 'Dealing with people."
- "The applicant told me if she had realized it was our company, she wouldn't have shown up for the interview."
- "When asked by the hiring manager why she was leaving her current job, the applicant said, 'My manager is a jerk. All managers are jerks."

No matter how well you've prepared, you might find that nerves get the best of you in the heat of the moment. You wouldn't be the first person to stick your foot in your mouth, judging by the examples above.

To guard against saying or doing something you might regret, conduct a practice interview with a friend or family member well ahead of the big event. The "interviewer" can alert you to instances when you seem more nervous than usual or become flustered. The practice will also help you feel more at ease during the real interview.

#### Don't focus on your needs over the employer's

- "The applicant told me he really was not interested in the position, but he liked that we allowed for a lot of time off."
- "One individual said we had nice benefits, which was good because he was going to need to take a lot of leave in the next year."

It goes without saying that the interview is a prime opportunity for you to learn more details about the position. But use common sense when digging for additional information.

Don't ask for the nitty-gritty about future compensation, benefits and perks until the hiring manager has expressed serious interest in offering you the position. Jumping the gun will make it seem like you don't care about the job itself or making a meaningful contribution to the potential employer.

However, it is appropriate to ask about the position itself, even during the early rounds of interviewing. For example, you might inquire about the person who last held the role or about the types of professional development opportunities the company makes available to employees.

#### Don't dress down

- "A person came to the interview in pajamas with slippers."
- "The candidate arrived with a snake around her neck. She took her pet everywhere."
- "One job candidate left his dry cleaner tag on his jacket and said he wanted to show he was a clean individual."
- "An applicant wore the uniform from his former employer."

No matter how casual a potential employer's work environment seems, dress to impress. That means wearing a suit or other similar professional attire.

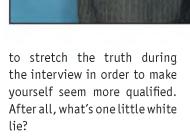
It's highly unlikely a hiring manager will knock points off if you show up to the interview slightly overdressed. However, coming in casual attire may give the impression that you're not serious about the position or cause the interviewer to question your professionalism.

This is one of those small details that can speak volumes, so don't take any chances.

#### Don't be dishonest

- "After being complimented on his choice of college and the GPA he achieved, the candidate replied, 'I'm glad that got your attention. I didn't really go there."
- "After arriving for an early morning interview, the job seeker asked to use the hiring manager's phone. She proceeded to fake a coughing fit as she called in sick to her boss."

If you've been on the job hunt for a while, it can be tempting



But keep in mind most employers conduct reference or background checks prior to extending an employment offer. And in the age of Google and social media, it's easier than ever to uncover false information. If that happens, you can be guaranteed you won't be offered the position, and your professional reputation can suffer irreparable harm.

Even if your lie isn't uncovered right away, you could be setting yourself up for failure. If you exaggerate your skills or experience, you may not be able to successfully complete the position's duties once hired. It's best to give the hiring manager an accurate depiction of your abilities so both you and the employer can be confident the job is right for you.

The bottom line: It's never OK to lie during the interview, no matter how small the fib might seem. Always stick to the facts and build a case for the position you seek based solely on your actual skills and experi-

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