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A demolition crew continues its effort to tear down the structures at Northville Township's former Scott Correctional Facility on May 20.

Scott Prison meets the wrecking ball

Demolition crew estimates work will take couple months

By Kurt Kuban Staff Writer

The former Robert Scott Correctional Facility proved a steadfast barrier to thousands of prisoners for more than two decades. But the facility on Five Mile and Beck has been no match for a small crew of demolition experts that began tearing it down last week.

The crew from Adamo, the contractor Northville Township hired to demolish the prison buildings on the 56 acre property, will be on the site for a while as they methodically take down each of the nine buildings on the site. In fact, several of the buildings, including the gymnasium, have already been pummeled into large heaps of scrap materials, which Adamo will sell on the open



Tom Casari, director of public services for Northville Township, is overseeing the demolition of the former Scott Correctional Facility

No lower bond in torturing of toddler

Bv Kurt Kuban Staff Writer

The 19-year-old Northville Township man accused of beating and torturing a toddler, and his 18-year-old girlfriend who had been charged with failing to report the abuse, were both back in court Friday afternoon.

Wearing a yellow Wayne County Jail outfit, Dylan James Dunlap remained relatively silent throughout the short hearing, in which his attorney, Robert Mullen, requested an adjournment of the scheduled preliminary examination. Mullen made the request to 35th District Judge James Plakas, noting he had only been retained Thursday and didn't have enough time to "dig" through the evidence in the case.

Citing the "large stack" of evidence in the case and the seriousness of the charges against Dunlap, Plakas granted the adjournment and rescheduled the preliminary exam, which is a hearing to determine if there is sufficient evidence to send the case to circuit court for trial. The new date is June 21.

However, when Mullen also requested a reduction of Dunlap's \$1 million bond, Plakas said "there's absolutely no way I'm lowering the bond."

Dunlap is facing two life sentences after being charged with several felonies, including torture, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and first-degree child abuse. He was also charged with assault or assault and battery, which is a misdemeanor. Police allege the crimes took place the evening of May 5 at a Northville Township apartment in the 19400 block of Northridge Drive, when Dunlap was watching the 23-monthold nephew of his girlfriend, Olivia Suzanne Kwiatkowski.

"These are incredibly serious charges and involve a victim and, therefore, the whole community," Plakas said as he denied the request to lower the bond.

Shortly after Dunlap was taken back to Wayne County Jail, Kwiatkowski was arraigned in front of Plakas

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at Five Mile and Beck. Casari expects the 56 acre facility, built in Please see DEMOLITION, A3 1986, to be completely razed within three months. Please see BOND, A3 Northville teen flawless on 'So You Think You Can Dance'

By Lonnle Huhman Staff Writer

Northville's Amy Yakima, 19, knew there was a lot riding on her first audition before the judges on the Fox Network's popular series "So You Think You Can Dance."

Because of this she put her all into the performance. The judges' reaction afterward let her know that she delivered. They sent her to the second round after giving her a standing ovation.

"It was quite nerve wracking and I knew there was a

lot on the line for me," she said of her first round audition, which aired last week. "Dancing is all I do and it's been something I've been training to do my entire life, so it was important to me to do well."

Judge Nigel Lythgoe said her performance was basically flawless.

"I'm not sure that I spotted anything bad in your work, which annoys me," he said afterward.

Judge Mary Murphy said the performance made the hair on her arms stand up.

"You were absolutely spectacular," she said.

Yakima's father and Northville resident, Dr, Daniel Yakima, also performed before the judges. She began her audition by telling the judges about her father taking jazz dance lessons. The judges then invited him onto the stage to perform what he had learned.

Amy said they later watched the taped show together.

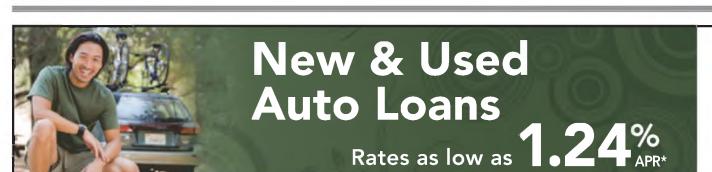
"It was quite a sight," she said with a smile.

Amy has known about the show since it first debuted in 2005. She said it's a big

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Northville High School grad Amy Yakima, 19, reacts to what the judges have to say on the Fox Network's "So You Think You Can Dance." She has reached the second round of the popular show.





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Memorial Day Parade tradition continues Monday morning

By Kurt Kuban Staff Writer

Those who sacrificed their lives in defense of this nation will be celebrated and remembered during the annual Northville Memorial Day Parade, which kicks off at 10 a.m. on Monday.

The parade is a Northville tradition that dates back roughly 40 years, according to Betty Burkacki, president of the Ladies Auxiliary at VFW Post 4012 and parade chair. Post 4012 and American Legion Post 147 jointly organize the parade every year. She said the parade will begin promptly at 10 a.m., with a starting point at Griswold and Main streets. The parade will then proceed along Main to Wing Street, south on Wing to Cady Street, west on Cady to First Street, and south on First to Fairbrook. The parade route concludes at Rural Hill

ICE CREAM AT CASTERLINE

Continuing a long standing tradition, the Casterline and McGuire families will be handing out free Guernsey Ice Cream in the parking lot of Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, following the Northville Memorial Day Parade on Monday. It is a tradition that dates back seven decades. Please stop by to celebrate those who have sacrificed and served our country.

Cemetery, where there will be a solemn ceremony honoring America's war dead.

Burkacki encouraged the community to come out and show their support of America's true heroes. But she cautioned that this parade isn't a festive one.

"Everyone needs to



FILE PHOTO

The color guard from Northville's VFW Post 4012 will again be marching along Main Street during the Memorial Day Parade, which takes place Monday beginning at 10 a.m.

remember that we are honoring our deceased veterans," she said. "This is not like the Fourth of July parade where everyone is waving and throwing candy. This is a very solemn gathering, espe-

cially when we conclude at the cemetery."

The ceremony will take place in the veterans section of Rural Hill Cemetery. There will be a final tribute to the veterans, firing of the guns,

and placing of a wreath in the cemetery. The guest speaker will be Brigadier Gen. Michael A. Stone, the assistant adjutant general for installations for the Michigan National Guard.

Stone has been deployed three times, in Dessert Storm, the operation in Bosnia, and most recently in Iraq. He earned a Bronze Star in Dessert Storm for leading his troops out of a mine field, according to his longtime friend, Tom McLaughlin, senior vice commander of Post 4012, who asked Stone to speak. In fact, McLaughlin first met Stone in 1983 when the latter was still in the ROTC.

"I've watched him go from the bottom and rise right through the ranks. It's a real joy to see, having mentored him and served with him. We were deployed together a couple times," McLaughlin said. "He's a real credit to the officer corps. He's always looked out for the welfare of his soldiers. He's also worked a lot on VA matters, something that we care about at Post 4012."

There will be a number of local groups and indi-

viduals walking in the parade, including VFW and American Legion members, the Northville High School band, scouting troops and some local politicians, though Burkacki said "this is no time to try get elected."

The grand marshals for this year's parade are Roxanne Casterline, and her two daughters Lindsey and Courtney. The Casterline family have long been big supporters of the parade, according to Burkacki. In fact, the Casterlines, along with the McGuire family, will again be giving out free Guernsey ice cream after the parade and ceremony. They will be set up at Casterline Funeral Home on Dunlap Street.

Burkacki said the memorial ceremony will begin at the conclusion of the parade. However, she said they will wait for everyone to make their way to the cemetery.

"People don't have to push and shove to get to the cemetery. The ceremony won't start until everyone is there," she said.

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Dylan Dunlap of Northville Township stands in Wayne County Jail scrubs along with his attorney Robert Mullen in 35th District Court on Friday. The 19 year old is accused of beating and torturing a 23-month-old child. Dunlap is scheduled to be back in 35th District Court on June 21.

BOND

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on a new misdemeanor charge of contributing to the delinquency of a



Kwiatkowski

ed. Kwiatkowski. who informed Plakas that she is five months pregnant, agreed to plead guilty to the charge and will be sen-

minor, for

leaving a child in

her care

unattend-

child. Plakas accepted her guilty plea, but he refused to guarantee that jail time wouldn't be part of his sentence. Kwiatkowski and her public defender had requested no jail time be part of the plea agreement. As

tenced June 7 in 35th Dis-

trict Court. She didn't say

whether or not Dunlap is

the father of her unborn

a result of the plea deal, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office dropped a charge of failing to report the child abuse. Plakas ordered the \$300 bond that was posted on her behalf after the first charge be retained until her sentencing.

Police say Kwiatkowski was babysitting her sister's son the evening of May 5. She told police that she went to the store and left Dunlap in charge of the boy. Police say the abuse took place while she was gone. Police allege Dunlap struck the child multiple times on the head, torso and legs. Dunlap is also accused of using a lighter to burn the boy on his chest, hand and wrist.

Police were called to the scene and the boy was transported to an area hospital, where he was treated and released.

"In all my years of law enforcement, this is the most disturbing case of child abuse I have ever encountered," Northville Public Safety Director John Werth said.

Mullen, the defense attorney, said he will need plenty of time to go over all the evidence against his client. He noted in court that Dunlap has two previous misdemeanor convictions, for marijuana possession and theft, but he has never shown violent tendencies in the past.

"Before I can adequately represent my client, I really need to dig into this. This case goes far beyond what we are seeing on the surface," Mullen said. "The kid's a teenager, and he's facing two life sentences — that in itself is reason enough for us to slow down the process. We need to make sure we take a second and third look at the facts in the case. Obviously, the decisions that are made in court are going to affect the trajectory of his whole life."

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DANCE

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deal in the dance world. The first round performance on the show was a high point for her after years of practice while also maintaining a busy schedule with school and other activities.

She is hoping the show will advance her aspirations of being a full-time professional dancer.

Because she signed a contract with the show, she couldn't say much about the next steps in her involvement with it. However, she will definitely perform in the next round of the competition.

The dancers are competing over the 12-week season for the title of "America's Favorite Dancer."

The show is on Tuesday nights, so stay tuned in to cheer her on and see how she performs.

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DEMOLITION

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market as it tries to recoup its demolition costs. The Detroitbased Adamo agreed to pay the township \$1 for the contract, but the company gets to take possession of all materials on the site — from a large CAT generator that has resale value, to all the scrap materials including the extensive fencing, which will be taken down

The only buildings that will be preserved are two large pole barns on the site that will serve as storage units for the township's water department and adjacent park.

Northville Township DPS Director Tom Casari has been overseeing the demolition project and has been out to the site watching the progress on a daily basis. On Mon-



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Much of what is demolished from the former prison — from steel and concrete to bricks — will be recycled. Here a twisted pile of steel lies near the eastern-most buildings.

day, he marveled how easily Adamo's large machinery knocked down prison buildings and turned them into rub-

"It's a real process they have tearing these buildings down. They don't want to touch any of the materials more than once," he said, noting how the

different materials are placed in separate piles.

The contract calls for Adamo to have the site cleared by the end of November.

Odie Danneels, Admamo's foreman on the site, said he expects the work to be done in a couple months.

"It will probably be done in a couple months, maybe sooner than that but I like to give myself a little leeway," said Danneels, who has been with the company for 28 years.

Once Adamo exits the site, Casari said all that will be left of the old prison are the foundations from the various build-

"Everything will be to grade," he said. "It won't be a site you would want to play soccer on, but lets just say it will look a lot better than it did before we took the prison down."

The township still has to determine what to do with the site moving forward. The deal

the township made with the state to take possession of the land gives the state the ability to take it back if it isn't used for a public purpose. However, the township is negotiating with the state to make sure that doesn't happen.

Some officials have said they would like to have a mixed use development that will be a nice gateway into the community. Casari said the current board of trustees has some "exciting" visions for the property, but that all still needs to be fleshed

"That all needs to be figured out in the future. My guess is there will be a master planning process," Casari said. "The main thing for now was to get this (demolition) done get it torn down and then we can start working on what will come next."

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NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

National recognition

Meads Mill sixth grade social studies teacher Jennifer Hart has been selected as a 2013 National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Scholar from a record number of national applicants. Hart will travel to Sanborn, New York and participate in a workshop entitled "Clinton's Ditch: The Erie Canal in Western New York". Scholars will study this engineering marvel to deepen their understanding of how the Erie Canal transformed the course of American history.

Hart will explore themes through multiple mediums — art, historical documents, literature, and culinary culture. Numerous visits to historic sites from Buffalo to Syracuse will enrich the study of the Canal, including a cruise along the Canal itself. The one week program is facilitated through Niagara County Community College.

Scholarship winner

Northville High School senior Andrew Carlone was among the 13 students honored as 2013 Community Financial Scholarship award winners recently. The scholarships were awarded, in collaboration with the Community Foundation of Plymouth (CFP) and the Ann **Arbor Area Community Foundation** (AAACF), to students who exemplify Community Financial's "People Helping

People" philosophy. The \$1,000 scholarships are named in honor of Margaret Dunning, and the late George Lawton, both great examples of that philosophy. Carlone was one of the Margaret Dunning Scholarship winners.

Rowing Club camps

The Northville Rowing Club will be holding two Learn to Row Summer Camps for middle school students. Camps are currently scheduled for June 3–8, and June 10-15 (Monday–Friday 4:30-6:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:30-11:30

Rowing, also called Crew, is a competitive co-ed club sport new to Northville High School.

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For more information, contact recruit. northvillerowing@gmail.com or visit www.NorthvilleRowing.com.



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Hillside Middle School students work on the computer lab's older computers. From right are Lora Haupt, Rachel Grenel, Zachary Komejan, and Kiera Borthwick. The school and its students will soon have brand new computers to work on, thanks to the recently passed technology bond.

District to spend \$3.5 million to replace computers

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The computer labs in the Northville Public Schools classrooms will look a lot different next year. A lot of the current computers are 5-10 years old and have served students well, but now the time has come to replace them with newer

upgrades. The Northville Public Schools Board of Education has approved a \$3.5 million contract for a complete replacement of the district's desktop and lap top computers. By a 7-0 vote, the board awarded the contract to Inacomp TSG. School Board member Adam Phelps said this decision comes after

extensive discussion by the school board.

Northville's Human **Resources Director Dave** Rodgers told the school board at their April 23 meeting that this is sizable purchase is being funded by the technology bond passed by voters last fall.

"We're really doing a massive, comprehensive replacement of our desk top computers and lap tops," Rodgers said.

Although the outgoing computers have their issues, Rodgers said they have served the district well, which is mainly due to the innovative work of the district's technology

He said they have been "a tremendous investment for this district" over the years. A salvage value of \$60,000 for the outgoing computers/technology was put out in the winning contract bid.

There will be more than 3,000 computers purchased, including 780 lap tops. The deployment of these computers is scheduled for this summer and will be completed prior to next school year.

In other decisions pertaining to the technology bond, the school board also approved contracts to purchase video production technology in the amount of \$128,000 and instructional carts in the amount of \$157,000.

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Ridge Wood runners

Ridge Wood Elementary School student Justin Yu chugs around the field during the school's May 17 Fun Run event. The combination fundraiser and healthy-habits assembly featured a half-hour of running and walking laps by the staff and students as they were cheered on my their parents. The students sought pledges for each lap completed and the school will then use the funds to purchase needed supplies and bring in educational visitors.

City, schools could redevelop Old Village School into administrative offices

LOCAL NEWS

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The City of Northville and Northville Public Schools are exploring a joint effort to redevelop the Old Village School building into a location that, if feasible, could house the administrative offices for both.

It's been almost a year since Old Village School was mothballed and closed down by the school district, and no certain plans for its future have been discussed. However, that changed at the May 6 meeting when the City Council approved the expenditure of \$6,000 to be paid to the Northville Public Schools for a feasibility study to be performed by consultant Beckett and Raeder of Ann Arbor.

Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan said earlier this year the school district approached the city about this idea. The school district will also contribute \$6,000 to the study. The district has sought input from the city on the possibility of redeveloping unused space along Main Street.

'We have also discussed the possibility of jointly locating an administrative office building in Old Village School. Both the School District and the City are interested in gather-

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What do you think of the idea to redevelop the historic (and mothballed) Old Village School into joint administrative headquarters for the City of Northville and Northville Public Schools? What other ideas do you have for the historic building? E-mail your opinions to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@ hometownlife.com.

ing preliminary information pertaining to a potential joint project and potential redevelopment of other properties along Main and Wing Street," Sullivan said in his report to the council.

He said with the decommissioning of OVS, "There are some planning opportunities for this block and I think we need to explore some possibilities and develop some cost estimates" for future planning.

This was a no bid project. Sullivan recommended Beckett and Raeder because of the history it has with the city The firm performed the 2006 Downtown Strategic Planning Effort, and is familiar with the history and strategic objectives of the city regarding



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The City of Northville and Northville Public Schools are exploring the possibility of redeveloping the historic Old Village School into joint administrative offices.

redevelopment issues in and near the downtown.

The lone dissenting vote on the city council was member Nancy Darga. She supports the project and respects the firm, but believes other firms should have been looked at, particularly ones that have experience with projects involving historical buildings.

"I'm not sure we did do our due diligence in at least asking some other firms to look at it

and give some input," said Dar-

There are two scenarios to be explored during the feasibility study plan.

The first would be exploring the option of co-locating both offices in the Old Village School building. This would potentially vacate both the current school administration building and existing City Hall building for adaptive reuse. In this scenario the city would

also like to evaluate the potential development of the vacant parcel in the block south of City Hall for residential/mixed use.

With scenario two, should it be determined that the OVS is not conducive to this co-use, the city would like to explore the development of a co-located office building somewhere else on school/city owned property.

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City to use racetrack funds for improvements

Officials target Randolph Drain fix, streetlights upgrade and non-motorized master plan

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The City of Northville will be dedicating more than \$140,000 in racetrack breakage funds to public improvement projects, which will include one to fix the water flow of the Randolph Drain.

According to Northville City Treasurer/Finance Director Sandi Wiktorowski, this revenue comes from Northville Downs Racetrack activity from live and simulcast racing. It's recorded into the city's Public Improvement fund when received to the extent that it exceeds the cost of providing police and fire services to the racetrack.

"Over the past decade, those funds have mostly been used for capital outlay and construction related activities," said Wiktorowski. The Northville City Council has approved allocating \$140,262 from the more than \$200,000 in fiscal year 2012 breakage funds for the following projects: Randolph Drain Improvement Project, Non-Motorized Master Plan, and Street Lighting Upgrades.

Overall, the drain project is expected to cost \$55,381. According to the city's public improvement report, the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner has investigated a portion of the Randolph Drain within the city limits of Northville between Mill Pond Court and Coldspring Drive and determined that the flow is being restricted.

A profile created from survey point revealed several sediment deposits that could be slowing flow through the drain. A contractor is being retained to clean approximately 360

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SANDI WIKTOROWSKI

Northville treasurer/finance director

feet of drain between four private properties which have significant landscaping. The Randolph Street Drainage Board has approved an assessment in which Northville will have to pay its share of the proposed improvement cost of \$35,572.

In addition to this project, The Randolph Drainage Board has also assessed past project costs which have accumulated in the Drainage Board Fund. Northville's share of these costs is \$19,807. The annual maintenance of the drain project will be included in the Local Street Fund budget.

Some \$20,000 of the breakage

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revenue is also being allocated to pay for the professional service agreement Northville has established with Carlisle Wortman Associates for the planning and development of a Non-Motorized Master Plan. According to the city, the plan is needed to link existing nonmotorized routes, plan for new ones, make connections to Maybury Park, Hines Park, Novi and Northville Township, and eventually to regional trail networks such as the I-275 pathway.

With the street lighting, Northville officials said DTE has a program to encourage communities to upgrade their street lighting. DTE is offering incentives for replacing mercury vapor to new LED fixtures. Of the 579 DTE Energy fixtures in the City of Northville, 221 are mercury vapor. It is estimated to cost \$64,881 to replace the 221 fixtures.

However, Wiktorowski said it's estimated that this will save approximately \$17,275 in energy costs each year going forward.

After seeing a gradual decline in breakage revenue over the last eight years, Northville has now seen two years in a row where it went up a bit. In 2004, it was over \$500,000 and it reached a recent bottom in 2010. In 2011-2012, it went up three percent.

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Trespassing anglers

Two Westland men were warned they could not fish at Lake Success near downtown Northville without permission.

On May 17, Northville City Police were conducting an after hours property check of a building on Griswold Street when a suspicious parked vehicle was discovered. The police knew of the issue with trespassers fishing the nearby lake, so they searched the area and found the men. They were fishing, but did not have permission.

They were given a warning, but if they return they could be cited for trespassing.

Injured person

Northville City Police responded to Mill Race Village on a report of an injured man.
On May 5, police went to the

gazebo area of the location and found a 68-year-old Northville man on his back near a stone paver walkway. He had a laceration on his forehead and cuts on his forearms. He did not know exactly what he tripped on.

Counterfeit bills

Two counterfeit \$20 bills were used on Kentucky Derby day at Northville Downs.

On May 4, it was reported to Northville City Police that an unknown person had passed the bills to a teller at the racetrack on Center Street. The bills were discovered the next day during a count.

There are no suspects and the bills have been sent to the US Treasury office in Detroit.

Larceny

A Northville man's mountain

bike was stolen while he was at Ford Field in downtown Northville.

The 48-year-old man told Northville City Police that on May 9 his red Nishiki Bravo bike was chained and locked to a post in the northwest corner of Ford Field. When he later went back, it was gone. There are no suspects.

Marijuana possession

A Northville man was cited for marijuana possession after being stopped for having a plate that had checked out as impounded on the police background check.

On May 15, Northville City Police stopped the 32-year-old at Eight Mile Road and Center Street after conducting a check of the license plate, which came back listed as impounded. The man said it was his grandmother's car, and that it was reported as stolen by his brother last year but had been cleared up. The police reported smelling marijuana inside the vehicle.

A search of it turned up a container filled with marijuana and a pipe.

Drunken driving

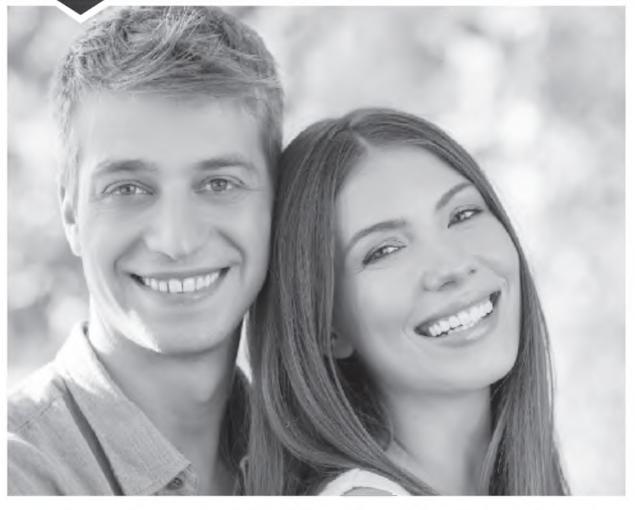
A Novi man was arrested for drunken driving after being stopped for not having his headlights on.

It was after 2 a.m. when Northville City Police spotted the 21-year-old driving near Randolph and N. Wing streets.

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Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service

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

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Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group

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Location: 777 West 8 Mile Road.

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

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tuary - 9:15 a.m. Traditional - Held in the Sanctuary - 11 a.m.

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Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10

Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service Alzheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month.

MEADOWBROOK CONGRE-GATIONAL CHURCH

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between 8 and 9 Mile

Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@ mbccc.org.

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Church School: 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Merry Widows Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month

Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m. Sundays

Good Friday Cross Walk Time/Date 6 p.m. Friday, March 29

Details: The traditional Cross Walk will begin at Novi United Methodist Church (10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads) and continue to Meadowbrook Church. This is a somber remembrance of Christ's final walk and there are many opportunities for those who wish to carry the large wooden cross.

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN AS-SEMBLY

Location: 41355 6 Mile Road **Contact:** (248) 348-9030

Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Chil-

9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium

1015 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

Wednesday Family Night:

7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call (248) 348-9031.

NOVI - NORTHVILLE CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE

Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.

Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

NOVI UNITED METHODIST

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com

Facebook Page: https:// www.facebook.com/pages/ Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433

Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m. **Healing Service and Holy** Communion: 9:45 a.m. first

Sunday of every month Peace Vigil: noon, first Sunday of every month in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

OAK POINTE CHURCH

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org

Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday

ReNew Life Group Ministries: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

Details: Overseen by TrueNorth Christian Counseling, offering a variety of support and relational groups: Divorce Care; Grief Share; Life Disrupted (Doing Well At Being Sick); Restarting; Setting Boundaries with Teen & Adult Children; Single and Single Again; Men's Integrity; Cross Current; Her Story-Partner Care; Growing Seasons (for children); and two new groups are Caretakers and Knitted Together (Adoption/Foster Care) Work-

Contact: (248) 912-0043; http:// www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups/

renew/index.html. Women's Life Groups Ministries: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday

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Founder of Phillips Service Industries leaves quite a legacy

Longtime Northville resident William T. (Bill) Phillips, founder of Phillips Service Industries. Inc. (PSI), a privately-held global manufacturing and services holding company based in Livonia, died last week after a hardfought battle with Lou Gehrig's disease. He was 79 years old.

In 1967, Phillips, who died May 15, launched PSI Hydraulics, a small two-man operation based in Detroit, which initially focused on servo valve repairs. He received his hydraulic systems training working on B-25 Bomber aircraft while serving two stints in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Over the next three decades, Phillips expanded the business to include repair and remanufacturing services for electronics and precision mechanical assemblies, as well as other hydraulic components. During this time of rapid growth, PSI Hydraulics was renamed PSI Repair Services, Inc. and relocated to Livonia, where it remains today as the

world's largest industrial component repair company of its kind.

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"Bill Phillips was a one-ofa-kind visionary, with incredible integrity, who treated his employees like family," said Jay Hollingsworth, public relations manager at Phillips Service Industries, Inc. "PSI is very fortunate to have the strong leadership of Scott Phillips, who possesses the same qualities and passion for innovation as his father."

Bill Phillips leveraged the success of PSI Repair Services to acquire other technology-driven companies that fit his vision for growth, and created Phillips Service Industries to serve as the parent company. The acquisitions included Beaver Aerospace & Defense (Livonia), Sciaky, Inc. (Chicago, Ill.), Evana Automation Specialists (Evansville, Ind.), Mountain Secure Systems (Longmont, Colo.), POWER-THRU (Livonia), and Skytronics, Inc. (El Segundo, Calif.).

Today, PSI and its subsidiar-



ville resident William T. (Bill) Phillips, who founded the Livonia-based **Phillips Service** Industries, Inc. (PSI), died last week after a hard-fought battle with Lou Gehrig's disease.

Longtime North-

ies are a \$130 million dollar enterprise, with more than 500 employees, led by Bill's oldest son, Scott Phillips, who has been the acting president and CEO since 2010.

"My dad's passing has, of course, affected our entire family very deeply," said Scott Phillips. "The thing that amazes me, though, is how many people outside the family feel the same way. In the days following his death, many people told me about acts of kindness and generosity that he had kept to himself, and that some thought of him as a father figure. His life touched so many others. I think this, beyond all the professional accomplishments, will be his enduring legacy.'

In 2010, Bill, who was an avid reader, published a memoir titled "An American Entrepreneur," which recalls his lifechanging experiences, from growing up on a farm in Tuckerman, Ark. to driving innovative, multimillion dollar projects for the Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Military.

Bill, along with his wife, Betty, who passed away in 2012, donated millions of dollars over the years to charities and local institutions like St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Angela Hospice, and Madonna University, all of Livonia. They also provided financial support for wounded soldiers returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Bill Phillips was a generous man, who didn't wait for circumstances to shape his life," said Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey. "He saw opportunities overlooked by many and worked hard to bring them to reality. The City of Livonia lost a great ambassador, and I've lost a great friend."

Bill is survived by his eight children, 20 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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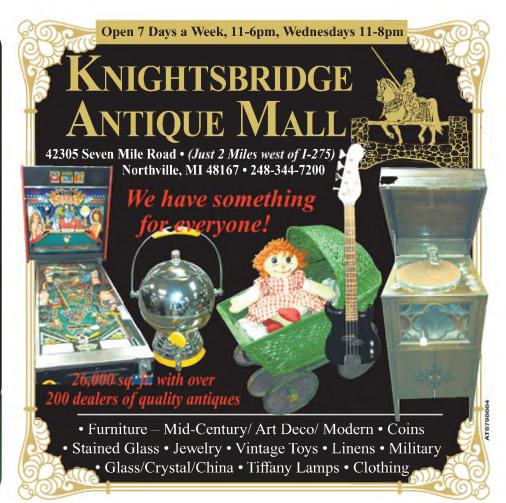


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'I Hate Hamlet' to close season at Tipping Point

LOCAL NEWS

Northville's Tipping Point Theatre will close its 2012-2013 season with the production of "I Hate Hamlet", which begins on May 30 and runs through June 30.

The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. on Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. A special matinee performance has been added on Wednesday, June 12 at 3 p.m.

The theatre is located at 361 E. Cady St. in Northville.

The play revolves around the character Andrew, who after earning his fame and fortune on a successful TV show, returns to New York for the next audition of his career. To his surprise and horror, he lands the role of Hamlet in the Shakespeare in the Park festival. Adding to his anxiety, his real estate agent rented him an apartment once inhabited by John Barrymore, who is considered to have given the best performance of Hamlet in the twentieth century.

However, the ghost of Barrymore still haunts the apartment and has set his sites on convincing reluctant Andrew to play

"I HATE HAMLET" BY PAUL RUDNICK

- Where: Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady Street, Northville
- When: May 30 through June 30 (Thursdays-Sundays)
- Starring: Ryan Carlson, Andrew Parker, Brenda Lane, Alysia Kolascz, Andrew Huff, Vanessa Sawson
- Director: James R. Kuhl
- Tickets: \$29-\$32 for adults and \$27-\$30 for students/ senior citizens; reserved seating. Senior citizens 62 and older receive \$2 off per ticket. Bring a group of 15 or more and receive \$3 off per ticket for all performances. This may be combined with senior discount.
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the part. Now Andrew must decide between the easy money he could make with a new television series and the con-

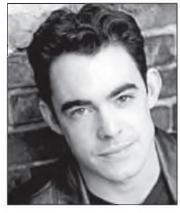


Brenda Lane plays the character Lillian Troy.

fidence to be gained by facing the world's most difficult acting challenge.

This production has a little bit of everything that Tipping Point audiences love.

"It has a healthy dose of comedy, a sprinkle of action, and it is filled with heart and an appreciation for theatre. It will



Ryan Carlson plays Gary Peter Lefkowitz.

be a highly entertaining evening of theatre", says producing artistic director James R. Kuhl. "Since the show is in the round, the audience will be immersed into the action of the play. Since this show ultimately is an homage to following your passion. We hope people will feel to inspired or to refuel themselves to follow their passions and to continue to do what they love in life.'

This production is supported, in part, by an award from the Michigan Council for Arts



Actor Andrew Huff plays John Barrymore.

and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the

Tickets are \$29 to \$32 for adults and \$27 to \$30 for students and senior citizens and are available now by calling the box office at (248) 347-0003. The box office opens 90 minutes prior to each performance.



Contest winner

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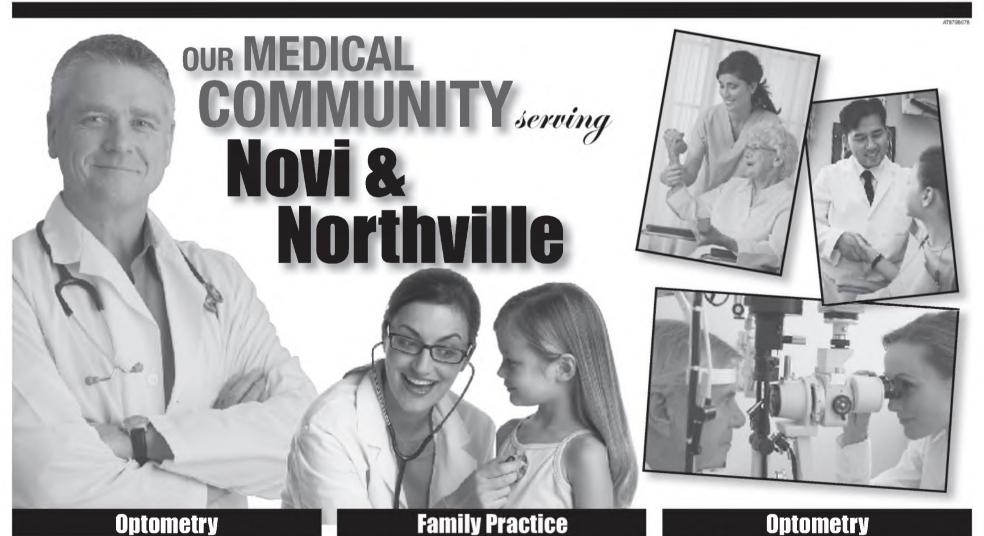
Adeline Wieczorek (center) of Westland is the winner of a new Whirlpool washer and dryer courtesy of Bill and Rod's Appliance. Also pictured are Lynda Town (left) and Bernadette VanCleave, sales associates at Bill & Rod's Appliance in Livonia. The family-owned company celebrated the grand opening of the new store, 15870 Middlebelt (just north of Five Mile) with the washer/dryer giveaway. Contestants were asked to explain (in 50 words or less) why they needed a new washer and dryer.

"We, at Bill & Rod's Appliance, were thrilled to have so many join us at our grand opening and that we were able to give a brand new washer and dryer to such a wonderful family, said Kim and Linda Legato – owners of Bill and Rod's – and Joe Legato, general manager.

The owners want all contestants to know that they "read every single entry.

In addition to the winners, the family-owned business also awarded a refurbished washer and dryer to Tom Bedford, Jr.

Our hearts went out to Mr. Tom Bedford, Jr., a Korean War Veteran," said the Legato family. Nearly 700 entries were received for the contest conducted in







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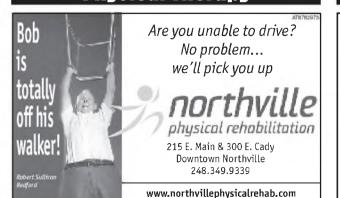
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Basic training grad

Navy Seaman Recruit Alexander Keller, son of Cotenia M. Keller of Grand Prairie, Texas and Timothy R. Carr, of Northville, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Keller completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physi-

Keller is a 2011 graduate of Delsol High School of Las Vegas.

New Marine

Marine Corps Pvt. Joseph W. Berry, son of Kathleen and William S. Berry of Northville, earned the title of United States Marine after graduating from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Training subjects included close-order drill, marksmanship with an M-16A4 rifle, physical fitness, martial arts, swimming, military history, customs and courtesies.

One week prior to graduation, Berry endured The Crucible, a 54-hour final test of recruits' minds and bodies. Upon completion, recruits are presented the Marine Corps emblem and called Marines for the

Berry is a 2008 graduate of Northville High School.

The fifth annual Michigan Electric Vehicle (EV) Show will feature cars like this from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 8, at Schoolcraft College.



See electric vehicles up close at Schoolcraft show

The latest technology and products for electric vehicles will be on display from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 8, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia at the fifth annual Michigan Elec-

tric Vehicle Show. The free show (and rally), the largest event for EV owners and exhibitors in the Midwest, takes place on the main campus (Parking Lot North) at Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads. The public is invited to see all kinds of EVs and plug-in hybrid cars upclose, talk to the owners and ride or drive many of the cars around the Schoolcraft campus.

The EVs include Ford Motor Co.'s C-MAX and Fusion; Chevrolet's Volt; Nissan's Leaf; Tesla's Roadster and Model S; Mitsubishi's i-MiEV; Detroit Electric Roadster; Toyota's Prius Plug-In; Think EV; Smart EV; plus electric scooters and performance EV motorcycles. Other vehicles on dis-

play will include conversions like Chevy S10, Austin Healy Sprite, Fiat X19, Ford Escort, PT Cruiser, Porshe Boxter and even an electric jet-ski. Highlights of the event in recent years have been a 1916 Detroit Electric, a 1976 Citicar and drag-pull racing electric tractors.

"This is the largest event of its kind in the Midwest," said Larry Tuttle, president of the Michigan Electric Auto Association. "Besides learning all about the latest EV technology and talking to people who drive EVs every day, visitors can 'Ride and Drive' and watch the OEM and conversion EVs compete in an exciting Solo Autocross Race."

Event co-sponsors are Schoolcraft College and the Michigan Electric Auto Association in partnership with Clean Energy Coalition, DTE Energy, Greening Detroit and O&E Media. Event organizers see the show as an educational and entertaining way to raise awareness of the general public about electric vehicles

Several vendors who provide equipment, services and resources to the EV industry and EV owners will be on hand, including DTE Energy Electric Vehicle Program; Charge Now and Clipper Creek charging stations; Sunventrix; Protean Electric; McNaughton-McKay Electric Co.; and many others.

Refreshments will also be available. Jacque's Tacos will be onsite selling gourmet food from its mobile food truck.

Last year's show attracted more than 2,000 visitors.

Read more about the fifth annual Michigan Electric Vehicle Show at www.michiganevshow. org.

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COLASANTI, MARY MARGARET (Peggy) Nee HOLBECK, A longtime resident of Highland,

Michigan, died Monday, May 20th in Leamington, Ontario with her family at her side. Peggy loved animals and was a talented artist. She worked for many years alongside her husband, Ron, and son, Kelly, at Colasanti's Market in Highland. Peggy is survived by her husband of 56 years Ronald Colasanti Ruthven, Children-Richard & Yamilla Colasanti Ruthven, Tracy & Denis Gritke Harrow, Jay & Vicky Kingsville, Kelly & Angie Highland, Michigan. Peggy is also survived by grandchildren, one great grandson, siblings, nieces, nephews, and many friends. A memorial service will be held on Friday, May 24th at the United Church in Kingsville, Ontario at 10:30 a.m. Condolences can be sent to Colasanti Family, 2824

HARRIS, ROSE MARY Age 70, of Northville, passed away 05/18/13. Visitation Fri. 5/24 from 3-6pm, Service 6pm at Casterline Funeral Home

Clyde Rd, Highland, MI 48357.

Memorial donations to the

Alzheimer's Foundation.



HYDE, RICHARD

Age 83, passed away May 15, 2013. He was born on September 9, 1929, in Detroit, to the late Harrison and Mary Agnes (St. John) Hyde. He served in the Army Air Corp. and was a proud WWII Veteran. Richard was a very devoted selfless family man who enjoyed helping others. Richard is survived by his wife Joyce; children: Dane (Molly) Hyde, Phil (dcd. Carol) Hall, dcd. Chuck (Cheri) Avigne, Cheryl (Bob) Krisniski, Mike (Ruthie) Smith, Kathy (Matt) Perron; 9 grandchildren, 5 greatgrandchildren; many nieces, nephews and former spouse Barbara Yearn. He was preceded in death by his 2nd wife Louise Hyde, his brother and 5 sisters. A funeral mass will be held on May 25, Saturday, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 711 Rickett Rd., Brighton, MI 48116. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Disa-

bled American Veterans. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



LANG, VIRGINIA G. Age 88, of Northville, formerly of Farmington Hills and Traverse City, passed away 05/19. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

ST. HENRY, PATRICIA Ć.

Age 88, passed away May 18, 2013. She was born on February 7, 1925 in Milford, daughter of the late Charles & Celia Shear. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald in 1970. Patricia is survived by her loving children: Michael, Paul (Laura Agabashian), Christopher, Patri-cia (Steven) Single, Thomas (Carol), and Charles, 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. She is also survived by her sisters and brother-in-law: Mary Lou St. Henry, Jean Tubaro, and Carl & Diana St. Henry. In lieu of flowers or donations, the family requests that you remember Patricia by doing something that you enjoy. Visitation was held on May 22 at

PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

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LAZZARA, RALPH SAM

Clarkston, formerly Northville, born in Tampa, FL died May 17, 2013 at 74 years of age. Loving husband of Barbara for 47 years; beloved father of Ralph Scott (Becky) and Kenneth Christopher; grandfather of Ethan, Gabby and Christian Lazzara, Alex, Lainey and Mitchell Williams; brother of Florence "Cookie" Ginex. Ralph was a sales manager for McNeil Consumer Products. He was a member of Clarkston Free Methodist Church, Clarkston and enjoyed golf, fishing, reading and spending time with his wife. He was a faithful deacon at Forest Park Baptist Church, Farmington Hills and relied on his faith to fight his battle with A.L.S. over the last 4 years. Memorial Service Monday, May 20, 2013 at 1 PM at Clarkston Free Methodist Church, 5482 Winell, Clarkston, 48346. Dr. Ed Mattox officiating. In leiu of flowers please make donations to A.L.S. Association. Arrangements entrusted to COATS FUNERAL HOME-CLARKSTON, MI. To send a condolence with the family go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/



Obituaries

WAYERFORD + ORTONVILLE + CLARKSTON LEWANDOWSKI,

NORBERT A. , passed away, May 17th, 2013. He was born on September 10, 1921, in Buffalo, NY, son of the late John and Elizabeth (Zoldowski) Lewandowski. Norbert is survived by his loving Larry (Mary). (Cyndi), Judy (Dave) Boyer, David (Marie) and Paul (Barb); his brother Richard (Ann); 19 grandchildren, nine great-grand-children. He was preceded in death by his wife Mary in 2010 and his brother Alfred. Visitation was held on Monday, May 20, from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. with a Rosary prayed at 7:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, May 21, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Active Faith Community Services, P.O. Box 188, South

Lyon, MI 48178. Online Guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



MORGAN. WILLIAM AND LISA

William and Lisa Morgan's memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 1, at 12:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. The family will begin receiving friends at 11:00 a.m.





MURPHY, SONJA E.

Age 98, born in Batavia, Illinois on 8-20-1914, long term resident of Detroit, MI, died in her home on 5-13-2013. Member of the Eastern Star modeled for J.L. Hudson. Was an avid sports fan of the Detriot Tigers and Red Wings. Beloved wife of Francis Vincent (deceased) and Henry (deceased). Loving Mother of Joy Ann Roberts (deceased) and Marlene Strang Grandmother of Kelly Malinowski, Peggy Neeman, Wendy Roberts, Daniel Bush, Christopher Bush, and Ryan Bush. Great Grandmother of 11. Memorial Service to be held on 6-5-13 in Oakview Cemetery of Royal Oak @ 12 noon.

NOWACKI, DEBORAH Died on May 19, 2013. Funeral Mass at St. Mary's Church, Milford, Thursday, May 23, 11 AM. LynchFuneralDirectors.com

Was born November 25, 1921 of Italian American mother, Harriet Horton, and immigrant Dutch father William Bult in Albany, New York. The younger of two daughters, Nick Named Billy by

WERT, ELLEN MAY (BULT)

her beloved father. Ellen graduated High School in Rochester, New York and worked at the local Kodak film processing plant before joining the Women's Army Air Corp. She met her husband, William Russell Wert on a troop train from Washington DC to Philadelphia and was married shortly thereafter at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. Ellen resided most of her adult life in Michigan where she nurtured and raised her three children. She was an accomplished seamstress, quilter, skier and later after moving to Carbondale, Colorado a hiker, golfer, fly fisher, and a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church. After the death of her husband in 1983, Ellen returned to Milford, Michigan until her move to Casa Grande, Arizona where she resided until her death on 26 April 2013 at the age of 91 after a brief illness. Ellen was a generous, fun loving, stoic woman of immense courage and tenderness, loving her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren to a fault. Ellen brought the sunshine and will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to be touched by her. She is survived by her three children Warren W. Wert, Judith Ellen (Wert) Drury, and William C. Wert, 7 Grandchildren and 13 Great Grand-children. A memorial service will be held at the Milford Presbyterian Church on August 3, 2013 at 11AM followed by a luncheon at the church for family and friends to stories and recalling of memories in celebration of Ellen's life. The family ask that in lieu of flowers

WEST, HARRIET JEANNE WRIGHT

Foundation

that a donation be offered in El-

len's name to the Leukemia &

Lymphoma Society or the Lupus

Of Fayetteville, Georgia, died on May 19, 2013, after a long battle with cancer. Jeanne was born in 1922, a native of DeKalb, Illinois. Jeanne lived with her family for many years in Northville, Michigan, relocating to Georgia in 1991. She was predeceased by her brother, Paul (Johnny) Wright, of Malta, Illinois on April 4, 2013. She is survived by her two sons, Paul West and wife Betty, of Fayetteville, and James West of Smyrna, Georgia, three Grandchildren, three Great Grandchildren, and many dear friends. Jeanne attended college at Northern Illinois University DeKalb, Illinois and graduated from the University of Wyoming. Jeanne did much volunteer work over the years, enjoyed antiques and art, reading, travel and southwestern and Native American culture. Her generosity of spirit will be missed by all of her family and friends. The Funeral Mass will be held at the Catholic Church of St. Gabriel in Fayetteville at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 24 with interment following at Camp Memorial Park, Fayetteville. A memorial reception for family and friends will follow interment. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for memorial in Jeanne's honor to the Salvation



More than a dozen local Girl Scouts earn Gold Awards

Simplifying volunteer opportunities for students, renovating rooms at the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, and increasing literacy rates of students in grades K-5 earned 16 Northville girls the highest award possible from Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan and Girl Scouts of the USA.

The following is a list of the Gold Award girls and their projects:

• Jessica Bernard, Troop 40855, worked with fellow Girl Scouts, Miranda Niemiec and Molly O'Sullivan, on a project called Community Impact Awards.

• Aurelia Busse, Troop 40855, addressed the issue of low literacy rates and lack of reading materials for inner city chil-

• Rachel Crittenden, Troop 41360, gave women at the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministry, a domestic violence shelter, hope by decorating and beautifying a room for them.

• Kristina Denniston, Troop 40859, renovated a room at the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, a nonprofit organization in downtown Detroit, which provides a home and services to women, children and men...

• Alexandra Draybuck, Troop 40855, worked with a volunteer coordinator at **Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries to** transform a sparsely decorated and furnished room at this multipurpose nonprofit into a sanctuary for DRMM clients. In addition to working on this project after school, Alexandra also put in time on Sundays to work around the organization's schedules.

• Laura Esqueda, Troop 40855, creat-

ed a mentoring program based on the concept of goal setting as her project. Her target audience was girls at Hillside Middle School and the desired outcome was teaching them about the required focus to achieve their goals. Laura created worksheets for participants to write down their thought process while creating goals. These sheets also required the girls to create a schedule and list potential obstacles as well as ways to overcome them.

 Blair Guilfoile, Troop 40855, addressed the numerous questions and uncertainties faced by incoming freshman and their parents as they make the leap to high school. She created a website called "Freshman FAQ" to answer questions such as "What is the student parking lot like?" and "What are the most popular spirit days?" Blair said she sought input from 2,000 other students at the high school to develop her list of questions and answers.

• Shannon Hayes, Troop 40010, was helping a fellow Girl Scout renovate a room at the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministry when she came across a female resident there who wished she had carpeting in her room. Shannon was so touched by this comment that she decided to renovate a room there from an institutional-feeling space into a home. In her discussions with a DRMM staff member, Shannon learned that many women don't want to stay in shelters because they feel embarrassed, alone and misunderstood.

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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.

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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. **Roth attorney Bieske** and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

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

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

benefits. www.ssdfighter.com

GOLD AWARDS

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• Jennifer Kowaic-

zyk, Troop 40844, created a more inviting and comfortable playroom at Alternatives for Girls, a homeless shelter in downtown Detroit for teen girls ages 15-20 and their young children. She gave the room a Dr. Seuss theme by placing wall clings of Seuss characters on the walls. In addition, she used shelving units to organize toys; installed two small tables, including one with drawing supplies and child-size stools; and created a bookshelf with ageappropriate books for children and teens.

• Catherine LoSchiavo, Troop 40438, concentrated on transforming a room at the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries Sorrento Care Center from a dreary, hospital-like setting into a bright and inviting space for women and children who reside in this temporary housing shelter. The room she worked on typically houses clients who are pregnant or require additional attention. Because of this she wanted to make the room extremely comfortable and accessible to its occupants.

• Michelle Menzies, Troop 41360, noticed that a room at the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministry had nothing but a set of bunk beds and a few dressers. She made it a priority to bring in furniture and sew sheets, curtains, pillows and blankets to make it a home. Women who are the victims of domestic violence are in desperate need of room renovations at the DRMM which will make them feel safe and welcomed

• Rikki Miller, Troop 45808, taught children at Northville Kid's Club to be more confident and develop memory and motor skills and flexibility through dance. At the end of each week, the participants would perform a dance, with noticeable improvement, for the entire group. Parents told Rikki that their children were less shy after taking her classes and are more likely to go out and try new activities because of the confidence they acquired.

• Abigail O'Meara, Troop 41360, took a nondescript room at the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries and over the course of a weekend infused it with personality by painting, carpeting and replacing furniture. Because of limited funding the DRMM, a nonprofit which works with Detroit's needy residents, must design rooms as inexpensively as possible which doesn't necessarily address comfort issues for the individuals who stay there.

• Keisey Reitzioff, Troop 855, taught a group of children at Northville Kid's Club about animal extinction and the deteriorating environment. She focused on the proper way to care for animals that are pets or living in the wild and how important it is to treat them with love and respect. She also taught the children about ways they could fix the mistreatment of animals and the environ-

• Lauren Santucci, Troop 40855, worked with fellow Girl Scouts, Jessica Bernard, Miranda Niemiec and Molly O'Sullivan, on a

project called Community Impact Awards designed to help high school students in her communitv access community service opportunities and bundle them into awards to include on various applications.

• Kelly Sashio, Troop 40885, designed games that were used to increase the literacy rates and reading levels of students in kindergarten through 5th grade at Neinas Elementary School in Detroit. The games she created help students to memorize the sound of words; teach them proper sentence structure; write letters and words; and read with speed and accuracy.

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OUR VIEWS

Focus on those who gave ultimate sacrifice

There's a lot of talk around the country these days about rights and freedoms. The Second Amendment right to bear arms and the First Amendment right to speak freely have been of primary focus as the debate rages over gun control in the wake of December's shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

What is nearly always left out of the discussion — but what should be the primary focus — is how we got those freedoms in the first place, and the men and women who have died making sure we can have those debates.

The chance to correct that comes Monday, when communities around the country gather for parades and ceremonies designed to honor the sacrifices of the military fighting men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country (the Northville community marks the occasion with a 10 a.m. parade, followed by a solemn ceremony at Rural Hill Cemetery to recognize all of the military veterans who gave their lives in defense of the nation). After that comes the traditional family celebrations in our parks, around our pools and barbecues, where we will enjoy the end of the three-day holiday weekend.

While enjoying families and friends, we urge you to keep the sacrifices of the brave men and women in



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Dozens and dozens of gravestones of U.S. military veterans stretching back to World War I rest at Northville's Rural Hill Cemetery. The cemetery, located off of Seven Mile Road, will be the scene of a service for combat veterans on Memorial Day, May 27 at the culmination of the annual Memorial Day Parade.

your thoughts and prayers.

Since this nation's birth, in wars and battles, skirmishes and fights — large and small — more than two million military servicemen and women have given their lives, all to give us the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today.

The wars these brave

souls have fought have produced our country's biggest victories. They've taken down dictators and terrorists, including Osama Bin Laden, the orchestrator of the biggest terrorist attack on American soil in history.

All of that stunning success, however, does nothing to overshadow the contri-

butions made by the thousands of our military servicemen and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice to ensure Americans continue to enjoy the freedoms secured by their efforts.

Memorial Day is the one day of the year set aside for the nation to get together to remember, reflect and honor those who have given their all in service to their country. Americans have never wavered in their commitment to freedom, nor in the effort to help those who seek to be free. Americans have fought in two World Wars for freedom, in Korea and Vietnam. Americans have fought a Cold War, in Desert Storm, in Iraq and Afghanistan against tyranny, oppression and terror.

However, the traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country. For many, Memorial Day and the three-day weekend marks the official start of summer. People use the time to open their pools and their cottages and gather for picnics.

In other words, people will, by and large, focus on having fun. And there's nothing wrong with that. But it has to be more than that. Enjoy those barbecues, open the pool or spend a relaxing weekend at the cottage. In the midst of that merriment, though, we urge everyone to take a moment to say thank you to those who have made all that possible.

There are more than two million reasons we cannot afford to forget why there is a Memorial Day.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What does Memorial Day mean to you?

We asked this question at American Legion Post 4012 and the Novi Public Library



"It's a day to remember our veterans from the past and those in the present."

Heather Hoski Northville



"It's about our veterans, who served and defended this country."

Frank Padovich

Northville American Legion member



"Time with family. It's the kickoff to summer." Cameron Innis



"It's a day of remembrance. It means citizens should take a moment out of their day to think about those men and women who volunteered to serve this country and help preserve their freedoms."

Dan Wisely Northville

American Legion member

Kurt Kuban, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor

Grace Perry, Director of Advertising

LETTERS

Roads over schools?

We are finally seeing signs that the Michigan economy is picking up some steam. Unemployment is at the lowest level since 2008. Housing prices are starting to rise, and for sale homes are in short supply. The state Treasury revenue projection conference just reported that revenue for the K-12 School Aid fund will produce a surplus of \$334 million during the current budget year, and will likely be followed by 3-percent increases each of the next two years. One would think that our governor

and legislature would start to restore some of the drastic cuts that they made in school aid in 2011 (\$470 per pupil). That cut lead to the layoff of 52 teachers in Northville, which caused unacceptably high class sizes in many buildings. A restoration of these lost funds would have an immediate positive impact on our students.

But now we hear that the legislature is seriously thinking about diverting sales tax revenue from schools to fix the roads. They are moving to exempting gas sales and other fuel sales from the 6-percent sales tax and replacing the sales tax with a surcharge to be dedicated to road repair. The cost of this diversion: \$750 million cut from schools.

We all want to see the roads repaired in Michigan, but to even consider taking money from our students to repair the roads is an unthinkable move. If this plan is followed, Northville Schools will lose \$3.5 million, half of our current fund equity. The school board will be forced to make drastic cuts in teaching and other staff. Our students will clearly suffer.

I urge you to contact Gov. Snyder, Sen. Colbeck, and Reps Heise and Crawford. Let them know how you feel about diverting funds from schools in order to fill potholes.

> Scott Craig tustee, Northville school board

The right choice

Congratulations Northville Public Schools! You made the right choice in not banning the *Anne Frank*: The Diary of a Young Girl from the reading list. What better age group,

with changing bodies, is there to read this?

Marti Dreiman

(retired reading teacher)

Northville

Excerpt not relevant

The excerpt from the Anne Frank diary about a young girl describing her genitalia is not relevant to the study or understanding of World War II. I see no purpose or need to include it in a classroom discussion. It was edited out back in the late 1950s when I read the book and there was a reason for that. In order to balance things out, maybe we could include in the optional reading material a book written by a young man describing his changing genitalia.

Carol Maynard (retired teacher) Northville Township

No more book burnings

I heartily agree with the Northville Schools district's decision not to remove the "controversial" edition of Anne Frank's diary from the optional reading list. To do so would conjure up images of the book burnings orchestrated by the architect of the hellish world in which Anne lived and died. Adolph Hitler made liberal use of book burnings to shield the public from literature he did not find appropriate to his twisted way of thinking. The world is full of pornography.

This isn't it.

John Webster Northville

A wise decision

I was so very happy to read that Northville school officials decided to keep the Anne Frank diary on the 7th grade reading list. It was a very wise decision, in my opinion, to resist this kind of censorship. All too often we read just the opposite. Censorship is undesirable in almost all situations (with the exception of true pornography), and education, both our children's and our own, depends on being able to have access to a wide range of literature and other information.

Thank you for reporting it on the first page of our newspaper. I offer

my congratulations to those school officials for standing firm for educa-

> Jane P. Thomas (Ph.D. English language nd literature

Northville

'Islam is root of terror'

It is time that we stop being "politically correct" and finally come out and verbally state the simple truth that many of us have only whispered to one another. The shock and disgust of the Boston bombings has finally brought to light one single fact: the true enemy of our society is Islam. In the history of our country our enemies have all been political ideologies. Our current enemy is a religious ideology; a religious belief that supposedly espouses love and peace, but continuously contradicts

these attributes. The Boston mosque where the two Tsarnaev brothers worshiped is known for its inflammatory and hateful preaching. A former trustee of the mosque appeared in videos advocating that husbands should sometimes beat their wives and call on Allah to kill Zionists and Jews. (USA Today, April 25, 2013). How many other mosques and Islamic schools in this country are doing the same thing? And we just sit back and wait for the next atrocious act.

Oh, but the press claims these two brothers were "radicalized." But before you are determined to be a "radicalized Islamist," you first have to believe in Islam. How many other Islamic believers in this country are gradually being radicalized? It seems the more devout Islamists are, the more radical they become. Therefore, who in the Islamic community can we now trust?

It is time for us to wake up and admit that Islam is the root of terror. It is so unfortunate that in this country we must now be vigilant and skeptical of those around us. How sad that we are forced to live with such distrust and scrutiny of others because Boston has taught us that our friendly Islamic neighbor could be our worst enemy.

James M. Koster

Northville

Catching 'White Lightning'

LOCAL NEWS

Hydroplane owner gets thrill showing off super fast water craft

By Diane Gale Andreassi Staff Writer

White Lightning, a hydroplane that won first in its class at Autorama earlier this year, has come a long way since Paul Poledink rescued it from a barn in Canada about five years ago.

The Northville resident and retired engineer who worked at General Motors and Ford remembers being thrilled on outings to the hydroplane races on the Detroit River with his dad. While boats and water sports have always been part of his life, Poledink said he couldn't pass up the chance to own his own antique race boat.

"This came along and I said, 'Wow, do I really want to be involved in hydroplanes?," he said. "This is the ultimate in recreational boats."

Owning the 41-year-old CE-52 E Class racer has been a joy that he likes to share with others who appreciate the sleek design of a race boat that looks like it's flying as it skims the water at speeds as fast as 90 mph.

"I never thought I would have anything like this," he said.

The antique boat sat in a barn for "years and years" before Poledink spent two years bringing back its luster with the help of a lot of people, including Steve Lloyd, owner of Steve's Auto Body in South Lyon.

"To make it this pretty, I couldn't do that," Poledink said. "I did all the financial work and



Steve's Auto Body revamped a hydroplane that won first place at Autorama earlier this year. Pictured are (from left) Hydroplane owner Paul Poledink, crew member Sandy Ross and Steve Lloyd, owner of Steve's Auto Body, with the trophy.

had people help me with things I couldn't do. Half of it is to enjoy it and half of it is to take it around and let people enjoy

Working on White Lightning "was a challenge," Lloyd said. "We've done so many things here that there's really not too many things we can't do. It

was cracked and the paint had fallen off. A lot of times, with fiberglass, it just breaks down and cracks. It wasn't in real bad condition, but it needed some pretty drastic repairs to get it looking as nice as it is."

The work paid off, Poledink said, because the reaction he gets from onlookers makes all the money and labor worthwhile. There are few thrills that compare to watching a young person climb into the driver's seat and pretend they are steering the race boat across the waves.

"It sounds hokey, but there's a joy in bringing it to other people," he added.

He encourages hydroplane enthusiasts to come see White Lightning at Walled Lake Thunder June 8-9; the Gold Cup on the Detroit River July 12-13 and Quake on the Lake July 19-21 in Waterford.

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NORTHVILLE SENIOR SERVICES CALENDAR

Northville Community Center Senior Services

Location: 303 W. Main St.

Contact: (248) 349-4140 SENIOR FEST

11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday, June 5 Details: The event will feature dancing, sponsor booths, lunch and prizes galore. Cost is \$8 per person. Must

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Teen volunteers at Providence not too young to care

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Bhavana Tetali, 18. isn't a physician just yet, but she's well on her

The graduating Novi High School senior was among teen volunteers at Providence Park Hospital in Novi honored during a Teen Celebration the evening of May 13.

"It definitely exposed me to a lot of the subfields" of medicine, said Tetali of her more than 300 hours of volunteering, which started in her junior year at Novi High. She volunteered in labor and delivery, pediatrics and oncology.

Tetali was glad she could talk to doctors and nurses about their work. "I want to be this person in 10 years" was her reaction.

She's headed to Wayne State University in the fall for an eight-year program that will guarantee medical school admission and education.

Northville High School's Mitchell Robinet, 18, is also a graduating senior who received a scholarship that evening. He's volunteered

about two years, mostly in patient transport, and put in some 130 hours.

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Robinet's headed to the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, for undergraduate work in health science. He plans graduate work to become a physical therapist, now a doctoral program.

"It taught me there's a lot more than money to a job," Robinet said of volunteering. "I met a lot of nice people, people who gave me advice about my future."

Some 150 teens volunteer in a year at the hospital, said Kathy Zaguroli, manager, Volunteer Services. She was among speakers that evening who praised the students and their parents.

"Don't stop now," Zaguroli said of volunteering. "Hopefully you've learned something here that can continue.

She urged teens to look into spring break mission trips in college.

"You get more than you give," said Zaguroli, who's glad she volunteered at her two children's schools. "Truly that's where you're making a life," she added in



Jake Winter checks out the supplies at the Providence Park Hospital gift shop on May 13 with employee Sally Necci. The Northville High senior, who worked at the gift shop, and other students, were recognized for their volunteering efforts at a scholarship and awards gathering that night at the hospital.

paraphrasing British Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

The Providence Park League, the membership group of hospital volunteers, annually awards teen volunteers \$100 if they complete 100 of volunteer service hours at the hospital and stay actively volunteering throughout the school year. In addition, they award scholarships to graduating seniors who are selected through a competitive application process. This year, there were 27 students receiving \$100 awards and eight scholarship recipients. This year's scholarship recipients are: Bhavana Tetali, Novi High School; Kristen Zayan, Northville High School; Kristina Stellhorn. Walled Lake Western High School; Katherine Chen, Plymouth Salem High School; Mitchell Robinet, Northville High School; Jacob Winter, Northville High School; Cayley D'Ascenzo, North Farmington High School;

and Ziqing Huang, Novi

High School.

All are receiving a scholarship ranging from \$300 to \$800 in addition to the \$100 award.

Douglas Drobnis of Novi is president of the Providence Park League. Drobnis, a volunteer retired from insurance and investments work. said the hospital has 563 volunteers, including the 150 teens.

"Basically the teen volunteers are all over the hospital," Drobnis said. "Just about every department." Many want to learn more about health care careers.

One girl saw blood for the first time and quickly changed her mind about health care.

The scholarship committee had a tough job this year in particular, Drobnis said. "We had absolutely superior kids." The committee looks at the application and essay as well as recommendations from a teacher or counselor and the hospital supervisor.

"Just being with these



Mitchell Robinet pushes a wheelchair through the hall of Novi's Providence Park Hospital on May 13. The Northville High senior, and other students, were recognized for their volunteering efforts at a scholarship and awards gathering that night at the hospital.

kids is a proud moment for me," Drobnis added. "It gives you hope for the future compared to what you see on the news."

Lisa Ward, director of risk management, said, "At the end of everything we do, there's a patient." Her thanks and encouragement to the teens and their parents were echoed by Dr. David Dull, M.D., medical director.

"We deeply appreciate you and your children, your young adult children now."

Dull said his work with colleagues in the operating room is equally matched by the human side of healing.

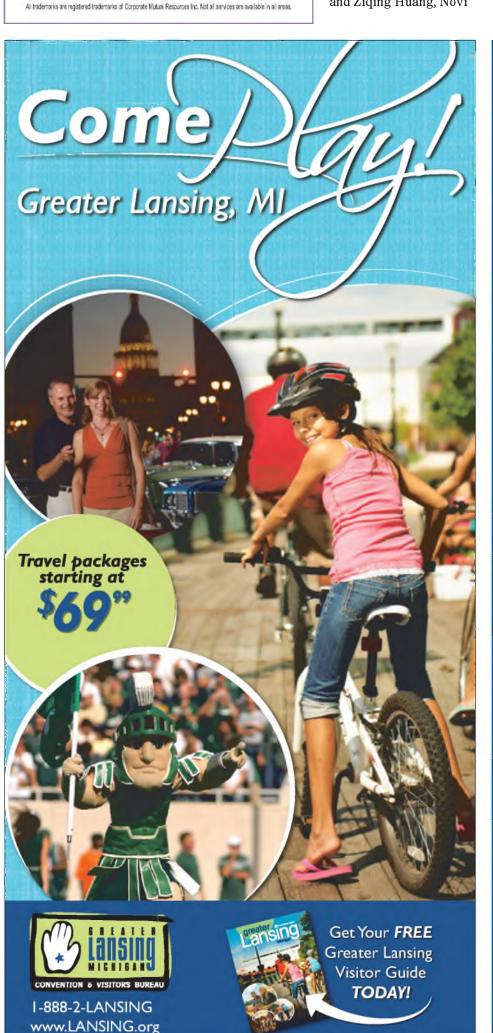
"Health care is not a business," Dull added. "Health care is a mission, health care is a calling."

Awards and scholarships were presented by Patricia Poirier and Kathryn Loren. Poirier is president-elect of the Providence Park League, Loren lead for the Teen Volunteer Program

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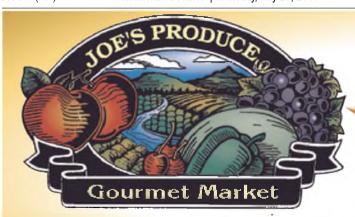
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Tennis team wins regional with perfect 32 points

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

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It was an historic day for the Northville Mustangs girls tennis team when they walked away with the regional championship at Novi last week.

It wasn't the act of winning the regional itself that was so noteworthy — the Mustangs have several regional trophies in their case — but rather the way they did it.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls tennis team will be back on the court when they compete in the state finals at the Midland Community Tennis Center next weekend.

Northville picked up 32 out of a possible 32 points to take first in the regional tournament, beating all 10 teams in all eight flights to take an individual championship in every singles and doubles bracket.

"The most notable match was the No. 1 singles final between Reeshma Kumar (of Northville) and Rachel Reichenback of Hartland," said Northville coach Linda Jones. "Both girls played remarkable well with Northville winning the final."

Reichenback had previous-

ly won the head-to-head competition against Kumar just the week before at the KLAA tournament.

"This win for Reeshma was a personal best for her," Jones said of the standout freshman.

Northville's individual regional champions were Kumar at No. 1 singles, Emma Worley at No. 2 singles, Claudia Ma at No. 3 singles and Alex Jeannotte at No. 4 singles.

Winning the first doubles

flight was the Northville duo of Danielle Romano and Anika Mukherji while Elizabeth Sakorafis and Jordan Hermiz took top honors at No. 2 doubles.

The team of Chloe Page and Paige Baal won No. 3 doubles while Northville finished the tournament with a perfect sweep thanks to the championship earned by Shannon Williams and Libby Quinn at fourth doubles.

Girls take home regional trophy; boys finish eighth

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs girls track and field team had plenty to celebrate last Friday at the regional meet as they not only had an outstanding day, but became back-to-back regional champions.

Northville scored 121 points to take first, while Novi finished with 102 for second.

"I could not be more proud of how our kids competed from top to bottom," said coach Tim Dalton. "It truly is a very special team."

In addition to winning the regional title, the Mustangs set four school records.

The 4-by-800 team of Rachel Coleman, Nicole

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs will be represented at the state track and field finals, which will be held at East Kentwood June 1. Mosteller, Alison Robinson and Erin Zimmer ran a 9:23 to create the new mark while the 4-by-200 team of Chloe Abbott, Lauren Rodriguez, Morgan Robertson and Nadia Affes ran a 1:44 to set the record.

Coleman also set new marks in both the mile and two mile events — marks she had already set this

season.

In total, Northville's girls team will be represented by 12 athletes. Coleman will run in the 4-by-800, the mile and the two mile while Mosteller will run in the 4-by-800, as will Robinson and Zimmer. Robinson will also compete in the open 800 and Zimmer will run in the two-mile along with Taleen Shahrigian.

Rodriguez and Robertson will compete in the 100 hurdles as well and Rodriguez will also run the 300 hurdles. Both Rodriguez and Robertson are on the 4-by-200 team with Chloe Abbott and Affes while Robertson will race in the 4-by-400 along with Lindsay Walters, Alexa Abbott, Mary Catherine McLaughlin and Affes.

The boys team didn't have as much success, though there were definitely some highlights. The team, as a whole, finished eighth in the field of 15

"We're a very young team and I think it was great to get so many kids invaluable competitive experience," said coach Brandon Langston. "A lot of kids extended their personal records throughout the season. Next year their sights will be faster, farther and higher."

Six Northville boys will compete in the state track and field finals.

"This was an expectation for some of our runners from the beginning of the season and wild ride for some others," Langston said. "For all six of our kids, it's a testament not only of their talent, but of their work ethic. Track and field can be

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NORTHVILLE GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

The Northville Mustangs girls track and field team pose with their regional championship trophy last Friday.



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Mustang infielder Brad VanHulle collides with a Spartan runner on the base path during the teams' May 15 game.

Northville baseball gets mixed results

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It was a rough week to be a member of the Northville Mustangs baseball team.

The squad was poised to win the Central Division and only needed to take home one win of a double header against Livonia Stevenson. Unfortunately, the team wasn't able to do so and fell in both contacts.

"Several defensive errors in the early innings and a lack of timely hitting cost us," said Northville coach John Kostrzewa. "We had numerous runners in position to score, but we just couldn't get the big hit and it's tough to win game against good teams without timely hitting and solid defense."

Northville fell, 6-5, in the opening game and took a tough 9-3 loss in the night cap against the Spartans.

In the opener, Zach Wilds hat three RBIs on two hits with a double in the third and a home run in the fifth inning.

"Zach had a great game at the plate," said Kostrzewa.

Taking the loss on the mount was Taylor Turner.

"He pitched fantastic and deserved a much better fate," said Kostrzewa. "He battled through a lot of errors and really kept us in the game."

Stevenson grabbed the lead, 2-0, in the third inning, but the Mus-



Jake Slominski tags out a Spartan trying to get to third base during the teams' May 15 game at Northville.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs baseball team will be back in action when they Lake Orion Saturday at home starting at 11 a.m. before hosting Detroit Western International at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

tangs came back to tie it in the bottom half. Unfortunately, that didn't last long as the Spartans went on the march and scored three in the fifth to take control of the game —

a lead they didn't give up despite a run in the seventh by the Mustangs that made it a 6-5 contest.

In the nightcap, the Spartans pulled away for the victory to keep the Mustangs from attaining their Central Division title hopes. Wilds had three RBIs on two doubles to lead his team.

Northville did take a 2-0 lead in the first inning, but Stevenson just outplayed the Mustangs to earn the victory.

Please see BASEBALL, B3



Girls soccer team posts three wins in a week

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs girls soccer team knows momentum is an important part of making a run in the post-season tournament, and they currently definitely have plenty of it on their side.

The team, coached by Eric Brucker, turned in three solid wins last week as they beat South Lyon, 4-0, South Lyon East, 4-0, and Canton, 2-1.

Against Canton, the Mustangs earned a victory in the annual Kensington Conference crossover game and set their record at 13-3-2 on the year while the Chiefs fell to 7-5-1.

The Mustangs played well in the 87-degree weather, putting their first goal on the board at the 19th minute of the game as junior Ashlev Peper moved the ball down the left side of the field and sent a high, lofting ball from 30 yards out and right to the mouth of the Canton goal. There, Emily Bush out sprinted the Chiefs' goalie to the ball and flicked it in for a 1-0 lead.



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Mustang Kyra Dahring playing against South Lyon High.

Seven minutes later, the Mustangs tallied what would prove to be the game-winning goal as junior Rachel Yaggi played a square ball across the top of the 18-yard box and right to the feet of junior Gabby Mencotti. Mencotti immediately collected the pass, turned and fired a shot off the goalie and into the back of the net for the 2-0 lead.

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Canton would manage to cut that advantage in

half with just under seven minutes remaining in the first half when their midfield played a long through ball that squired past the Mustangs' back line. Northville's goalie, Kiki Hilmer, came off her line to challenge a Canton forward and the two players collided, earning Hilmer a penalty and awarding the Chiefs with a penalty kick. Canton's Natalie Winters converted the kick to make it a 2-

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs are scheduled to be back on the pitch when they play in the MHSAA district beginning next week.

Northville cameo out in the second half and dominated the time of possession as the offense kept the ball on the Chiefs' end of the pitch. Canton's attempts to counterattack were led by a stiff Northville defense to keep the Chiefs out of scoring position.

Northville 4, South Lyon East 0

The Mustangs earned a shutout victory thanks to a strong defensive showing and a dominant offense last week.

The Northville kickers were led by Bush, who tallied a goal of a penalty kick late in the first half and a second goal at the 50th minute of the contest on a header to help her team to victory.

Mencotti scored the opening goal of the game in the 23rd minute of play

off a through-ball pass from Yaggi while Peper scored the last goal of the contest off a pass from Mencotti for the 4-0 finale.

Hilmer and sophomore Emily Maresh split time in net for the shutout victory.

Northville 4, South Lyon 0

The weather was perfect at a sunny 67 degrees last week and the Mustangs showed a bit of their own perfection as they tallied a win on senior night.

"It was great to get a win on senior night," said Brucker. "All five of the seniors are three-year varsity lettermen. Four of the five are continuing their soccer careers in college. It will be great checking the box scores at Grand Valley and Rhode Island (next season)

"The entire staff wishes Kiki, Flex, Cassidy, Gabbie, and Em the best of luck on their future endeavors."

The team started off the scoring when Bush, a senior headed to Grand Valley State University to continue her soccer career, put a shot past the Lions' goalie from 18 yards away off a pass from Mencotti.

Mencotti then went on to score her own goal 10 minutes later, taking a pass from senior Gabbie Guibord, who will also be playing at GVSU next season, and fired it home for the 2-0 lead.

In the second half, Guibord notched a tally as she took a throw-in from Yaggi and beat the near defending before firing in a shot from a very difficult angle that bounced off the Lions' goalkeeper and into the net to give her team a 3-0 cushion.

Three minutes later, with about 16 minutes remaining, the Mustangs' final score would come from freshman Maddie Westenberg, who took a pass from sophomore Kelly McHugh and put it into the back of the goal.

Hilmer, who will play at Rhode Island, Alexis Mencotti, who will play at GVSU, and Cassidy Ebach all contributed to the shutout in goal. It was Northville's 11th shutout victory of the season.

Knights rugby season comes to a close

By Sam Eggleston

Correspondent

The Northville Knights Rugby Football Club couldn't muster enough points last Saturday to keep their season alive, despite a strong comeback against their final opponent.

The team, coached by Ron Cornell, fell to Kalamazoo in the first round of the post-sea-

son tournament last week, 12-7. "Unfortunately, we let the game slip away early and did

not have enough time to come back," said Cornell.

Kalamazoo scored late in the first half on an eight-man pick up from 40 meters out to take the lead. The Knights, which had been dominant throughout the first stanza, fell victim to their own mistakes as they continually put the ball on the

ground at inopportune times.
"The same problem plagued
us in the second half and Kalamazoo took advantage of the sloppy ball handling," said Cornell.

Kalamazoo scored again to go up 12-0 and secure their hold on the game.

The Knights did mount a comeback attempt, however, and pushed the ball deep into Kalamazoo's zone before Zach Harthun found his way across the goal line for the try on a clever switch play from the 15-meter scrum. Ricky Lensczewski made the two-point conversion to make it a 12-7 game, but they weren't able score again before the game came to

a close

"They just ran out of time," said Cornell.

Northville did pick up a win earlier in the week to advance into the playoffs as they toppled Okemos, 27-7.

David Borthwick opened the scoring 20 minutes into the first half on a 15-meter run from a quick-tap penalty before Lensczewski made the conversion for a 7-0 lead. John Atallah scored next, diving into the corner of the try zone just five

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minutes later for a 10-0 lead.

Adam Kwiecinski then scored his first try of the year pound-

his first try of the year, pounding the ball off the loose ruck from five meters out to make it 17-0 following Lensczewski's conversion.

Okemos did score to end the first half and make it a 17-7 contest, but the Knights put it away with strong defense—including top-notch tackling by Grant Miller—in the second and scored from Mike Haugen and Harthun for the 27-7 final.



collect victories

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs lacrosse teams has plenty of success last week as the girls notched a nice bounce-back victory over Waterford and the boys picked up wins in two out of their three

The girls team, which suffered a few losses in the last weeks of competition, ended their regular-season schedule with a 13-6 victory over Waterford.

The team jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the opening minutes of the first half as the first two goals were scored by Rylee Donovan before Erica MacDonald scored one of her own. Waterford, however, fought their way back into contention as they scored four goals over the next 14 minutes and Northville managed just two more from Erin Vogel and Ashten Tucker to make it a 5-4 contest heading into halftime.

The second half was a completely different story. Waterford earned a goal midway through the stanza and against with just 1:23 left in the game, but the Mustangs put on an absolute clinic, scoring four times before Waterford scored their first goal of the second half and four more times before Waterford would score the final goal of the game.

Notching goals in the second half for the Mustangs were MacDonald (3), Vogel (3), Alivia DuQuet and Grace Guibord.

Picking up assists in the game were MacDonald (3), Hope Miller (2), DuQuet, Claire Beaudoin, Nicole Evangelista and Tenley Mustonen.

Northville's victory put them at 12-8 on the season — just one away from the team's all-time record for victories in a single season — and they were scheduled to play yesterday (after the paper's deadline) against Ann Arbor Pioneer in the first round of the play-

Boys win two

The Northville boys lacrosse team had success last week with two wins in three games.

The team topped DeLa-Salle, 12-11, and beat Rockford in the East-West Showcase, 15-11. The team did suffer a loss, however, falling to a tough Notre Dame Prep team, 14-4.

Against DeLaSalle, the Mustangs picked up their first-ever win in the East-West Showcase as they came back to win after

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs lacrosse teams were scheduled to play in the first round of the post-season tournament this week. Results will be available in next week's edition.

trailing, 7-1, in the first

"After the end of the first quarter, I told the boys that their effort wasn't going to cut it today against an athletic team like DeLaSalle," said coach Greg Durham. "We dominated the second quarter by scoring five unanswered goals with no turnovers, and had nine shots."

Leading the team was Joe Chase, who had three goals and three assists while Jake Fuller had four goals and two assists and Alec Melucci had four goals. John Cooke added a goal and an assist in the win and Alex Fuller had two goals.

Earning the win between the posts was David Blough, who had 13 saves on the night. Tyler Gozdor dominated at the X, winning 16-of-21 faceoffs and picked up eight ground balls on the day.

Northville picked up another victory with a 15-11 win over Rockford as they came out and simply dominated every aspect of the game.

"It was really nice to see the boys, even after a hard-fought game the night before, come out and take it to a solid Rockford team," said Durham. "Our offense clicked very well and Alec Melucci had his biggest game of the year."

Big indeed. Melucci tallied six goals on the night as he took advantage of several scoring opportunities. Also tallying goals were Chase, Jake Fuller, Cooke, Handsome Glover and Andrew Rosati while Chase and Cooke had three assists each and Fuller had one.

Blough won the game in goal, stopping eight shots on goal while Gozdor went 13-for-16 on faceoffs and had eight ground balls.

Northville's lone loss for the week came from Notre Dame Prep as the Mustangs played flat and

fell, 14-4. Goals were scored by Cooke (2), Chase and Julian Gjonaj while Melucci had two assists and Cooke had one.

Starting goalie Jimmv McGlvnn left the game with an injury and Blough filled in as relief while Gozdor had seven ground balls and went 11for-16 on face-offs.

Lacrosse teams Softball team splits with Stevenson

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

LOCAL SPORTS

The Northville Mustangs softball team celebrated their senior day with mixed emotions as the team split their twinbill with Stevenson.

The team topped the squad in the nightcap, 3-0, but couldn't muster enough offense in the opening game as they fell, 6-5.

"As we look back over the regular season the progress this team has made is astounding," said coach Jim Ritz. "It took us a while to get the cobwebs out and get the bats going, but we're where we want to be at this point. Our goal now is to surprise a few people in the postseason."

Northville also said goodbye to three seniors in Grace DeRidder, Holly Holshouser and Nicollette Thibedeau. Thibedeau will have a continued career, however, as she recently inked a National Letter of Intent to play softball at Spring Arbor University.

In the opening game,



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Mustang Briana Nayh makes a play on a ball in the outfield on May 14.

the Mustangs picked up 10 hits throughout the game and scored four runs in the second inning, but it wouldn't be enough to topple the tough Spartans. Northville did threaten in the bottom of the seventh, however, as Allison Zwarka reached first on a fielding error followed by a long dou-

ON TAP

The softball team will play at Garden City at 4 p.m. a week from today.

ble by DeRidder. Zwarka was sent home in a full sprint as she rounded third, but a perfect throw from Stevenson's outfield found her tagged out at the plate and ended the

Allie Chapekis, Brianna Nayh, Micaela Petrucci and Melissa Swart had two hits each in the con-

In the nightcap, the Mustangs followed the lead of pitcher Jessica Jones as she threw seven innings and allowed just five hits in the shutout.

The Mustangs scored in the fourth off an RBI by Petrucci that scored Chapekis before Kirsten Jones scored on a passed ball to make it a 2-0 con-

Northville added the final tally on a single by Kirsten Jones that scored Holshouser in the fifth.

Northville is now 11-14 on the year.

Golf team wins Bedford Tournament

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Sometimes you just have to rely on your fifthbest performance to win a tournament for you.

For the Northville Mustangs boys golf team, turning to their fifth golfer to decide a tie-breaker is becoming old hat. The team did so in order to win the NextTee tournament a few weeks ago and had to do it again last week in order to secure the top spot in a field of 18 teams at the Bedford Battle at the Border Tournament.

When the final scores were tallied and each team's top four golfers counted, Northville stood tied with Notre Dame Prep, but Northville's Todd Goebel shot an 80 two strokes better than Notre Dame's fifth player.

"I am so happy with the way this season is turning out," said Northville coach Jeff Balagna. "These five boys are a very talented group of players. This team, in terms of talent, ranks up there with some of the best Northville teams in recent memory, and we have had some very successful teams. These guys are always finding a way to get it done, even



The Northville boys golf team poses with their trophy after winning the Bedford Tournament last week.

when conditions are not ideal."

Balagna is the first to admit that Goebel's score wasn't typical for the senior, who is normally challenging for the top spots on the team.

"He has been very steady for us playing No. 2," said Balagna. "But his score was the score that won the tournament for us, so it just proves that you are never out of it. Players never know when their score will be needed and today was the perfect example of that. Even though he was disappointed, his score was still the

deciding factor for us." Leading Northville was Brad Minniear, a junior. He shot a 76, which was

four over par, to finish fifth overall.

"What a great day for Bradly," said Balagna. "He split time between JV and varsity last year, but this year he has been as good of a No. 4 player as anyone. He is one of the anchors of this team and one of the big reasons we are having so much success. I am so glad I have him and his work

Next in were Andrew Sarokin with a 77 and Matt Evasic, who shot a 78. Andrew Stevens rounded out the top four with a 79.

ethic for one more year."

"It was very windy on the course today but the boys found a way to get it done," Balagna said. "The

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs will be back on the golf course when they play tomorrow at South Lyon East at 3:30 p.m. before playing Tuesday in the KLAA tournament.

course is a tough track to begin with, but when you factor in the wind it just made it that much more difficult. One of the things that makes this group so special is that even when they are not playing great, they find a way to finish strong and win a tournament."

The Mustangs also played against Livonia Stevenson in a dual match last week and fell, 151-152. Goebel led the team with a 37 while Sarokin and Minniear each carded a 38. Evasic ended the day with a 39 and Stevens recorded a 41 and Alec Clevenger shot a 43.

"We have been playing so well so far, and it is very frustrating to lose in this fashion." Balagna said. "A score of 152 will win about 99 percent of the golf matches we play, but on this day Stevenson was just one shot better. That is what makes winning the KLAA's Central Division so difficult."

BASEBALL

Continued from page B1

"It was a disappointing way to end the league season after playing pretty solid baseball for most of the year," said Kostrze-wa. "Credit Stevenson for coming ready to play and we were not."

The Mustangs did come back for a 3-2 win over Lakeland after trailing 2-0 heading into the bottom of the seventh.

"The Lakeland pitcher was tough all game long," said Kostrzewa.

But Brad Vanhulle proved to be the winner, picking up four strikeouts while allowing two earned runs and five hits over 6½ innings. Evan Flohr came in as relief in the top of the seventh with runners in scoring position, but pitched into a double-play ground out to end the threat.

Northville came back in the seventh following Jake Cheslik's clutch RBI single that kept the Mustangs alive before

Thomas Huber smacked a two-out RBI single that scored two to give Northville the victory.

"We lost four one-run games this season, so it was nice to battle and get it done late in the game despite struggling all game long," said Kostrzewa.

Northville ended the week with a 12-2 win over Wyandotte during their annual Tribute to the Armed Forces game. The team used a menagerie of pitchers to get the job done as Flohr, Sam Houston and Nolan Waldeck all shared time on the rubber with Waldeck picking up the win.

The game ended in six innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

"The Armed Forces Dav event is very special to our team, school and community," said Kostrzewa. "It's such an honor to be able to pay tribute to our Armed Forces, and we were able to close out the week on a very positive note with a couple of wins."

The Mustangs are now 17-6 on the season.

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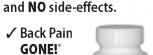
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Northville's Bloom ices top hockey honor

By Sam Eggieston

Correspondent

We never have to doubt that the All-Area hockey team is going to be loaded with talented players, and the 2012-13 season didn't disappoint. This year, we were able to select some of the state's best players, landing four All-State selections on the All-Area team, with three of them hailing from the secondplace team in Division I this year.

With Detroit Catholic Central skating to second behind the Brighton Bulldogs this season, it is no surprise they managed to wrangle in a large section of the All-Area team, but what might surprise you is that it wasn't a Shamrocks who garnered the top honors, but rather a Mustang.

Ryan Bloom, a junior, proved himself to be an invaluable part of the Northville program from the time he first strapped on skates for the Mustangs. This season, however, he upped the ante and became the team's premier player, picking up a whopping 25 goals this season to tie as the school's all-time scoring leader. He picked up three hat tricks this season and earned the distinction of scoring all three goals in a 3-1 victory over Novi — the first Northville victory over the Wildcats in four seasons.

Blooms has a quick, deceptive release which, combined with his ability to sharp shoot on the corners of the goal, made him a scoring threat any time he got the puck in the offensive zone.

If that wasn't enough, Bloom picked up Second-Team All-State honors this season, too, and proved that he was more than just a goal-scoring phenomenon as he added 14 assists to his stats throughout the season as

A forward, Bloom's presence on the ice made all the difference for the Mustangs, who had a successful run this year before bowing out to the Catholic Central Shamrocks in the post-season. His determination, his character and his willingness to not only be a leader but also a team player made Bloom an easy selection for this year's



Mustang Ryan Bloom earned Hometown Newspapers' Player of the Year

All-Area Player of the Year honor.

First team Michael Babcock Senior Forward **Detroit Catholic Central**

What can be said about Michael Babcock that he hasn't already said on the ice with his play? He's a dominant forward who makes Catholic Central that much more dangerous when he's in the game. When all is said and done, they say numbers don't lie and Babcock ended his senior campaign with 18 goals and 24 assists while earning himself All-State First Team honors this year.

Tyler Gardiner Senior Forward Northville

What separates Tyler Gardiner from many other players in this game? His pure effort, fueled by an octane that no one else seemed to be able to match. From start to finish in a game, Gardiner was always at maximum throttle, be it in the offensive zone or getting back on defense. He was an unselfish player too, picking up 23 assists while scoring 14 goals for the Mustangs this season. Gardiner won't be playing hockey at the next level, however, instead taking his tennis game to the University of Michigan where he will play on scholarship for the Wolverines.

Chariie Green **Senior Forward Detroit Catholic Central**

It seems like Charlie Green should have graduated forever ago but every year we end up writing about him and the impact he has on the Shamrocks' season. In his final campaign for Catholic Central, Green made

a statement, scoring 16 goals and picking up 24 assists while helping lead his team to second place in the state for Division I teams. Green's abilities garnered plenty of attention and earned him a place on the All-State First Team.

Corey Robertson Junior Forward South Lyon

Corey Robertson was a force to be reckoned with this season, and it's only going to get worse when South Lyon's leading scorer becomes a senior next year. Robertson, who scored 15 goals and had 24 assists this season, uses his speed and playmaking ability to keep his squad constantly applying pressure to their foe's defensive front.

Carson Gatt Junior Defenseman

Detroit Catholic Central What's scary is the thought that Carson Gatt is going to be back next year to continue his career with the Shamrocks. With how good he has been for the past two seasons, we can't even imagine the level of talent he's going to bring to the ice in the 2013-14 campaign. This year, Gatt picked up 5 goals and 21 assists from the defensive zone, all while earning First-Team All-State honors.

Biake Robertson Senior Defenseman **South Lyon**

Along with his twin brother, Corey (see firstteam All-Area forwards). Blake Robertson didn't hesitate when it came to stepping up to be a leader on South Lyon's squad this year. His ability on defense made him a surefire choice for the All-Area squad, especially after watching some of his impressive open-ice hits this season. What's more is Robertson is quite the threat to bring the puck from the defensive zone and down the ice, turning from a topnotch defender into a scoring threat within a few steps. He picked up 14 goals and 16 assists from the defensive zone

this year. **Nick Daigneau** Senior Defenseman **Detroit Catholic Central**

What we admire most about Nick Daigneau isn't his statistics, but rather the intangibles he brings to the ice. Ask anyone

who has watched him play to describe him and words like hustle, determined and scrappy come up. Daigneau may not have collected All-State honors this year, but it didn't detract from what he brought to the team in their bid for a chance at the state title. In his senior season, Daigneau picked up 4 goals and 9 assists, including key score in the playoffs against Brother Rice and two assists against Northville to open the post-sea-

Jake Pawloski **Senior Goaiie** Northviiie

There were a lot of arguments for and against which goalie should earn the top spot this season and, in the end, Pawloski won out. The reasons, honestly, are due to the intangibles Pawloski brings to the ice and his ability to face an absolute assault and still skate away with a 2.31 goals-against average and pick up 10 wins this season. Pawloski ended the year with a 91.96-percent save average, having faced 485 shots this season and stopping 446. He had four shutouts, including one that went into overtime in the playoffs against South Lyon, and helped his team to their first win over Novi in four years.

Second team **Matt Sorisho Junior Forward Detroit Catholic Central**

We fully expect Matt Sorisho to be in the hunt for a first-team All-Area selection next season as he leads the Shamrocks in their hunt for victory. This season, Sorisho was already a huge impact on the success of his team, picking up 11 goals and 26 assists for the Catholic Central squad.

Ben Crabiii Senior Forward Northviiie

In this third season as a member of the varsity team at Northville, Ben Crabill used his speed and his unselfish play to make himself an invaluable part of the success the Mustangs experienced this year. Crabill picked up 19 assists this season and scored nine goals, including a backhanded overtime gamewinner against South Lyon in the playoffs.

Luke Bageris Senior Forward Novi

What Luke Bageris brings to the ice is an ability to out skate most defenses, while being extremely focused and capable both in traffic and on open ice. The team's scoring leader this season, Bageris truly shined when he was able to use his speed to create a breakaway situation something he did often in his senior campaign.

Trevor Tierney Senior Forward Milford

A strong skater with the ability to turn a game around, Trevor Tierney made the best of his senior campaign as he led the Milford Mavericks on the offensive side of the ice this season. Tierney ended the 2012-13 season with 18 assists and 18 goals.

Alex Shuart Junior Defenseman Northviiie

One of the things we like most about Alex Shuart is his technical play on defense that is effective, yet super fundamental. Shuart played solid defense all year, using his ability to gather the puck in the defensive zone and carry it the length of the ice to make him a valuable part of Northville's transition game. In his junior year, the team captain picked up 10 assists and five goals and only had eight minutes of penalty time despite being a starter in all of Northville's 27 games.

Cam Thomas Senior Defenseman South Lyon

We always love a defensive player who knows how to score, and Cam Thomas definitely can do that. Thomas, who is an all-around outstanding athlete, earned 13 goals and 17 assists from the defensive end. What got our attention more, however, is his non-stop competitive drive, which makes him a huge part of the success South Lyon had this season.

Billy Schroeder Junior Defenseman Lakeiand

Lakeland's most valuable defensive player, Billy Schroeder showed that being resilient and tenacious are the keys to being an effective defender. Schroeder was

ALL-AREA HOCKEY

Player of the year Ryan Bloom, Northville First team

Michael Babcock, Detroit Catholic Central Tyler Gardiner, Northville Charlie Green, Detroit Catholic Central Corey Robertson, South Lvon Carson Gatt, Detroit Catholic Central

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Billy Schroeder, Lakeland Derek Moore, Detroit Catholic Central

Honorable mention Detroit Catholic Central: Danny Middleton, Brady Jones, Max Wanko, Luke Turner Milford: Dominic Bates, Evan Wilson, Alex Anderson

Lakeland: Nolan Johnson, Trent Lloyd, Kyle Jakubowski, Josh Smith South Lyon: Aaron Callan, Alex Hudgens, Cory Haas, Nick Barton, Matt Wisniewski Novi: Bryan Fegert Northville: Buddy DeB-

rabader, Jack Meacham, Alex Morgan, Andrew Rosat

often tasked with taking on an opponent's top line players and did well in his ability to keep them out of scoring position. Schroeder ended the year with 25 games under his belt while picking up 11 assists and a goal.

Derek Moore Senior Goaiie Detroit Catholic Central

There is a lot to be said about a goalie who has to face $\bar{\text{the}}$ caliber teams that Derek Moore had to play week in and week out, and for him to skate off with 15 victories this year is definitely impressive. Moore allowed just 1.41 goals per game against the Shamrocks and followed proudly in the footsteps of some of the state's top goalies who have come before him.

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL MAY 15, 2013

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

Winchester Elementary School-New Gymnasium Floor

There will be a mandatory pre-bid on May 23 at 7:30AM. The drawings, specifications and bidding documents will be made available on line at: www.bid4michigan.com or www. $\underline{northville.k12.mi.us.}$

Sealed bids should be submitted to Mike Zopf, Assistant Superintendent Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main Street, Northville Ml48167. Bids are to be submitted no later than 10:00 AM Friday May 31, 2013. The District will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for bid submission. Bids will be publicly opened immediately following the close of receiving bids. No oral, email, telephonic or telegraphic proposals shall be considered.

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

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

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

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

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

> Mike Zopf, Assistant Superintendent Northville Public Schools 501 W. Main Street Northville, Ml 48167

"Winchester Gymnasium Floor- BID"

SYNOPSIS May 16, 2013 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

DATE: Thursday, May 16, 2013 7:30 p.m.

TIME: PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor, Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk, Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer, Marv Gans, Trustee, Symantha Heath, Trustee, Mindy Herrmann, Trustee, Fred Shadko, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Agendas:

Approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items: - Approved 1. Minutes - Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of 4-18-13

2. Minutes - Historic District Commission Meeting of 4-25-13 3. Minutes - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting of 3-20-13 4. Minutes – Planning Commission Meeting of 3-26-13

Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements: Re-appoint Mike Weaver to Zoning Board of Appeals - approved

Public Hearing: None **Brief Public Comments: None** 4.

New Business:

Stantec Development specifications for Building Temperature Control -Α. approved

Hampton Inn Pump Station - approved В. Beck Road Booster Station Payment 7 - approved

Beck Road Booster Station Change Order 4 - approved

Northville Youth Assistance - By-Law revisions - approved

Unfinished Business: None Ordinances:

A. Introduction to repeal Section 8, Chapter 8, Parts 1-5 - Constables -

approved Check Registry:

A. In the amount of \$2,361,727.97 - approved

Board Communication & Reports from Supervisor Nix, Clerk Hillebrand, Treasurer Banner, Trustee Gans, Trustee Heath, Trustee Herrmann, Trustee Shadko, Manager Chip Snider

Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees: None ADJOURN: There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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

This is a synopsis of the meeting. A draft of the unapproved minutes will be available after May 29, 2013.

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NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

Hoop camp

The Northville High School Boys Basketball Camp will be held from 9 a.m. to noon July 8-11 at NHS for boys entering grades fourth-ninth in the fall of 2013. Campers of all skill levels are welcome. For more info, email BoysBB@northvillebasketball.com.

Women's softball

Teams or free agents are needed to fill the Northville Tuesday League. Please contact Charlie at (248) 449-9947 or cgabbeart@ci.northville.mi.us for additional information.

Softball tryouts

Northville Parks and Recreation Softball has announced it is seeking girls players ages 5 to 17 to play this

The NBSA has teamed up with the Livonia Softball Association to create an exciting new experience for our softball players which will be one league with two divisions offering inter-league play (beginning at age 10). In addition, there

are changes that will be made for all age groups: New uniforms, improved fields, umpires for all age groups, machine pitch beginning at age 6, girls pitch beginning at age 10 and championship games.

Be a part of an exciting new softball experience in Northville. Register now at www.nbsaonline.org.

Recreational softball

Now in its second year, the Kensington Valley Senior Softball League is recruiting players age 55 and up from Northville, Novi, Brighton, Howell and the surrounding areas to form new teams. Season will begin May 28; games will be played at 10 a.m. Tuesdays.

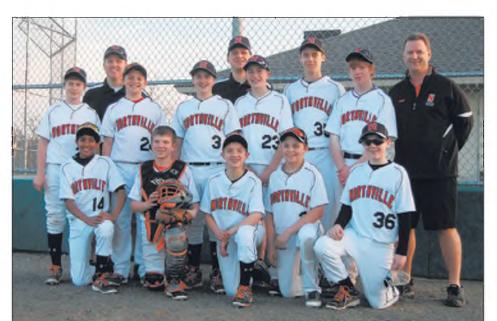
Interested players/teams, please contact one of the following for additional info: Charlie Gabbeart, Northville Recreation, (248) 449-9947; Tori Heglin, Novi Recreation, (248) 347-0422; Chris Galatis, Howell Recreation, (517) 404-

— Compiled by Sam Eggleston



13U Broncos sweep frigid Early Bird

It was cold and it was windy, but the 13U Broncos took out the competition at the 2013 Northville Early Bird Baseball Tournament over the weekend. On Saturday the Broncos knocked off South Farmington and A-Green in pool play. On Mother's Day the Broncos handled the Motor City Bulldogs in the semis, then took down the Holly Angels to win the title.



13U Mustangs win tourney in Hartland

The 13U Northville Mustangs won their first tournament of the season, the Hartland



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TRACK finals while Nick Noles ran a 4:20.6 for a personal record and a berth to the Continued from page B1 finals. a long season (and) dura-

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the season, right when you need to be running

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were all prime-time play-

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ing in their top times against the top talent

at the time it counted

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4:19.5 to qualify for the

Dan Sims ran his best

most."

Jason Ferrante also had his best race of the year as he ran to first place in the 800 in 1:56 to become regional champion. Also representing Northville at the state

finals will be regional champion Anthony Sourges, who ran the 400 dash in 50.1 seconds just three-tenths of a second faster than the second-place finisher.

Additionally, the Mus-

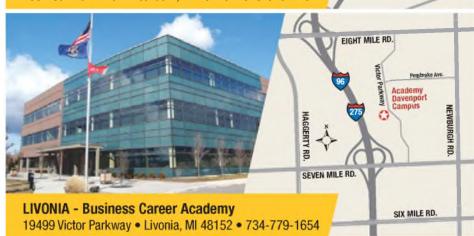
tangs will be represented by the 4-by-400 relay team of Ryan Flanagan, Nathan Tajer, Ferrante and Sourges. They finished second in 3:25.8 despite being in fifth place on the final lap. First place finished in 3:25.9.

"It was a fantastic finish to the race, to the meet, for the team's season — but not for their individual seasons," said Langston. "They'll get to run again in two weeks against the best the state of Michigan has to offer."









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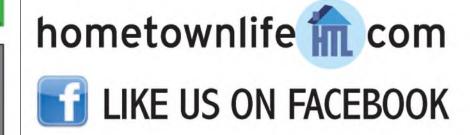
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CHAMBER CHAT

Golf outing

The chamber will host its annual golf outing Wednesday, June 12 at the Links of Novi Golf Course, located at 50395 W. 10 Mile Road Novi. There will be a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Designed by Jerry Matthews, the Links of Novi is a favorite among golfers and was voted "best golf course" in the area for the second consecutive year in 2012. The course features native woodlands and natural wetland areas, lakes and rolling, emerald green fairways, even a little Michigan heather.

The outing will have a Las Vegas/Casino theme. From 8-8:45 a.m., there will be registration, and there will be coffee, tea and juice available.

There will be a four-person scramble

A barbecue-style luncheon includ-

ing grilled hot dogs, burgers, chicken breasts and chips, will take place 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will also be, beginning at 3:30 p.m., the Dinner and Outing Awards Deluxe dinner buffet, including salad, fruit, vegetable, meats, potatoes, vegetable and dessert. Cash bar available.

- Contests and games include: • Skins Game \$20 per foursome
- Chipping Contest
- Have the Pro Hit Your Drive \$5 • Winner's Squares
- Playing Card Raffle Wine Basket and Restaurant Basket
- Putting Contest

For more information, contact Traci Sincock at the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640, ext. 22, or visit www.northville.org.

Sports Den helps out fire department



The Northville Sports Den recently raised \$5,000 for the Northville Fire Department. The Sports Den collected contributions from the local community in conjunction with the Leary Fire Fighters Foundation in partnership with Guinness Beer for their "Paint The Town Black" fundraiser. Scott Roberts of West Side Beer approached The Sports Den to participate in the fundraiser. The Sports Den held a March 13 fundraising dinner, in which it matched all donations up to \$250. They also donated \$1 for every Guinness beer sold during the dinner. The Sports Den raised a total of \$2,500 from the Northville community, and West Side Beer Distributing, in partnership with Guinness Beer, matched the \$2,500 dollar for dollar. A check in the amount of \$5,000 was recently presented to the Northville City Fire Department. Pictured are (from left to right behind the check) are Matthew Hartman (Northville Sports Den), event coordinator Jamie Morse, Northville City Fire Chief James Allen, Philip Martinez (Northville Sports Den) and Scott Roberts of West Side Beer Distributing.



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Stephanie Stojanovski recently opened her women's boutique Stefana at 122 W. Main Street.

Owner brings passion for beauty to new downtown boutique

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Stephanie Stojanovski is bringing her love for beautiful things to her new shop in downtown Northville.

Looking for a change from her former job of teaching, Stojanovski couldn't be happier to be a new business owner in her own community with the opening of her store, Stefana Boutique, located

at 122 W. Main Street. "Beautiful things, either clothing or jewelry, have always been a passion of mine, so I think this is the perfect way to bring them together and share it with others," she said. "I'm thrilled to be here in this great location."

Stojanovski lives in Northville with her hus-

band, Chris, and two sons. Specializing in women's fashions and accessories, Stefana Boutique is located on Main Street and offers clothing, jewelry,

STEFANA BOUTIQUE

Owner: Stephanie Stojanovski of Northville Address: 122 W. Main Street, Northville

Business speciaity: Women's fashions and accessories **Hours:** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday

Phone/website: (248) 449-1990; www.stefanaboutique.

accessories and footwear

for a variety of occasions. She found the inspiration for the store name from the roots of her own. Stefana are head crowns used in the crowning of the bride and groom during the Christian Orthodox church wedding ceremony. The crowns are signs of glory and honor during the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. The couple is crowned king and queen of their own kingdom.

The store has a great selection. It serves a range of ages, from high school girls looking for prom or homecoming

dresses and accessories to women needing something pretty for a special occasion.

"We are proud and excited to be part of the bustling Northville retail scene and will inspire our clients with desirable and beautiful collections," said Stojanovski.

To learn more about Stefana or for contact information, visit www. stefanaboutique.com. They are also on Facebook. You can reach the store by phone at (248) 449-1990.

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NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

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 schoolage 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.

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 person. There is no age limit.

Call Genitti's for reservations at (248) 349-0522, or mail payment to 108 E. Main, Northville, MI 48167.

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attorney on dredging

By Robert Meisner

Guest Columnist

Q: We are on a public lake

and the U.S. Army Corps

of Engineers and the city

the dredged sand on our

A: It obviously

Robert Meisner

the Virginia Supreme

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Court determined

that a condominium

to compensation for

a dredging project

was placed on the

beach purportedly to

improve navigation on

the Chesapeake Bay. In

that particular case, the

association conceded

that the dredging was

necessary to improve navigation, but putting

the dredged sand on

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an artificial strip of

Depending on your

circumstances, you may also have a basis to seek compensation and you should consult with

an experienced real estate lawyer.

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are dredging to expand the

waterway, but are also putting

beach. Do you think we have

any right to compensation?

Kitchen fires focus of educational effort

The National Fire Protection Association recently announced the 2013 Fire Prevention Week theme: "Prevent Kitchen Fires." NFPA selected this theme to encourage greater care when cooking and an awareness of kitchen fire dangers. As cooking is the No. 1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries, NFPA will use the week of Oct. 6-12 to promote safe kitchen habits with stoves, microwaves and other appliances. Remaining attentive while cooking and managing how close children and pets are to anything hot will help keep families safe.

NFPA is announcing the theme of Fire Prevention Week 2013 to coincide with the opening of the Fire Department Instructors Conference. Thousands of firefighters from across the globe will gather for this conference in Indi-

anapolis to train, network and learn. Conference attendees are invited to stop by NFPA's booth to view new campaign materials that will be on public display for the first time.

"On average, firefighters respond to more than 400 kitchen fires every day," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of communications for NFPA. "By making kitchen fire safety the theme for 2013 Fire Prevention Week, we can raise the awareness of the leading cause of fires, unattended cooking, and provide life saving safety tips to improve the safety of everyone in the home."

The 2013 Fire Prevention Week campaign materials prominently feature Sparky the Fire Dog, NFPA's mascot. Sparky's Wish List is an online registry where fire departments request much needed educational materials and individuals or businesses purchase items for them. Nearly 700 fire departments have registered.





NFPA is providing important kitchen safety tips to homeowners that align with the Fire Prevention Week theme:

•When you fry, grill, or broil food, stay in the kitchen.

•Maintain a kid- and pet-free zone at least 3 feet away from the stove.

•Turn pot handles away from the

stove's edge. •Keep a lid and oven mitt nearby when you're cooking to use in case of a grease fire. If you have a grease fire, slide a lid over the pan. Turn off the

burner and leave the pan covered until

it is completely cool. Visit www.firepreventionweek.org for more information and safety tips.

About Fire Prevention Week NFPA has been the official sponsor

of Fire Prevention Week since 1922. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Preven-

tion Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The president of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance each October since 1925.

About the National Fire Protection Association

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. NFPA develops more than 300 codes and standards to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other hazards. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed at no cost at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 28 to Feb. 1, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices

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49783 Annandale Dr 43118 Carlisle Ct

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\$60,000 \$155,000 \$210,000 48025 E Oxford Ct 39821 Fox Valley Dr 50275 Hancock St 6558 Kennesaw Rd \$405,000 42737 Lilley Pointe Dr \$48,000 595 Sandalwood Ct \$320,000 ev Hills Dr GARDEN ĆITY \$40,000

650 Susan Ct LIVONIA 9364 Colorado St 16236 Huff St 8954 Linville St

20445 Maplewood St 16181 Marsha St 29877 Mcintyre St 35993 W Chicago St **NORTHVILLE** 49285 Freestone Dr

PLYMOUTH REDFORD 18300 Brady 14236 Breakfast Dr

\$372,000 \$270,000 50454 Beechwood Ct \$119,000

\$18,000 \$163,000

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\$125,000 \$25,000 \$18,000 12674 Mercedes 19942 Poinciana 19368 Wakenden 8810 Winston \$70,000 WESTLAND

278/// Honkins Dr

\$60,000 7478 August Ave 8355 Donna St 28972 Mcdonald St \$19,000 \$300,000 2030 N Marie St \$216,000 \$117,000 8328 Parkside Dr 400 Pattingill St 1501 S Walton St \$48,000

\$168,000

that says that our documents can be amended for an additional term of 25 years after which the declaration will be automatically extended for successive periods of 20 years unless a supplemental declaration that amended. ratified or terminated the declaration was approved by two-thirds of then owners and recorded in the land records. I

am wondering if we can amend

our documents before the

initial term of 25 years is up. A: Only if you get 100 percent approval. In a similar case out of New Mexico, the appellate court held that where the declaration provides an initial duration period, like the 25-year term, amendments to the declaration during that initial period are void unless the unanimous consent of all property owners is obtained, provided that the declaration doesn't have provisions stating otherwise. You are best advised to get a

community association attorney to review your matter. 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.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

\$157,000

\$225,000

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 7-11, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS 32035 Beverly Ct 18112 Kinross Ave 22225 Nottingham Dr 31078 Rivers Edge Ct 19324 Warwick St BIRMINGHAM	\$241,000 \$215,000 \$324,000 \$228,000 \$480,000
268 Abbey St 567 Chesterfield Ave 1315 E Melton Rd 1712 Henrietta St 751 Humphrey Ave 2446 Manchester Rd 1272 Ruffner Ave 411 S Old Woodward	\$380,000 \$460,000 \$158,000 \$435,000 \$289,000 \$180,000 \$423,000 Ave Unit
\$350,000 1540 W Lincoln St 340 Wellesley St BLOOMFIELD HILLS 287 Barden Rd 7343 Lindenmere Dr 2460 Loch Creek Way	\$750,000 \$244,000 \$1,160,000 \$386,000 \$310,000

1989 Sherwood Gln	\$788,000
4537 Wagon Wheel Dr	\$328,000
1241 Woodcrest Cir	\$215,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	\$213,000
2775 Ayershire Dr	\$424,000
2739 Berry Dr	\$155,000
354 Eileen Dr	\$130,000
519 Fox Hills Dr N	\$55,000
190 Hadsell Dr	\$405,000
4585 Kirkcaldy Rd	\$300,000
4035 Lincoln Rd	\$273,000
7131 Paterese Dr	\$180,000
1234 Robson Ln	\$287,000
1555 S Hill Blvd	\$70,000
5770 Snowshoe Cir	\$280,000
100 W Hickory Grove Rd	# H2
	\$55,000
390 Waddington St	\$645,000
1759 Woodgrove Ln	\$540,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
4640 Commerce Woods I	
2049 Edwards Ct	\$206,000
323 Harpham St	\$65,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP				
2775 Ayershire Dr \$424,000				
2739 Berry Dr	\$155,000			
354 Eileen Dr	\$130,000			
519 Fox Hills Dr N	\$55,000			
190 Hadsell Dr	\$405,000			
4585 Kirkcaldy Rd	\$300,000			
4035 Lincoln Řd	\$273,000			
7131 Paterese Dr	\$180,000			
1234 Robson Ln	\$287,000			
1555 S Hill Blvd	\$70,000			
5770 Snowshoe Cir	\$280,000			
100 W Hickory Grove Rd # H2				
	\$55,000			
390 Waddington St	\$645,000			
1759 Woodgrove Ln	\$540,000			
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP				
4640 Commerce Woods Dr \$220,000				
2049 Edwards Ct	\$206,000			
323 Harpham St	\$65,000			
5470 Huron Hills Dr	\$363,000			
3771 Stoneridge Ct	\$265,000			
FARMINGTON				
31721 Lamar Dr	\$81,000			
22698 Power Rd	\$80,000			
FARMINGTON HILLS				
24675 Farmington Rd	\$107,000			
28235 Golf Pointe Blvd	\$198,000			
29210 Greening St	\$65,000			
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NSACHONS-	OAKLAN
29950 Highmeadow Rd 29461 Juneau Ln 35093 Meadow Ln 21984 Middlebelt Rd 21336 Mulberry Ct 21320 Parklane St 32072 Red Clover Rd	\$189,000 \$168,000 \$118,000 \$136,000 \$123,000 \$211,000 \$175,000
29392 Regents Pointe 22365 River Ridge Trl 22580 Tulane Ave 32013 W 12 Mile Rd Uni 22042 W Brandon St 30062 White Hall 30090 Wicklow Rd	\$123,000 \$170,000 \$93,000 t 304 \$28,000 \$107,000 \$340,000 \$185,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE 27350 Bloomfield Dr MILFORD	\$142,000
178 Cottage Ln 2392 North St 650 Olivia Dr 1388 Pine Grove Ln 1073 Riverstone Cir 4235 S Duck Lake Rd	\$39,000 \$40,000 \$245,000 \$45,000 \$255,000 \$175,000
760 S Milford Rd 887 Sweetbriar NORTHVILLE	\$67,000 \$135,000
43737 Galway Dr NOVI 40002 Crosswinds	\$225,000 \$60,000

22666 Deerfield Rd

27842 Hopkins Dr

25476 Dogwood Ln

\$237,000 \$458,000

\$165,000

	27044 HOPKINS DI	\$100,000
	27846 Hopkins Dr	\$163,000
	28015 Hopkins Dr	\$140,000
	28042 Hopkins Dr	\$160,000
	40440 Oak Tree	\$150,000
	21854 Siegal Dr	\$248,000
	24271 Weathervane Ct	\$219,000
	SOUTH LYON	, ,
	24410 Brompton Way	\$342,000
	24425 Brompton Way	\$319,000
1	61256 Greenwood Dr	\$65,000
	209 Maplewood Ct Unit	13 \$5,000
	52474 Trailwood Dr	\$115,000
	52474 Trailwood Dr	\$2,000
	53616 Valleywood Dr	\$25,000
	54305 Villagewood Dr	\$352,000
	SOUTHFIELD	•
	16175 Fairview Cres	\$92,000
	26396 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$49,000
	27480 Lahser Rd	\$108,000
	24015 Lathrup Blvd	\$61,000
	15940 New Hampshire St	\$25,000
	30340 Park Ln	\$85,000
	28539 Pierce St	\$68,000
	19692 Raleigh Cir S	\$30,000
	WHITE LAKE	
	27 Danforth St	\$199,000
	8345 Fox Bay Dr	\$140,000
	10279 Lakeside Dr	\$318,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Remerica United Realty will hold an event to educate homeowners in foreclosure, short sale situations or seeking information on a seller's market. It will be 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 23, at the Livonia American Legion, and is free. For information, call

Remerica United Realty

New agents

(248) 374-6888.

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel recently welcomed a number of new sales associates to the company.

They are: Birmingham - Sufian Hannon, Brenda Shapiro, Courtney Dunford; Clarkston – Jimmy Tottingham; Commerce - Tracy Slintak; Grosse Pointe - Lisa Hofmann; Ionia - Al Cockrum, Kristine Bosley; Northville - Ellen Frink, Vita Good, Anna Kligman, Carol McGarvey; Rochester -Dean Accivatti, Greg Moran.

"We are pleased that these exceptional people have chosen Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel," said John North, CBWM COO. "We are always excited to welcome associates who share our core values of integrity, a passion for service, a positive attitude and drive for results."

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures and what it takes to get started. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved. Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Additional parking across

the street in back. Please call the office at (248) 782-7130 or e-mail june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@ addedvaluerealty.com or visit Free-ForeclosureTour.com.

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road,

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JOBS



Medicine isn't just a job, it's a mission: Saving lives and spreading goodwill at home and abroad

(BPT)

Demand for civilian health care professionals, such as doctors, registered nurses, dentists and certain allied health professionals such as clinical psychologists, will grow by double-digit percentages from now until 2020, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The armed forces, including the United States Navy, are also facing a critical need in these vital areas.

Beyond all the advantages of life as a civilian health care professional, a medical career in the Navy offers travel, adventure, and the uncommon opportunity to practice on ships or aircraft carriers, working with cuttingedge technology. Navy health care professionals can pursue their true passion to care for others and focus on the finer points of medicine without the financial and business complications of a private practice. Plus, financial aid is available to help qualified candidates pay for certain schools.

Serving in the Navy's Medical Corps, Nurse Corps, Dental Corps or Medical Service Corps opens a broad range of opportunities. Whether aboard the USNS Mercy (T-AH-19) or USNS Comfort (T-AH-20) hospital ships, or stationed at a Naval medical center, members provide lifesaving medical care

and humanitarian support to fellow service members and civilian populations all over the world.

Naval health care career opportunities include:

Physicians: The Navy

has job opportunities for doctors in more than 30 specialties and subspecialties, including general surgery, orthopedic surgery and anesthesiology. Navy Doctors gain a broader spectrum of experience than most civilian physicians, including working with breakthrough technology such as Light-Emitting Diode (LED) probes that help heal wounds faster. With the Navy Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP), physician candidates may receive 100 percent tuition coverage during medical school, plus a monthly stipend for living expenses for up to four years and a sign-on bonus. The Navy Health Services Collegiate Program (HSCP) may provide up to \$269,000 for medical school students, which includes their monthly military salary, a housing allowance and health benefits.

Registered Nurses: Serving in many clinical areas, Navy Nurses meet critical professional nursing needs during wartime and peace. Additionally, they may receive education and additional training in many nursing specialties. The Nurse Candidate Pro-



gram offers up to \$34,000 toward nursing school, including an initial grant of \$10,000 and a monthly stipend of up to \$1,000 for 24 months while earning a nursing degree. Qualified Registered Nurses in the workforce are eligible to apply for up to \$20,000 or up to \$30,000 accession training bonuses.

Dentists: Navy Dentists care for Sailors, and they care for citizens of thirdworld countries who may think of dental care as a luxury. They serve in more than 250 facilities around the world, both on the ground and aboard ships. Like Navy Physicians, Navy Dentists work with leading-edge equipment and testing procedures from digital X-ray systems to saliva tests that detect exposure to anthrax and tuberculosis. Students can have their dental education funded through HPSP and HSCP.

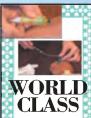
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Jaguar says it's 'Your turn' to drive its F-Type sports car



By Dale Buss

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just to take a test drive.

"It's your turn ... to discover a legend for your lifetime" is the tag line of the first of two planned new spots for the car, titled "Great Expectations." It first aired on ABC's finale of Once Upon a Time in

The \$69,000-and-up F-Type introduces a new sports-car design language for Jaguar, incorporating bold, clean lines accented by what the company calls "the discreet use of technology," including a deployable rear spoiler and hidden door handles.

The vehicle is the first official sports car that Jaquar has offered in more than 50 years. With front-engine, lightweightaluminum architecture and rear-wheel drive, F-Type is engineered to be a true high-performance sports car.

It will be available in three models: F-Type, F-Type S and F-Type V8 S.

Jaguar is trying to use the ad to help emerge from its musty past and zoom into direct competition with Porsche and other high-end makers that have remained relevant while Jaguar has faded over the last several years.

Featuring partners ranging from San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick to Playboy, Jaguar is pulling

out all the stops in its "Your Turn" campaign to attempt to get America's young and upscale buyers to embrace a marque that has struggled in the U.S. for a decade, since Ford owned Jaguar and was working hard to revive it as part of its Premier Automotive Group of luxury brands.

"It's not creating a brand from scratch; [Jaguar] has a storied history," Rob Filipovic, general manager of product planning for Jaguar North America, told me. "It's more about reconnecting with the performance and design attributes that Jaguar used to stand for, and bringing them to the forefront for a new generation that isn't necessarily familiar with our brand or cars."

By coming out with this campaign behind a substantial all-new vehicle, Jaquar already has reached a high-water mark under its ownership by Tata. The Indiabased industrial conglomerate bought Jaguar and Land Rover brands nearly five years ago from Ford, which was battening down the hatches for the tough global economy at the time.

Since that purchase, Tata has brought the brands through the subsequent financial collapse and Great Recession, fought through its own unfamiliarity with luxury auto brands and suffered from the continuing recession in Europe even as it finally



Flipping the keys to the next driver in the first new TV ad for the Jaguar F-Type.

began to bring out new hardware.

Now Jaguar plans three more new models over the next several months: the \$99,000 XFR-S sedan; the XKR-S GT coupe, stickered at \$174,000; and the XJR sports sedan with prices beginning at \$116,000.

Jaguar has been building up to this moment with a brand campaign that began a couple of years ago touting its existing vehicles as "alive" with excitement, then with its recently released short film starring Damian Lewis, and featuring the F-Type, that drew mixed reviews even by the standards of branded film content.

Upcoming elements of the campaign certainly will play to a sort of "bad boy" vibe that Jaguar has been trying to create for the F-Type that

appears in U.S. showrooms this month. There's a season-long partnership and integration with USA Network's series Covert Affairs as well as a promotion with a faux June cover of Playboy. Also, Jaguar will exclusively sponsor an episode of ESPN SportsCenter featuring Kaepernick and other "notable athletes."

The "Your Turn" campaign targets the F-Type sports car's target audience of 25-to-54-year-olds, comprised of consumers with varied interests and lifestyles. "We're appealing with F-Type to a young, active lifestyle that age doesn't dictate," Filipovic said.

At the same time, Filipovic was clear about F-Type's competitive targets: other two-seat (but smaller) sports cars such as the BMW Z-4, Mercedes-Benz SLK and

THE BLOODLINE CONTINUED.

This campaign is Jaguar's most important in many years.

Audi TT, and even higher-end nameplates such as Aston-Martin and the Audi R8.

"The whole concept behind this car," Filipovic said, "was to be able to provide what some of the larger sports cars do but at a price more palatable to a much broader audience."

Jaguar said that F-Type already is "one of the most highly anticipated vehicles to launch this year," with more than 50,000 people already expressing interest in the to be launched car.

Jaguar's media agency, Mindshare, created a marketing program touching on a variety of outlets including activations in broadcast, cinema, high-impact digital, and connected-TV platforms that will appeal to "early adopters."

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