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Khushbu Mistry greets Principal Rob Watson as she walked across the stage during the June 2 Northville High School graduation ceremony at Compuware Arena. Please see our special Class of 2013 graduation pullout beginning on page A11.

**Orange
barrel
season
ready to
kick off**

Here's what you need to know about road construction projects

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The road construction season is upon the communities of Northville and Novi, with several big projects in the works for this summer.

- Some of the projects include:
- Eight Mile Road, both east and west sections
 - East Lake Drive in Novi
 - South Center Street, in downtown Northville
 - Seven Mile Road/Center intersection
 - Haggerty Road
 - Hutton Street in Northville
 - A number of projects on neighborhood streets in Novi

Expect some delays along Eight Mile Road in the coming months, but also some big improvements. The project is being led by the Road Commission for Oakland County, which is planning significant improvements to Eight Mile between Napier and Beck roads in Novi and between Beck and Taft roads in the city of Northville and Northville Township. The project should begin this month.

The Wayne County Department of Public Services is also planning on making pavement improvements to the Eight Mile Road/North Center Street intersection, along with pavement rehabilitation of Eight Mile Road from the CSX Railroad bridge to Meadowbrook Road. Construction on this two-mile stretch of five-lane roadway, and the North Center Street intersection, should start in mid-summer and be completed in fall 2013.

The first stage will constitute a closure of Center, south of Eight Mile Road. The second stage will close Center, north of Eight Mile Road. The work at this intersection will not begin until after June 17; it is anticipated it will be complete by Aug. 30.

Please see ROADS, A8



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Novi and Northville commuters will be getting used to seeing lots of construction barrels along Eight Mile Road between Center and Griswold as a major re-surfacing project will soon get underway.

**District says goodbye
to two dozen retirees**

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A lot of experience and wisdom is leaving Northville Public Schools this month. At the May 28 meeting, the Board of Education approved the 2012-13 retirement resolution honoring 26 retirees from various positions within the district.

See what some Amerman students have to say about retiring Principal Steve Anderson and longtime teacher Jeff Lightfoot. Please see their guest columns on page A7.

"We wish them well ... we also acknowledge that when folks leave us they take with them their wisdom and experience, and contributions they've made to the Northville

Public Schools," Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said. "But more than that we've learned from and with them ..."

She said the list of retirees includes teachers, custodians, maintenance staff, food service coordinators and a principal.

"All of these folks have touched the lives of the children in our district," added Gallagher.

One in particular was Dr. Steve Anderson, the outgoing Amerman Elementary School principal. During his presentation he said his more than 20 years in Northville was an excellent adventure filled with a lot of highlights. He cited such things as the many trophies earned by the school's academic teams throughout the years to the many learning opportunities he got to experience himself.

"If we've achieved anything at Amerman it's because I've been blessed with a great group of students, an award winning PTA, a great group of parents, and an award winning faculty," Anderson said in closing.

The retirees were honored at a district-wide celebration on June 4, and each school is also having a celebration of its own to recognize the important individuals who have walked the halls for many years and made a positive impact.



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Dr. Stephen Anderson smiles at the May 28 school board meeting hosted at his school, Amerman Elementary, as he pronounces the names of some of his school's students involved in academic competition. Anderson is retiring after more than 20 years working for Northville Public Schools.

**2012-13 NORTHVILLE PUBLIC
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Students urge community to help Amerman food drive

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The shelves at Northville's Civic Concern can get pretty bare this time of year, but students and parents at Amerman Elementary School want to change that with an end of the year food drive to help area families in need during these early summer months.

The local schools are a big contributor to the food bank during the fall through spring months. However, during the summer months the district Listserv e-mails, which during the school year generate a lot of helpful support, are fewer. During a recent trip to Civic Concern a group of Amerman Girl Scouts learned about the summer need, so they want to help make a difference.

They've now teamed up with another Girl Scout troop as well as the Amerman's PTA to kick-start a project, in which they hope to fill an entire school bus with canned food. It's become a school-wide effort. There are food ambassadors for each classroom, and they are helping to promote the food drive. The students are having a contest for the poster that best markets their cause.

For some of the students it's also

part of a community service project, but it's not just another way to earn a badge ... it's become more than that.

"We think it's important to help out Civic Concern, so we want to collect as many canned goods as we can to fill the bus," said fifth-grader Jenny Chalom. "It's about making a difference. We've learned that one person can do that, so a small group can do even more."

The drive will take place at Amerman from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. on June 7, which is the same day as the school's ice cream social. The goal is to fill the bus parked outside with as many non-perishable goods as possible. Items like canned foods (soup or meat) along with products like laundry detergent, which is a big need for Civic Concern clients, are needed.

This is a community issue, so the students at Amerman are hoping the community comes out to support a good cause.

Amerman is located at 847 Center Street, at the corner of Eight Mile Road.

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Amerman Elementary School Girl Scouts and other classroom ambassadors at the school gather outside to promote their upcoming "Feed the Bus" food drive to take place June 7. A school bus will be parked outside the school all day and donations will be accepted for Northville Civic Concern's food pantry.

CORRECTION

In the 'School Briefs' section of last week's Record, a headline incorrectly stated "Madeja named NHS principal." It should have identified Deborah Madeja as being named the new principal at Amerman Elementary School.

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District can fire teachers for ‘ineffective’ rating

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

According to school district policy, a teacher who receives an ineffective evaluation rating could be fired.

At its May 14 meeting, the Northville Board of Education approved by a 6-0 vote the first reading of the district’s Performance Evaluation Systems policy for teachers and administrators within Northville Public Schools. The adoption of this policy is in keeping with the state law passed by the legislature in 2011.

This new law requires evaluations to be based in significant part on student growth and will be used to inform decisions regarding placement, promotion, compensation, and retention. This will be done each school year.

In the Northville policy language, some of the actions that may be taken with “ineffective” or “minimally effective” ratings include the potential dismissal of both probationary and tenured teachers.

Northville Education Association President Nick Nugent said the teachers union has been given little opportunity to give its own input on the evaluation tool being used. He said in other dis-

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The Northville Public Schools Board of Education has adopted a new policy that will allow the district to fire teachers and administrators that receive an “ineffective” or “minimally effective” rating. Do you agree with the policy? E-mail your opinions to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com.

tricts this isn’t the case and unions have had the chance to offer their input.

After looking back at the 2011-2012 evaluations, Nugent also believes the district has been harder on its teachers as far as ratings were concerned. He said after considering things like high test scores throughout the district it was surprising to only see 50 out of 430 teachers received a highly effective rating in the first year of evaluations.

Overall, he said the NEA sees “the evaluation tool as punitive.”

“I think there should have been more highly rated teachers,” Nugent said.

There are four ratings:

Highly Effective, Effective, Minimally Effective and Ineffective. Teachers are evaluated by their principals.

According to the drafted policy language:

- The contract of a probationary teacher rated ineffective on the final year-end performance evaluation shall not be renewed.

- Any teacher on continuing tenure will be subject to tenure charges seeking dismissal if he or she is stated ineffective on three consecutive final year-end evaluations.

- A teacher on continuing tenure may appeal to the superintendent within 20 days of receipt of an overall rating of ineffective.

According to Human Resources Director Dave Rodgers, the district has been using a revised version of the Charlotte Danielson evaluation tool. There will most likely be some additions to the state legislation that could mandate a particular evaluation tool. The Northville policy would be amended to include any updates to the state law.

In general, an ineffective rating could come from a classroom environment that has negative interactions between the teacher and students,

or among the students, and one that is characterized by conflict, put downs and sarcasm.

It is emphasized by the district that this is not a tool to replace teachers, but rather improve performance. If needed, a plan would be put in place to help improve the instructional practices of teachers.

The goal of the policy, according to school code, is to “evaluate the job performance of teachers and administrators, and provide timely and constructive feedback to teachers and administrators regarding their performance.”

The aim is to be as rigorous and transparent as possible. There will be

clear approaches to measuring student growth and those being evaluated will be provided with the relevant data on this growth.

The second reading and adoption of the policy was approved.

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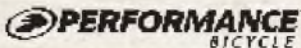
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Silver Springs Elementary School teacher and playwright Jason Brooks (left) watches as some of his cast — including Jalen Brown (Ellie), and Brendan Darr (John), both right, go through a scene of “Elementary 101”. The mystery will be performed at the school June 6.

Elementary 101

Silver Springs drama students to hit stage for public performance

By Lonnie Huhman

Staff Writer

The Silver Springs Elementary School Drama Club has been preparing all year for its end of the year play on June 6. From the short skits to the school-wide assemblies, this group of students has been dedicated to making this final performance a memorable one.

During the past month fourth grade teacher and drama coordinator Jason Brooks has been directing the students in the play and those working behind the scenes. The club is made up of fourth and fifth graders.

“We’re really excited about this play. It’s been a lot of work, but a lot of fun as well,” Brooks said during a recent rehearsal.

The final play is called “Elementary 101.” Brooks, who wrote it, said it’s a mystery with a twist at the end. There will be a lot of familiar moments for those who love the Sherlock Holmes stories.

It stars fifth-grader Jalen Brown as

Elementary or Ellie, who is a school detective that has been successfully solving cases since she was in first grade.

However, in this story, she has a tough case to solve. It involves vandalism in the principal’s office, sabotaged milk and a stolen test.

“She is always right, but this time she isn’t,” Jalen said of her character.

The play is a great experience with a range of scenes and characters. There is a narrator walking through the room explaining the story, a mysterious villain at the root of the problems and creative sets that make the story come to life.

Brooks said 70 students signed up for drama when it started last year, and all were brought on to gain experience in a club that is purely volunteer. The students, along with Mr. Brooks, have spent countless lunch periods learning and rehearsing.

Jack Story, a fifth grader who plays

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ELEMENTARY

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Sinister Sebastian Moran, has been practicing a southern accent for a good month now in preparation for playing his character before two audiences. He said he has been watching old movies to refine his twang.

“I’ve been walking around the house talking in a southern accent,” Jack said of his preparation.

This final performance will also be special because it will be wireless. With a grant from the Dad’s Club, the school was able to purchase headsets for the actors rather than having them carrying around a microphone. So this should make the performance even better.

The play will have two performances, one at 2:30 p.m. during the school day and one in the evening at 7 p.m., which is open to the public. There are 300 plus seats available and entry is free, so come out and enjoy a great story and acting.

The school is located at 19801 Silver Springs Drive.

To get a taste of what the Drama Club is all about check them out on their very own YouTube page at <http://www.youtube.com/user/ssdramaclub>



As “Narrator” Anushka Gulati (right) walks the audience through the play, director Jason Brooks leaps from the stage to give some guidance to his thespians during a May 29 rehearsal of “Elementary 101”.

Former special ed student reaches plea deal

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Joseph Miklos, 19, of Northville reached a plea agreement with prosecutors that saw the original charge of second-degree criminal sexual conduct dismissed against him. Instead, he pleaded no contest to attempted criminal sexual conduct in a case involving a 11-year-old boy.

Miklos, who police say forced unwanted sexual contact on the Northville boy, went before Judge Colleen O’Brien in Oakland County Circuit Court on May 17. There was a motion to dismiss the first count, which was granted, and another to add the charge of attempted criminal sexual contact. A plea of no contest was granted to Miklos.

According to the Northville City Police Department, Miklos will be sentenced June 25 on a charge of assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct. The charge can still result in a

person listed on the sexual offender list. Miklos had been bound over for trial from 35th District Court in Plymouth.

The case was brought to the police department’s attention after the 11-year-old’s father noticed he was acting like something was bothering him and was having sleep disturbances. The boy told his father what occurred and it was reported. A further interview with the boy was conducted at the Care House in Pontiac.

Miklos, a special education student at Northville Public Schools who graduated Sunday, was determined to be mentally retarded, but competent to stand trial. On a conditional bond, he was enrolled in Northville Public Schools this past year through an individualized learning program, but was not allowed on school grounds without permission.

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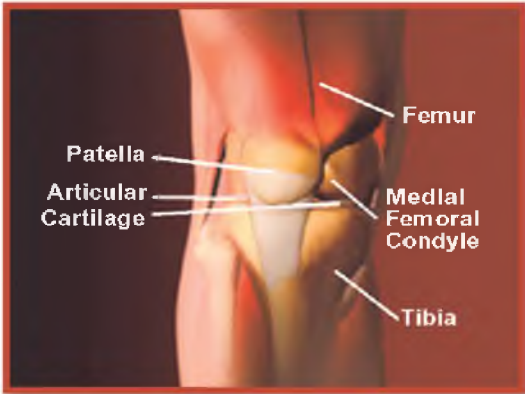
Now, in Livonia, Michigan, one doctor is helping iocal residents with knee pain live more active, pain-free lives.



Do You Have Any of the Following Conditions?

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Living with knee pain can feel like a crippling experience. Let’s face it, your knees aren’t as young as they used to be, and playing with the kids or grandkids isn’t any easier either. Maybe your knee pain keeps you from walking short distances or playing golf like you used to. Nothing’s worse than feeling great mentally, but physically feeling held back from life because your knee hurts and the pain just won’t go away!



My name is Dr. Greg Kramer, owner of Kramer Chiropractic. Since we opened, we’ve seen many people with knee problems leave the office pain free.

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New research in a treatment called low level laser therapy, or Cold Laser, is having a profound effect on patients suffering with knee pain. Unlike the cutting type of laser seen in movies and used in medical procedures, Cold Laser penetrates the surface of the skin with no heating effect or damage.

Cold Laser therapy has been tested for 40 years, had over 2000 papers published on it, and been shown to aid in damaged tissue regeneration, decrease inflammation, relieve pain and boost the immune system. This means that there is a good chance Cold Laser therapy could be your knee pain solution, allowing you to live a more active lifestyle.

Professional athletes like Tiger Woods and team members of the New England Patriots rely upon Cold Laser therapy to treat their sports related injuries. These guys use Cold Laser for one reason only...

It Promotes Rapid Healing of The Injured Tissues.

Before the FDA would clear Cold Laser for human use, they wanted to see proof that it worked. This led to two landmark studies.

The first study showed that patients who had Cold Laser therapy had 53% better improvement than those who had a placebo. The second study showed patients who used the Laser Therapy had less pain and more range of motion days after treatment. If the Cold Laser can help these patients, it can help you too.

Could This Non-Invasive, Natural Treatment Be The Answer To Your Knee Pain?

For the First 25 Callers Only, I’m running a very special offer where you can find out if you are a candidate for Cold Laser therapy.

What does this offer include? Everything I normally do in my “Knee Pain Evaluation”. Just call and here’s what you’ll get...

- An in-depth consultation about your problem where I will listen... really listen...to the details of your case.
- A complete neuromuscular examination.
- A full set of specialized x-rays to determine if arthritis is contributing to your pain.
- A thorough analysis of your exam and x-ray findings so we can start mapping out your plan to being pain free.
- You’ll see everything first hand and find out if this amazing treatment will be your pain solution, like it has been for so many other patients.

The First 25 Callers Only can get everything I’ve listed here for only \$35. The normal price for this type of evaluation including x-rays is \$250, so you’re saving a considerable amount by taking me up on this offer.

Remember what it was like before you had knee problems; when you were pain free and could enjoy everything life had to offer? It can be that way again. Don’t neglect your problem any longer – don’t wait until it’s too late.

Here’s what to do now:

Due to the expected demand for this special offer, I urge you to call our office at once. The phone number is 248-615-1533.

Call today and we can get started with your consultation, exam and x-rays as soon as there’s an opening in the schedule. Our office is called Kramer Chiropractic and you can find us at 34441 W. Eight Mile Rd., Ste. 116, in Livonia, MI. Tell the receptionist you’d like to come in for the Knee Evaluation.

Sincerely, Greg Kramer, D.C.

P.S. Now you might be wondering...

“Is this safe? Are there any side effects or dangers to this?”

The FDA cleared the first Cold Laser in 2002. This was after their study found 76% improvement in patients with pain. Their only warning – don’t shine it in your eyes. Of course at our office, the laser is never anywhere near your eyes and we’ll give you a comfortable pair of goggles for safety.

Don’t wait and let your knee problems get worse, disabling you for life. Take me up on my offer and call today: 248-615-1533

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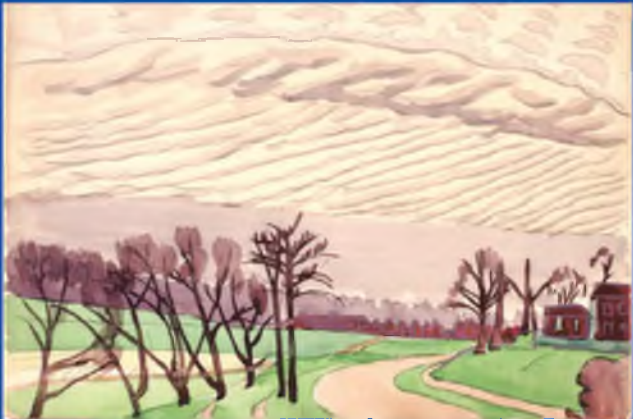
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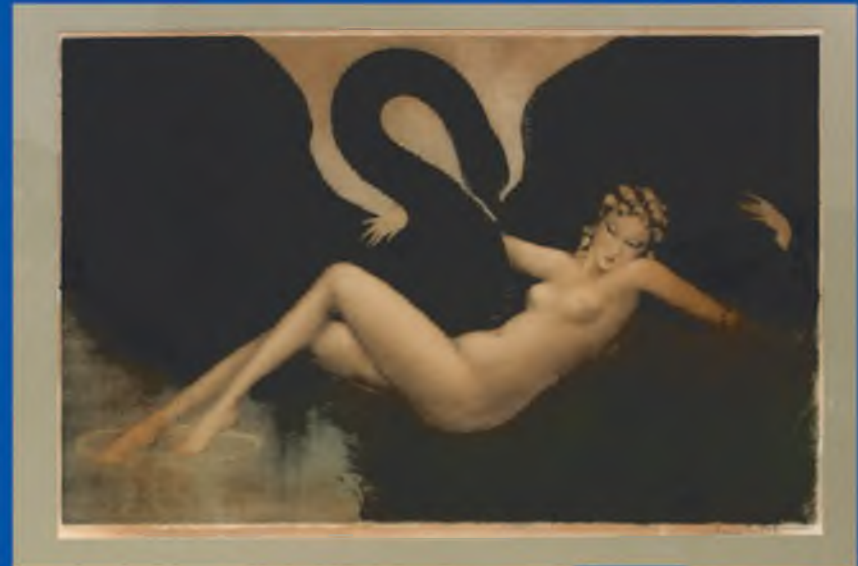
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Anderson and Lightfoot leave lasting impressions on students



Retiring Amerman Principal Steve Anderson has always been active in his students' activities, including the recent fifth grade space mission program.

Teacher Lightfoot encouraged students to be out-of-the-box thinkers

By Ellen Shaw and Emma Meadows
Guest reporters

We have had the privilege of having Jeff Lightfoot teach us this year. He has been teaching fifth grade for 45 years. We decided to interview him because this is his final year. He has certainly taught us a lot.

First, we were curious about his early days of teaching. He said his biggest mistake was “doing too much and assigning unreasonable homework.” He fixed this by improving his communication with parents.

Mr. Lightfoot has many interesting memories. His favorites are sharing jokes with his kids and presenting students’ thoughts and their writing. He also loves the looks on kids’ faces when they succeed in something difficult.

As a teacher who loves science, Mr. Lightfoot also has collected an assortment of plants and animals in his classroom, but told us he did not have any in the beginning of his career. He acquired them over time.

Mr. Lightfoot’s craziest memory about his pets was when his parrot Bogart whistled whenever a lady walked into the room and when the bird would sing when he was on the phone. Even though he loves animals, he is not planning to keep any during his retirement. However, he does mention he will keep a couple dozen cacti plants.

Mr. Lightfoot is a risk taker and out-of-the-box thinker and has been encouraging kids to do the same. We also wondered how students have changed over the years. He said “they come with better skills than they used to, so they require me to use my brain more and more.”

How have the students with disabilities influenced you, we asked.

“They have humbled me and are one of the greatest joys in teaching. Alec Cunningham, a boy who had a verbal disability, called me silly using his computer. That is also one of my favorite memories.”

Having been in his class this year, we



Retiring Amerman teacher Jeff Lightfoot with fifth grade students Ellen Shaw and Emma Meadows.

learned that he has some unique pet peeves. He said the biggest was that there are not enough hours in the day to spend with kids. When we asked him what the hardest part of being a teacher was, he replied, “There are bigger demands than there used to be.”

The best advice he said he would give to a new teacher is to go with your heart and not your brain. When asked if there is anything else he would like to add he said, “I wish everybody pursued a career that they enjoy as much as I did. I have no regrets in teaching.”

We asked him if he is satisfied with the timing of his retirement? He answered that he is no longer as active as he used to be so the time suits him.

“However, I will miss having fun teaching kids,” he says. He does not plan to have much free time. Instead, he wants to volunteer, write, spend time with family and friends, go to the beach, and take more nature walks.

Mr. Lightfoot is an outstanding teacher who has taught everyone a lot throughout the years. We hope he has an excellent retirement and we’re thankful he has taught us so much.

Ellen Shaw and Emma Meadows are fifth graders at Amerman Elementary.

By Maeve Lucas, Nina Moyski and Claudia Phillips
Guest reporters

After 30 years of working in the education field, Steve Anderson, principal of Amerman Elementary, is retiring.

Anderson has worked at Amerman for 21 years and is looking forward to his retirement. Recognizing he had many ideas for ways to teach students and for student learning, Anderson decided to become a principal in 1983. Prior to joining the staff at Amerman, he spent 18 years serving different schools. Although Anderson didn’t know much about Northville when he first came to Amerman, he now recognizes “what a wonderful community Northville is, all the different parents and the expertise in our community” has helped to make Amerman, in Dr. Anderson’s opinion, the best school in the district.

Anderson feels his job has affected him in so many wonderful ways. Over the years, he has learned from the teachers he’s worked with and the students at Amerman. He has also learned from the research he has done as a principal. One of Dr. Anderson’s most treasured experiences, throughout the years, has been his participation with all grade levels and the corresponding curriculum. For instance, he is currently working with the first graders in marine biology, third graders and their study of light, and has been highly involved with the fifth grade space mission. Anderson says it’s great to be a part of everything.

He plans to spend his retirement wise-

ly. He is welcoming a new granddaughter, expected in July, and is looking forward to teaching his grandson how to swim. During his free time, Anderson will continue to scuba dive and travel. He is also considering teaching at the college level.

During his 21 years at Amerman, Anderson believes that Amerman’s greatest achievement is ‘Applying and Learning.’ He has enjoyed his experiences with Science Olympiad, where students learn and apply science. Additionally, students learn and apply math in Academic Games. Anderson believes that, over the years, Amerman has grown into a great learning environment and is most proud of the hard-working kids at Amerman. His fondest memory as part of the Amerman family was going to Washington D.C. as a Distinguished Principal.

When asked by students what his last words were to them as the principal of Amerman Elementary, Dr. Anderson responded, “Just remember all of the mottos at Amerman — to be responsible, respectful and safe and to remember that they are members of a wonderful Amerman family, where everyone works as part of the team to make a difference.”

We will all miss Dr. Anderson when he retires, but we will remember how great of a principal he was to Amerman. The Amerman family wishes him the best.

Maeve Lucas, Nina Moyski and Claudia Phillips are fifth grade students at Amerman Elementary School.

Join the retirement party celebration

The Amerman Elementary PTA is hosting an open house to celebrate the retirement of both Principal Steve Anderson and teacher Jeff Lightfoot from 6-8 p.m. June 13 in Amerman’s Multipurpose Room. Anderson and Lightfoot have a combined 66 years of service to Northville Public Schools.

All Amerman families and friends are welcome to attend.

ON CAMPUS

Wayne State grads

At Wayne State University’s 145th commencement on Thursday, May 9, more than 3,500 undergraduate and graduate students became the university’s newest alumni. The following Northville residents were among the students who received their degrees:

Patrick Gunton, Jill Slater, Teri Budny, Daniel Toomey, Malasri Chaudhery, Nicole Sangster-Lucas, Anthony Smykla, Lauren Chisolm, Craig Sazama, Wenbin Duan, Zainab Arastu, Ali Ajrouch, Lynda Correia, Amelia Moazzen, Tima Elhage, Cameron Pinnock, Ameeth Reddy, Hiralkumari Patel, Heejin Kim, Tanaya Joseph, Sujeeth Reddy, Zaid Ammari, Madhushankar Palanisamy, Vahan Karian, Ryan Paree, Nicole Baron, Laura Starkey, William Riegner, Hannah Milavec, Melissa Brais, and James Hubbard.

Ohio Northern University

Matthew A. Sims, son of Michael and Elaine Sims, of Novi, has been named

to the Deans’ List for the spring semester 2012-13. He is a senior majoring in pharmaceutical business. The deans’ list includes students who attain a grade-point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 grading system.

Davenport University

Jewel Kitko and Kathryn Kernohan, both from Northville, were named to the Davenport University Dean’s List for the winter 2013 semester. To achieve the Dean’s List, a student must maintain a minimum 3.5 grade-point average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular coursework.

Utica College grads

The following local students recently graduated from Utica College in Utica, NY:

- Parag Kamleshbhai Barot, of Northville, Doctor of physical therapy
- Rachel Mary LaPonsey, of Northville, Doctor of physical therapy
- Vimal Johnson, of Northville Township, Doctor of physical therapy

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

‘HATS Off’

Meads Middle School student Angela Li was one of 200 middle school students honored May 18 at the HATS Off Recognition Ceremony, a statewide awards ceremony to recognize the top-scoring students to participate in Northwest-

ern University’s Midwest Academic Talent Search. The students who were recognized had extremely high scores on college entrance exams, either the ACT or SAT, while still in middle school.

The SAT and ACT are

administered annually to about 5,000 Michigan middle school students. The students recognized at the HATS Off ceremony achieved scores comparable to the top 1-20 percent range of college-bound high school seniors.

SOCIAL SECURITY

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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Library offering Michigan Activity Pass

The Northville District Library is offering the Michigan Activity Pass Program again this summer. This popular pass program is a partnership between Michigan's nearly 400 public libraries and 60 arts and cultural organizations.

Library users with a valid library card can print a pass, either from home or the library, to one of the nearly 60 participating institutions at the Michigan Activity Pass website. Some cultural partners offer complimentary or reduced price admission, or discounts in gift shops or other exclusive offers. Michigan Activity passes are good for one week from the date

it is printed.

The program is designed to enhance the learning experience for people of all ages by providing this opportunity to visit Michigan's many varied cultural organizations with reduced or complimentary admission prices or other offers.

"We are pleased to present this program in conjunction with The Library Network, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Library of Michigan Foundation, and CultureSource," said Northville District Library Director Julie Herrin. "We are thankful to the many generous participants from the arts, cultural and historical

organizations who participate in this program, and hope that many of our library patrons take advantage of these offers this summer."

Some of the cultural organizations include the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Yankee Air Museum, the Holocaust Memorial Center, Meadowbrook Hall, Plymouth Historical Museum and many more. A complete list of organizations and information on how to print passes can be found at <http://michiganactivity-pass.info>.

For more information, visit the library's website at www.northvillelibrary.org or call (248) 349-3020.



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A multi-cultural celebration

The Murphy family — (from left) Kiera, Tanya and Mikey — celebrate the Silver Springs Multi-Cultural Festival in traditional clothing from the Ukraine. During the May 17 event, students and their parents displayed a wide range of activities featuring traditions from other cultures.

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Schools: Be on lookout for suspicious vehicle

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Northville school officials are being told to keep a look out for a suspicious vehicle.

A community e-mail was sent out via the Northville Public Schools listserv e-mail on Saturday with information from the Northville City Police Department regarding an incident on Friday, May 31 as well as an arrest later made by the Northville Township Police Department.

The e-mail stated, "The purpose of this memo is infor-

mational only to inform local school administration of a suspicious circumstance that occurred. Dissemination of the information further will be left to the judgment of the individual recipients."

On Friday at approximately 8:16 a.m. Northville City Police officers were dispatched on a suspicious vehicle complaint reported by a parent dropping off their child at a local private school.

The parent reported a gray Chevrolet Avalanche driven by a white male, approximately 50 years of age with gray

hair and possibly a gray beard parked in front of the school. Upon making eye contact with the parent, the subject left the area, last seen southbound on Orchard near Main Street.

Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate the subject or vehicle.

Approximately 2 and a half hours later, Northville Township Police Department responded to a complaint and arrested a similarly described white male in a blue Chevrolet Avalanche for indecent exposure in the area of 6 Mile and Haggerty roads.

It is unknown if the arrested subject and vehicle is the same vehicle from the earlier complaint.

Also in the e-mail, the school district asked parents to please review and reinforce safety procedures with your children. The district said students who walk home from school should use the buddy system and walk with other students and they should be reminded not to accept rides from a stranger.

"Reinforce the need to run away, keep shouting for help, and go to the nearest safe

spot if ever approached by a stranger," the e-mail advised. "Once in a safe spot, students should immediately tell an adult what happened. Parents are asked to follow-up by reporting it to the police department and notifying the school principal."

In an emergency contact 9-1-1, but the Northville City Police can also be reached at (248) 349-5100 and Northville Township Police can be reached at (248) 349-9400.

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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Harley goes missing

A 51-year-old Northville Township woman reported to police that someone stole her 2007 Harley Davidson Road King from her apartment parking lot on the 18800 block of Jamestown Circle. According to reports, the woman last saw the motorcycle at 10:30 p.m. on May 20. When she woke up at 7 a.m. the next morning, it was gone.

Police questioned a neighbor, who said he heard the bike start up overnight, but wasn't sure what time.

There are no suspects at this time.

Vehicle theft

A woman's Jeep Liberty was stolen while she was working out at Planet Fitness in downtown Northville.

On May 29, the 64-year-old Northville woman parked her vehicle and then placed the keys on a key hook inside the gym. Later she went to leave and both were gone. The Jeep Liberty is described as being a tan 2005 four door.

The case remains open.

Diesel stolen

A representative of a local construction company called Northville Town-

ship Police to report someone had stolen a large amount of diesel fuel from a construction site at Six Mile Road and Hearthstone Way. According to the police report, the crime took place sometime between 3:15 p.m. on May 20 and 6 a.m. on May 21.

The man told police that approximately 1,000 gallons of diesel was taken from a fuel tank on the job site. He said whoever stole the fuel would have needed a tanker truck or trailer to remove that amount of fuel. It was the second time in about a month that diesel was stolen from the site.

At this point there are no suspects.

Under the influence

A South Lyon man was arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence of drugs and marijuana possession after being stopped for no headlights and speeding.

The 20-year-old was spotted going 45 mph in the 35 mph speed zone near Wing Street in Northville. Upon making contact with him, a city police officer reported smelling marijuana inside the vehicle. The man pointed out that he had a marijuana joint in his possession.

The man was arrested and cited for OUID and possession of marijuana.

Drunken driving

A Detroit man was arrested for drunken driving after being reported as driving erratically.

Northville City Police responded to a report of a driver in a truck swerving and speeding down Eight Mile Road. The police found a vehicle matching the description speeding on Eight Mile. The 39-year-old man said he had not been drinking.

However, he had trouble with the field sobriety tests and afterward his Breathalyzer test registered a .15 percent. The witness was a Novi man, who had observed the Detroit man driving dangerously.

Bra bandit

A 17-year-old Novi girl was charged with retail fraud 3rd degree after attempting to steal several bras from Kohl's on May 24. Store security personnel said they were watching the teen on surveillance cameras when she took several bras into a fitting room. When she came out, she had the bras con-

cealed in her purse. She left the store without paying. That's when she was nabbed security. Kohl's said the bras were valued at approximately \$300 total.

The teen was arraigned and freed on \$300 cash bond. She is scheduled to appear in 35th District Court on June 12.

Drunken driving

A Novi woman was arrested for drunken driving after being stopped for speeding. Her two children were in the vehicle at the time.

On May 25, the 41-year-old woman was spotted on radar going 57 mph on Eight Mile Road near Horton Avenue. Northville City Police stopped her and upon making contact with her it was reported the odor of intoxicants was detected on her. She admitted to having a couple of glasses of wine earlier.

After having trouble with the field sobriety tests, she was given a Breathalyzer test. It registered a .17 percent blood-alcohol content. Her two children, both under the age of 16, were picked up by their father.

VFW hoping someone returns stolen ceremonial pole

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

The recently held Northville Memorial Day Parade concluded at the historic Rural Hill Cemetery just like it does every year. Unlike in year's past, however, somebody decid-

ed to make off with a ceremonial pole used by the local VFW members during a ceremony honoring those lost at sea.

According to Barb Cook of VFW Post 4012, the pole was left on the bridge crossing the stream that meanders through the cemetery. She

described the pole as a one-inch PVC pipe about four feet long that is decorated in red, white and blue colors.

"The pole is carried by two Boy Scouts and used to carry a wreath, which is dropped into the river," Cook said.

"We always lay it right by the

bridge, but when we returned at the end of the ceremony it was gone.

"We would really like it back."

Cook said the VFW made a police report, but police haven't received any tips. She is hoping somebody at

the ceremony on Memorial Day may have seen what happened to it.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call Post 4012 at (248) 348-1490.

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Class of 2013



Members of the NHS Class of 2013 listen to a speaker during the 2013 commencement exercises at Compuware Arena.

Mustangs forever



NHS graduate Henry Karbownik addresses his classmates during their June 2 commencement ceremony.



Northville High Class of 2013 graduates wait for the start of their commencement exercises on June 2.



Brandon Patrone greets his Principal Rob Watson during Northville's June 2 graduation at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.



Mustang Shquille Elam graduates from Northville High during a June 2 commencement.



Olivia Dresevic receives her diploma at the commencement ceremony.

Northville High School Class of 2013

- Joseph Michael Abbate
- Alexa Grace Williams Abbott
- Sirine Hisham Abou-Hamdan
- Emilee Grace Abraham
- Nadia Affes
- Mustapha M. Akhdar
- Nathan Peter Albanelli
- Tina Raid Hashim Al-Khersan
- Nimar Basem Al-Nimri
- Sydney Marie Anderson
- Daniel Clinton Andress
- Akbar Ali Arsiwala
- Tristen Paige Asmann
- John Abraham Attallah
- Ryan James Atherton
- Allie Hatim Attalla
- Joseph David Austin
- Emma Catherine Auty
- Hannah Rose Avdoulos
- Olivia Jean Azeez
- Colin Wesley Bailey
- Maria Antonia Barajas
- Michael Richard Barber
- Natasha Samara Batayeh
- Nathan Julius Baughman
- Ian Thomas Beason
- Jacqueline Victoria Beazley
- Esha Melanie Bedi
- Sean Michael Bedrosian
- Allie Marie Belanger
- Mitchell Gregory Bell
- Conor Michael Bennane
- Brittany Rachel Berehulka
- Kallie Alexis Bergers
- Jessica Misako Bernard
- Stephen Michael Beyer
- Marc Alexander Bitterle
- Henry Harrison Blickle
- Brian Andrew Bobrowski
- Emily Danielle Boczar
- Luke Andrew Boeve
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- David James Borthwick
- Elizabeth Ann Boshoven
- Samuel Connor Boyea
- Meredith Ann Brady



Sydney Anderson is all smiles as she walks across the stage on June 2.

- Kendra Anne Brenner
- Kyle David Brenner
- Therese Elizabeth Breuch
- Samantha Johanne Browne
- Riley Conaway Bruen
- Matthew David Brumwell
- Lauren Jane Bryden
- Tony Bucciarelli
- Austin Lee Buhlig
- Jacob Wayne Buoy
- Emily Clare Bush
- Aurelia Jeanne Busse

- Emily Anne Butler
- Andrew Harrison Carlone
- Megan Elizabeth Carroll
- James Joseph Castellano
- Patrick Joseph Cawley
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- Catherine Wei Cui
- Sarah Catherine Cullen
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- Christian Scott Custer
- Mariam Ali Dakka
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- Michael Charles Dause
- Christopher William Davis
- Jonathan Michael Davis
- Alec Jeffrey DeBrabander
- Thomas Allen Deeds
- Anthony John DeGiorgio
- Victoria Lynn Demetriou
- Taylor Louise Dempsey
- Emily Xiao Deng
- Kristina Maria Denniston
- Grace Anne DeRidder
- Delaney Louise Dickens
- Dominic Daniel DiComo
- Alexandra Dimitrievski
- Alexandra Noel DiTommaso
- Troy Robert Dolmetsch
- Emily Catherine Donohoe
- Rylee Brooke Donovan
- Tyler Arash Doroudian
- Alexandra Marie Draybuck
- Olivia Vitore Dresevic
- Hailey Marie Dunivin
- Patrick Brendan Dunn
- Erin Elsa Dunne
- Alivia Combe DuQuet
- John Reid Duvall
- Cassidy Rae Ebach
- Henry Mikel Echelmeyer

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NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2013 TOP TEN STUDENTS

• **Name:** Sarah Hennessy
Parents Names: Angela and Thomas
Academic Honors: National Honor Society member, Spanish Honor Society member, National Merit commended student
Extra-curricular activities: School band, Spanish club, Quiz Bowl
Post-graduation plans: Study anthropology at the University of Notre Dame
Career plans: Undecided
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My teachers Mrs. Besco, Ms. Rohde, and Mr. Ortopan have influenced me through their enthusiasm for their respective subject matters and their support of students wishing to go into those fields. They've been such an inspiration to me.
Your most memorable high school moment: Riding my first roller coaster during the Physics Cedar Point trip



Hong
• **Name:** Stephanie Hong
Parent's Names: Jin Yu (mother), Bin Hong (father)
Academic Honors: National Merit Finalist, Presidential Scholarship
candidate, Summa Cum Laude, AP Scholar with Distinction, Association of Chinese Americans High School Achievement Award,
Extra-curricular Activities: Science Olympiad captain, Detroit Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra principal clarinetist, MathCounts volunteer, Northville Marching Band assistant drum major, Model United Nations, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Rotary Interact Club, Personal Enrichment Program Center volunteer.
Post-graduation Plans: Attend the California Institute of Technology to study biology on the pre-medical track.
Career Plans: I would like to become a radiologist and conduct cancer research.
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?: My mom influenced me the most because she supported me and encouraged me to achieve my goals.
Your most memorable high school moment: My most memorable moment in high school was going on the Cedar Point trip with other physics students.



Lucksom
• **Name:** Joshua Lucksom
Parents Names: John and Vivienne Lucksom
Academic Honors: AP Scholar Award, National Merit Finalist
Extra-Curricular Activities: Detroit Symphony Orchestra Creative Jazz Ensemble, National Honors Society, FIRST Robotics (for three

years), Martial Arts (Moo Duk Kwan Tang Soo Do)
Post-Graduation Plans: Attending Michigan State University, where I will be studying psychology, although I remain largely undecided on my major.
Career Plans: To be determined, although a life in the clergy is not in my future.
Who has influenced you the most in your academic career and why? Chanukya Malla, as he taught me to focus on my strengths and not dwell on my weaknesses. While he has yet to become my equal in Dance Dance Revolution, his skills in other areas have earned my complete and undying respect.
Your most memorable high school moment: Delivering my impromptu — yet completely heartfelt and serious — speech at the National Merit Breakfast, only to have the majority of attendees suggest that I pursue a career in stand-up comedy.



Momoi
• **Name:** Riku Momoi
Parents Names: Megumi and Norifumi Momoi
Academic Honors: National Merit Finalist, AP Scholar, Chemistry Olympiad 8th at Regionals
Extracurricular Activities: Varsity cross country and track, Quiz Bowl, National Honor Society, French Honor Society
Post-graduation plans: Move to California and attend California-Berkeley
Career plans: Undetermined, but something to do with science.
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?: No one really. But if I had to pick, my mom, who I wanted to impress somehow throughout my career, and academics are how I chose to do it.
Your most memorable high school moment: Winning the MSU Spartan Invitational in cross country. It was a JV race but it was my first win, and there were 800 runners in that race. I also got a personal best.



Rhee
• **Name:** James Rhee
Parents Names: Yeungbae Rhee (father), Hyaekyung Rhee (mother)
Academic Honors: National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, National Merit Finalist, St. Andrew Kim Youth Leaders, Chemistry Olympiad school recognition, AP Scholar with Distinction
Extracurricular Activities: Tennis, track, symphonic/marching band, volunteering, piano, St. Andrew Kim Church
Post-graduation plans: University of Michigan—Ann Arbor
Career plans: Dentistry
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?: I wouldn't be who I am

today if it weren't for my dad. Everyday he encourages me to reach new limits and gives me invaluable life lessons which I will cherish forever. Along with his encouragements and wisdom, he understands my hardships like no one else because he loves me deeply. Equally important, he believes in me, giving me the strength and the determination to pursue my dreams.
Your most memorable high school moment: Road trip with my dad to Washington D.C.



Shost
• **Name:** Michael Shost
Parents' Names: Mark and Denise Shost
Academic Honors: AP Scholar with Distinction, Summa Cum Laude, National Merit Commended Scholar
Extracurricular Activities: Rotary Interact, Recycling Club
Post-graduation Plans: I will attend the University of Michigan in the fall to study biology.
Career plans: After college, I hope to pursue a career in the medical field.
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why? My dad has influenced my academic career as I look up to him as a role model. I look to his academic achievements as a pattern of success I hope to one day achieve.
Your most memorable high school moment: My most memorable moment was waving goodbye to teachers from throughout my high school years before walking out the front doors one last time.



Ye
• **Name:** Megan Ye
Parents Names: Binshan Ye, Lan Meng
Academic Honors: Department Awards in Spanish, English, and mathematics, National Merit Finalist, NCTE nominee, AP Scholar with Distinction, six Michigan Interscholastic Press Association awards for Yearbook material
Extracurricular activities: Varsity golf, Rotary Interact officer, Teen Hospital Volunteer Chair, Yearbook editor, tutor, National Honors Society member
Post-graduation plans: Duke University
Career plans: Undecided
Who has influenced you most?: I have several teachers to thank for being simply incredible. They were amazing not only as educators but also as role models, mentors, and friends. I owe a lot to them.
Most memorable moment?: Too many to choose from. Most recently, I had a lot of fun watching the midnight premiere of Star Trek with my friends.



Carolyn Zhang
• **Name:** Carolyn Zhang
Parents Names: Lixin and Xiurong Zhang
Academic Honors: Presidential Scholars semifinalist, National Merit Scholarship winner, National AP Scholar, 2011 Joyce Ivy Scholar, DECA Internationals Qualifier, Concours National de Francais Level 2 3rd Place and Level 3 4th Place Nationwide, Schoolcraft College Dean's List, Math Department Award (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013), Foreign Language Department Award (2010, 2011, 2012), Social Studies Department Award (2011), English Department Award (2013), GPA Award (2010, 2011, 2012), MichMATYC Recognition, Summa Cum Laude Award, Phi Beta Kappa Award
Extracurricular activities: Piano, figure skating (individual competitions, team competitions, and job as assistant coach), youth group, High School Summer Research Program (HSSRP), DECA, symphonic/marching band, National Honor Society, Model UN, Chinese school volunteering, Rotary Interact
Post-graduation plans: Obtain masters and doctorate degrees
Career plans: University engineering professor and researcher
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why? My parents always let me go at my own pace and readily supported me with encouragement and advice when I needed it.
Your most memorable high school moment: During HSSRP, my friends and I played sardines (a form of hide-and-go-seek) at midnight on the UCLA campus — after I watched my first scary movie.



Rosa Zhang
• **Name:** Rosa Zhang
Parent's Names: Dengfu Zhang (dad) and Ling Wang (mom)
Academic Honors: 36 on ACT, 2360 on SAT, National Merit Finalist, National Merit Scholar, Presidential Scholar candidate, Discus Award recipient, AP Scholar with Distinction, Cornell Meinig Family National Scholar
Extracurricular Activities: Biotechnology Summer Research Program, marching/symphonic band, Providence Park Teen Volunteer, Model UN, Northville Rotary Interact, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Yuri Kochiyama Leadership Program, Adopt-A-Student
Post-graduation Plans: Cornell University, majoring in biomedical engineering
Career Plans: I hope to one day work in a hospital or similar setting and be involved in health care. I want to use the skills I'll learn in college to develop technology and machinery for patient care.
Who has influenced you most in

your academic career and why? The person who's influenced me the most in my academic career has got to be my spanish teacher, Mrs. Karendia Seiler. I've had her as my seminar teacher for all four years of high school and also as a spanish teacher for both semesters of 11th grade. She's one of those teachers that genuinely cares for her students and is always cheerful. She's had a lot of hardship in her life, yet she's so optimistic. She dances and lip syncs to "Bad Reputation" to remind her graduating students to be themselves. Her classes are very hands-on and she's always willing to sit down and listen. Throughout my four years at Northville High School, I've always felt comfortable and safe around her.
Most memorable high school moment: Every year, all the students in the various physics classes will all go to Cedar Point for a day. I went on the Ferris Wheel with two of my friends and absolutely freaked out. I hadn't realized how high it would go and how windy and open it'd be. I remember screaming, "We're gonna die!" while we were stuck at the very top.



Zuo
• **Name:** Connie Zuo
Parents' Names: Jun Zuo and Bo Wu
Academic Honors: Four years of Summa Cum Laude, two time Math department Award recipient, Spanish Department Award recipient, two time English department Award recipient, Business and Computer Award recipient, Michigan New Century Chinese School Certificate of Achievement, AP Scholar Award, AP Scholar with Honor Award, AP Scholar with Distinction Award, National Merit Finalist, 2013 Presidential Scholars Program Candidate, NCTE National Achievement Awards in Writing finalist, KLAA Academic Excellence Award recipient
Extracurricular activities: Varsity Pompon Team, Mid-American Pompon All-Star Team, Student Council Class Secretary, Cavalcade Literary Magazine, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society
Post-graduation plans: University of Michigan College of Engineering and Ross School of Business pre-admit student
Career plans: Undetermined but it will be something awesome.
Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?: My parents have made enormous sacrifices to give me a quality education, even moving our family to Northville so I could attend a better school district. Thank you, Mom and Dad!
Your most memorable high school moment: Storming the football field after winning the Novi-Northville game.

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- Robert Maxwell Eitelman
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- Sandeep Simon Kottoor



Edward Han receives his diploma.



Northville High graduate Cassidy Ebach.

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- Joseph Alexander Kozlowski
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Ashley Robinson shakes the hand of Northville High School Principal Rob Watson on June 2 at Compuware Arena during the Mustangs' 2013 commencement.

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Members of Detroit Catholic Central's class of 2013 await the beginning of their commencement ceremony on May 19.

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Joel Kish receives his diploma from Detroit Catholic Central Principal the Rev. John Huber at the school's 2013 commencement exercises on May 19 at Ann Arbor's Hill Auditorium.

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Shopping in a sea of color



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Maggie Ossola, a member of the Northville High Class of 2002, returned to the city on May 24 to pick up some things for her garden during the annual Northville Chamber of Commerce Flower Day sale along Main Street. The event featured more than 20 local growers and greenhouses selling a variety of ornamental accent plants, perennials, herbs, annuals, roses, shrubs, exotic plants, and trees.

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Sales associate

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel (CBWM) has recently welcomed a number of new sales associates to the rapidly growing company, including Nancy Hackett of Northville.

Founded in 1950, Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel is a Troy, Michigan-based real estate brokerage with 15 offices and more than 400 real estate sales associates. For more information, visit www.cbwm.com.

Petco adoption event

Livonia Petco, located at 29560 7 Mile Road, will host its first “Mega Adoption Event” from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 8.

Five local shelters, including Tailwaggers 1990, Pug Rescue Network, Last Day Dog Rescue, Greyhound Expressions and Rainbow Feathers Bird Club and Rescue, will be there with a variety of needy pets waiting for a home. According to the ASPCA, 60 percent of dogs and 70 percent of cats are euthanized every year in animal shelters across the nation. But simple education about pet adoption and a network of support can help lower these numbers.

In addition to meeting adoptable pets, those who attend will learn about caring for the physical, mental, social and emotional well being of pets while gaining tips

on creating a loving home for animals.

The event will also feature carnival games, raffle prizes with proceeds benefiting the Petco Foundation, and representatives from area shelters. For more information on Petco Adoption events, visit www.petco.com/adoption.

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.

IXL summer program

The IXL Learning Center, located at 43333 Seven Mile in Northville, is now accepting registration for its summer program. The program is offered to school-age children, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and is led by a certified elementary teacher, who keeps the focus educational, yet fun during our summer months. Days are filled with field trips, theme days, art, journal writing, experiments, outdoor activities, sports, water play, and good friends. For more information, contact Jamie Miller at (248) 349-2223, or visit www.ixlkids.com.

Test drive: Blackberry 10

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

So close, yet so far away. Those six words so perfectly describe the conundrum that is Blackberry. Six to seven years ago, the now-embattled phone manufacturer had a stranglehold on the smartphone market. As unlimited texting plans became common place for students and recent graduates, the Blackberry was no longer a tool exclusively for business people.

Then Apple struck. With the iPhone's easy-to-use interface, a robust app store and unique technologies, the Blackberry quickly became obsolete. The Blackberry Bold, Lightning, Storm and Storm 2 were all failures — at least when compared to each and every iPhone model and many of the top Android devices. Even the Windows Phones and Google Phones provided better reliability, service and features.

The Blackberry 10, which was released this spring, was supposed to be Blackberry's answer to all the previous mistakes and an answer to the critics who ditched it years ago.

But like the original Blackberry Curve that gave Blackberry one of the best-selling phones, the new Blackberry 10 is so close, yet so far away.

I used the Blackberry 10 extensively for about a week, courtesy of Verizon Wireless, which carries Blackberry 10 on its 4G network.

I found the new interface to be easy to use and somewhat refreshing — especially compared to the Blackberry I used to own. The display is cleaner and more crisp than



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

Android devices and the navigation is absolutely on par with the iPhone.

Unlike its predecessors, the Blackberry 10 doesn't require any battery pulls. For those of you who never owned a Blackberry, the dreaded battery pull was a daily occurrence when the device would crash. A few too many messages or emails and the unit would seize up like an original Nintendo.

This is no longer a problem and literally can't be, since the battery is internal, much like the iPhone.

But while the phone was a huge upgrade to anything Blackberry has done before, it has still missed the mark in one major area: applications. Blackberry App World still has such a limited app store that the device is not even worth considering.

Why would anyone give up an Android, Apple, Windows or Google device — with a virtually limitless supply of apps — for Blackberry, which doesn't even have a free version of Netflix? Pandora doesn't exist in Blackberry App World and neither do some of the newest social sites like Vine or SnapChat. Not even Instagram — the site purchased by Facebook for \$1 billion last year — is available for Blackberry devices.

Moreover, some of my favorite niche applications for business travel, daily reading, gaming or productivity were not available. My AT&T

Uverse app? Forget about it — there's no DVRing shows remotely if you are in Blackberry's world.

Even if Blackberry were to make a huge push with developers to increase its application library, it is now trailing in two key areas where it used to lead: typing and free messaging.

One of the best features of the original Blackberry models was the keyboard — it was and still is easier to use than a touchscreen. And although the new touchscreens aren't bad, quicker is always better.

Secondly, Blackberry always had a huge leg up on the competition with its BBM (Blackberry Messenger Service). With it, users could contact other Blackberry users for free. It still exists on the Blackberry 10, but what use is it if only one of your contacts has a Blackberry?

Blackberry messenger was a great tool that was neglected for too long and I feel strongly that it is one of the reasons the company has faltered over the years. Assigning a lengthy and confusing pin number to message users with was hard enough. Scanning a QR code from their phone to add them to your address book was even harder.

Here we are six to seven years later and Blackberry is still using that old technology that others abandoned long ago.

So close, yet so far away.

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Listening trumps mobile technology in the workplace

By Lee Meadows
Guest Columnist

Texting and tweeting and apps, oh my! Is anyone out there listening? You know, that ancient art, practiced during the glory days of the 20th century that required a human encounter. It was scribed in all the self-help books of the 1970s and 1980s and has been foundational pillar of the Dale Carnegie skill of human improvement for thousands of attendees.

In that same spirit, the lack of listening skills contributed to the demise of Julius Caesar, Marie Antoinette, and Al Capone. The dark passage into oblivion is littered with common phrases that swing like razor-sharpened pendulums, slowly slicing away the tenuous connection that exists between us. These famous phrases echo through our conscious as we skim along the human abyss - - “You see what happens when you don't listen?” “You're not listening to me!” “Had you just taken a moment to listen...” “All you had to do was listen.” “You were given one mouth for talking and two ears for listening!” -- and are the last thing we hear just before crashing into a wall.

Business is ga-ga over the ‘mobilizing’ of the work place. From the



Takin' Care of Business

Lee Meadows

ment calendars (and their ‘reminders’ that chime, ring, buzz and electrocute), and the hundreds of apps that allow for ‘synchronicity’ of tasks and behavior. In many ways it is a musical concert of multi-colored apps brought together to work in harmonic efficiency such that the ‘digital’ word is the ‘new’ talking and the constant attention to the mobile screen is the ‘new’ listening!

As Al Pacino uttered in the movie, ‘And Justice For All’, “There's something really wrong here!” From cubicle to conference room to church pew to street corner, mobile technology has contributed to skillful finger dexterity and shortened the English language to series of single digits, capitalized letters in lieu of a complete statement and a series of ‘mood’ faces to help complete the thought. Meanwhile, who's listening? There was a point in time when

desk top to the laptop to the ‘mobile’ information center in which email, texts, voicemail, Internet access, appoint-

the focus of listening was to teach the process of ‘not interrupting’, being focused on the speaker, clarifying what you heard and then offering a response. It is a much harder skill to master when your eyes are fixed on your mobile device. At a time when the complexity of what we do is threaded through a number of downloadable apps, are we really as ‘connected’ as we are, often led to believe? As the gap between texting and talking widens, it begs the question: Is there a connection between the rise in pharmacological dependency and decline in phenomenological listening? The importance of listening has been documented long before we recognized it as a skill.

There is a long-held belief that mobile technology has contributed to the rise in workplace productivity. This belief is probably more true than untrue. However, there is historically longer proof that listening contributes to the rise in workplace morale. Just turn around in your cubicle and ask the person across from you, ‘What's on your mind?’

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‘Highly anticipated’ Art House exhibit to feature 33 artists

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Artist Matt Eaton is the juror for this year’s West of Center 2013 All-Media Show at the Northville Art House.

“He’s very involved in trying to revitalize Detroit through the art scene,” said Joanne Bandoni of Northville Township, curator for the exhibit. Eaton, director and curator of the Red Bull House of Art in Detroit, has ties to Plymouth and Northville.

The opening reception for West

of Center will be 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 7, at the Art House. Sponsor Mitchell’s Fish Market of Livonia will provide appetizers and beverages.

The exhibit will run through June 30, its final weekend that of Northville’s Arts & Acts fest. This is the fifth annual All-Media Show.

Eaton is also co-director of The Detroit Beautification Project and partner/curator of Detroit’s Library Street Collective Gallery.

“He was very excited to juror the show for us,” Bandoni said. The exhibit will include 33 artists,

gleaned from 138 pieces submitted.

“This is a highly anticipated show,” she said. “We really draw from all over for this show. It’s definitely a contemporary art show.”

West of Center will feature mixed media on canvas, glass and steel sculpture, wood, an ink stamp piece, acrylics and pastels.

Admission to the Friday, June 7, opening reception is free of charge, said Bandoni, a member of the exhibits committee.

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Artist Matt Eaton will juror this year’s West of Center 2013 All-Media Show at the Northville Art House.



Runners kick off the start of the 6th Annual ‘Embrace Life’ 5K, held Sept. 9, 2012 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Registration open – Time to start training!

St. Mary Mercy Livonia hosts 7th Annual ‘Embrace Life’ 5K run/walk for Cancer Sept. 8

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting its 7th Annual 5K run/walk for Cancer on Sept. 8 at 9 a.m. More than 800 people participated in last year’s 5K, raising nearly \$37,000. Proceeds support Cancer Services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

The 5K run/walk is for cancer awareness. It is a celebration of life for cancer survivors, for those who have cancer, and an opportunity for family members and friends to participate to honor or remember a loved one.

- To register, visit www.stmarymercy.org/5Kforcancer. Registration is \$25 on or before Aug. 30 and \$30 on Aug. 31 through race day.

- Awards will be given to the first, second and third place overall male and female winners of each age division of the 5K Run.
 - ‘B-tag’ chip timing
 - The USATF-certified course begins on St. Mary Mercy Hospital grounds and runners/walkers are then routed through the residential streets of Livonia.
 - Runners and walkers who register before August 30 are guaranteed a race T-shirt.
- Sponsorship opportunities for the 5K are available. For more information, call (734) 655-1590 or to register for the 5K for Cancer, visit stmarymercy.org/5Kforcancer.

Family’s grief prompts benefit walk to combat brain tumor deaths

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Karen Cioma James and husband Phil grieve the death of daughter Leah, who was diagnosed at age 4½ with an inoperable brain tumor. Leah lived just over a year after that before passing in 2005.

“As a way to channel our grief, we formed our 501(c)3,” mom Karen said.

The family also includes daughter Kylie, 16, who attended Northville Christian Academy.

“We learned to love Northville,” Karen James said of the family, which is now living in Florida for her husband’s work. They’d moved to Livonia after marrying.

Their organization, Leah’s Happy Hearts, is based on the little girl’s expression of “My heart is happy.” The annual “Happy Feet for Happy Hearts Walk” will be held Saturday, June 8, at Maybury State Park, Eight Mile west of Beck in Northville Township.

The organization’s board is made up of many friends. “Most of them knew Leah,” she said.

This is the sixth year for the walk, which last year drew about 200.

Registration will start 9 a.m., the walk at 10 a.m. For every \$20 in pledges raised, participants will receive 25 raffle tickets, with additional raffle tickets offered for purchase at the walk. There will be a dove release and a butterfly release, along with clowns and face painting.

The robot R2D2 will pose for photos, and a light lunch and refreshments will be served. Go to www.leahshappyhearts.org to register and/or create a pledge page.

People are encouraged to sign up in advance but walk-ins are also welcome.

Proceeds will support pediatric brain tumor research at the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital, where Leah was treated. The organization also puts on each year a holiday shopping event for hospitalized children.

“We set up a store on three different floors,” James said, with children choosing gifts for family members and themselves. Area Girl Scouts make no-sew fleece blankets for children for the event.

“It’s just a really fun event,” James said of the holiday shopping. “It’s very rewarding for me.”

The family finds the benefit work helps them grieve. “That’s the main reason we decided to form it,” she said. “I knew I had to do something. It was well worth it. The pain is always going to be there.”

Offering more treatment options for others helps the family cope.

Leah’s tumor was in the brain stem and couldn’t be biopsied. It was described to her parents by doctors as like taking sand from Jell-O.

Funds from last year’s walk and other fundraising are supporting a book to be written by Ridge Wood Elementary teacher Sue Beth Balash in the Northville school district. The book will be for children diagnosed with tumors and their siblings.

“It’s supposed to inspire hope for children,” said James, adding C.S. Mott Hospital is also working on that. The main character will be named Leah and the



Leah James was just 4½ when diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. She died in 2005, and her family holds an annual benefit walk to support pediatric brain tumor research and other projects.

HAPPY FEET FOR HAPPY HEARTS WALK

- **What:** Walk benefitting Leah’s Happy Hearts, which raises money for pediatric brain tumor research at the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital
- **When:** Registration begins at 9 a.m., Saturday, June 8
- **Where:** Maybury State Park, Eight Mile west of Beck in Northville Township
- **More info:** Visit www.leahshappyhearts.org to register and/or create a pledge page

book will share the girl’s joyful spirit but not be her story. The book will be shared with other hospitals down the road.

At the June 8 event, the Northville Fire Department helps with a fire truck and fire hats for the kids. “They’ve been great, always there for us,” James said.

James and other organizers would be happy to raise \$20,000 from the June 8 walk. She appreciates “great sponsors,” such as Domino’s Pizza, Table 5 restaurant of Northville, Sunny J’s of Plymouth, and Independent Bank of Livonia.

The James family moved to Florida in 2009, and plans to return to Michigan when Kylie graduates from high school, with Northville their first choice. “It’s been difficult for her but she’s getting along as best she can,” mom said of Leah’s death impacting Kylie. It was helpful when Kylie turned 16 and could visit the hospital, seeing work there.

The teen also benefits from supporters at the annual walk. Karen James said it draws from Northville, Novi, Livonia and Plymouth, as well as their family members from Trenton, Whitmore Lake and Monroe.

James is pleased with this year’s raffle prizes, including Detroit Tigers Den seats, an iPad and an American Girls doll. Leah’s favorite color was purple, so the walk features purple T-shirts and balloons. Each walker will get a purple backpack.

Leah is buried in Livonia and the family appreciates a couple, friends and neighbors, who care for the grave. “I’m very lucky to have them,” James said.

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Sealed bids for Northville Public School’s Generator Bid Package, consisting of the furnishing and installation of a new generator at Hillside Middle School, will be received until **10:00 A.M. Local time on Thursday, June 20, 2013** at:
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Northville, MI 48167

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143: Electrical

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There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting held on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2013 @ 2:00 p.m. at Hillside Middle School in the Crow’s Nest Room, located at 775 North Center, Northville, MI 48167.** The meeting **is not** mandatory, but is highly recommended.

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Charter Township of Northville
Planning Commission
Notice of Public Hearing
Rezoning

The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing to discuss rezoning the Township owned portion of the former State Hospital property (approximately 332 acres) from 7 Mile Road Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Public Recreation, Facilities and Open Space (PROS). The rezoning will be consistent with other properties owned by Northville Township, the purpose for which the Township purchased the property and the adopted Master Plan for recreation uses.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M. on June 25, 2013 at Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan. The public is invited to attend this hearing to receive information, express comments or ask questions. Written comments regarding the proposed rezoning will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Tim Zawodny, Chair
Planning Commission

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Divine inspiration

New pastor says Northville ‘like returning to my hometown’

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Rev. Rob Allen, 56, has somewhat unusual choices for favorite theologians.

First is Charlie the Tuna of the old TV commercials.

“Theology has to match the needs in life,” said Allen, born Robert, who recently started as senior pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. “They’re not going to listen to you until their bellies are full.”

The Lyon Township resident, married to Cheryl, also likes the character played by Clint Eastwood in *The Outlaw Josey Wales*.

“Dying ain’t much of a living,” that character said.

Allen comes from two congregations in Florida to serve at First Presbyterian, which has around 1,100 members.

“Northville does feel very much like home,” Allen said. “A community that has a link to the past with a lot of bright hope.”

He and Cheryl have felt welcome in the church and community. “Lots of meetings, lots of trying to get to know folks,” he said.

He’s a native of southern Indiana, from the town of Boonville, and his grandparents and father were farmers. The Allens have five grown children and seven grandchildren ranging in age from 3 to 19.

Allen had been at Florida churches in Crystal River and Lutz, both in transition.

“My preference is long-term ministry. I like developing relationships. I need something

where I can sink roots a little deeper,” he said.

The pastor nominating committee, and then the congregation, invited Allen here. “And here I am.”

The Northville church now has a 10 a.m. Sunday worship service, with plans to add one-two additional services. “I think their preference is to do something nontraditional, not necessarily contemporary,” he said.

Families are busy, and a weekday service is possible. “We need to find a time that’s convenient to those families,” Allen said.

Allen did undergraduate work at the University of Southern Indiana and Oakland City University in Indiana for a bachelor’s degree. His master’s is from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Kentucky. Allen earned a doctorate in advanced marriage and family therapy from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Mass., a suburb of Boston.

He has additional training, including being a certified domestic relations mediator through the Indiana State Bar, and a certified church conflict mediator through the Lombard Mennonite Peace Institute in Lombard, Ill.

“This is like returning to my hometown,” he said of Northville. “The folks have been extremely welcoming.” He likes the community being multi-generational with a vibrant downtown.

“We’ve got a lot of good ministry going on here.”



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville’s new senior pastor for the First Presbyterian Church, Rob Allen, brings a different look to the Fellowship Hall on East Main. He’ll wear blue jeans and cowboy boots, sometimes even to services.

Allen praises the Rev. Stu Ritter, who served in an interim role before him. The Rev. Emma Ouellette, assistant pastor, arrived last year.

“She’s been an absolute delight in this transition,” he said, also citing Darlene Kuperus, minister of music and worship, and others at the church.

He finds church members are adjusting to his accent and a “minister who doesn’t

dress in suits and ties, being a farm kid. Hogs never get far from my life.”

His desk has a photo of him kissing a hog at an earlier church, following a vacation Bible school recruiting challenge to children.

“I actually fought the call (to ministry) for a good long while,” he recalled. He started an apprentice role in steamfitting, found management skills and later founded a company that still exists. Allen sold the business later.

“We made the commitment for me to go to seminary full time. From there, it was off to the races,” he said.

He commuted to Louisville.

“I’ve been a lifelong learner. It was just a progression,” he said of going back to school at 30, which wasn’t hard.

“It has been an extraordinarily blessed progression for our family,” Allen said. Looking back, he would have stopped racing motorcycles sooner. “Still love to ride,” he said.

He likes “the excitement and activity level” at First Presbyterian. Allen believes in “reaching out, reaching in, trying to be Christ in the world.” Christians must be real, relational and relevant, he said.

He and Cheryl like being closer to family, and Allen would like to serve the next 14-15 years.

“That’s always subject to God’s call,” he said.

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NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH CALENDAR

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Location: 40000 6 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978
Patriotic Concert
Time/Date: 5 p.m. Sunday, June 9
Details: “I Pledge Allegiance”, featuring vocal and orchestral patriotic music and a stirring tribute to honor veterans who have served, or are currently serving, in all branches of the military. This annual event is a community favorite and will be held in the Sanctuary. No ticket is needed.
Sunday Worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Contemporary. Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.
SERVICE BROADCAST
Details: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560, The WMUZ Word Station.
Single Point Ministries (45 and older): 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship and Bible study.
Single Point Ministries (35-50 years old): 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ.
Single Purpose Connections (20-30 years old): 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study, and fellowship.
Details: For single adults. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more information.
Contact: (248) 374-5920
Learner’s Bible Study: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101
Men’s Bible Study: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single

Adult Ministries office
Single’s Bible Study: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
Location: 217 N. Wing
Contact: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men’s Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY INTEGRATED CHURCH
Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
Location: 200 E. Main
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.fpcnorthville.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
Location: 777 West 8 Mile Road, Northville
Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org
Sunday Worship: Meditative - Held in the Chapel - 8 a.m. Contemporary - Held in the Sanctuary - 9:15 a.m. Traditional - Held in the Sanctuary - 11 a.m.
Sunday School: Nursery - 8 a.m. Nursery - 12th grade - 9:15 a.m. Nursery - 6th grade/Special Needs - 11 a.m.
GOOD SHEPHERD

LUTHERAN CHURCH
Location: 41415 9 Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 349-0565
Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship
BRIGHTMOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Location: M5 and 13 Mile Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 227-4420 or www.brightmoorchurch.org
Celebrate Recovery
Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Mondays
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CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)
Hoii Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciiation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
Priests: Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and Rev. Michael Zuelch, associate pastor

CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH
Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointe-meadows.org.
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.
Destiny Worship Center
Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 6 Mile Road, Northville
Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Location: 34567 7 Mile Road, Livonia
Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org
Contact: (248) 442-8822
Sunday Worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Adult special needs worship: 9:30 a.m.
Good news day camp: June 17-21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; children completed Kdg-6th grade
Youth group: Tuesdays at 7:45-9 p.m.
Women’s ‘coffee break’ bible study: Monday, June 10, 9:30-11 a.m.; “Things don’t always work out the way we want them to”
FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Women’s Bible Study
Time/Date: 9:15-10:30 a.m. Saturdays
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Location: 205 East Lake Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile Road), South Lyon
Contact: (248) 437-2875
FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of 8 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org
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 family
Currently on Wednesday nights: 6:30 p.m. Children’s VBS/Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Group

Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group
Wednesdays: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$5 per person, \$15 per family;
Currently on Wednesday nights: 6:30 p.m. Children’s VBS/Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Group
Thursday: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group
HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org
Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service
Alzheimer’s Support Group: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month.
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Location: 39200 West 12 Mile Road (east of Haggerty Road), Farmington Hills
LAKES BAPTIST CHURCH
Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

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OUR VIEWS



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Northville Township firefighters responding to a May 5 fire at a Ladywood Drive home, seen in the foreground, couldn't open the valve on the fire hydrant across the street, which ultimately cost them precious time suppressing the fire. The defective hydrant was replaced.

In working order

New hydrant inspection program should douse fears

When Northville Township firefighters arrived at the scene of a fire on Ladywood Drive last month, they found the home's attached garage fully engulfed in flames. Like with any such call, the firefighters looked for the nearest hydrant, so they could begin dousing the fire with water. Fortunately, there was one located right across the street from the home. However, when firefighters hooked up to the hydrant, they found it had a faulty valve that couldn't be opened, despite the best efforts of the firefighters and even some neighbors who tried to lend a hand.

Ultimately, the firefighters had to connect to another hydrant that was located down the street about 400 feet away. The garage was a total loss, but firefighters were able to save the home, which sustained serious smoke and water damage. Northville Township officials believe the faulty hydrant cost them about 5-10 minutes in their efforts to suppress the fire.

Some of the neighbors who live in the Northville Colony Estates subdivision have been critical of the township's response, and especially the fact that the township didn't have an annual hydrant inspection program in place to make sure all of the hydrants around town are functional in such an emergency.

Different communities have different policies when it comes to inspecting fire hydrants. Some in the Northville Colony Estates point to the city of Plymouth, which inspects all of its fire hydrants on an annual basis. The difference, however, is Plymouth has but a fraction of Northville Township's 1,537 fire hydrants. Northville Township Manager Chip Snider said it would cost approximately \$250,000 to annually inspect all of the hydrants.

The township just doesn't have that kind of money budgeted at this point.

As a compromise, however, Snider said the township has initiated a new program where hydrants will be tested on a five-year cycle, beginning in older neighborhoods like the Northville Colony Estates. Snider said the program will cost a more modest \$60,000 annually, which will come out of the water and sewer fund.

The is an affordable approach to an important issue. The reality is there are very few instances where fire hydrants have failed like the one last month. In fact, Snider said this is the first time in his recollection of it happening, and he has been in the public safety business for more than 30 years. Still, the incident last month shows it can happen. Inspecting the hydrants every five years is a fair compromise. If there are other failures in the future, the township may want to look at ramping up the inspections even more, but at this point history just doesn't show such a need, especially when you take into consideration most of the subdivisions (and hydrants) in the township are fairly new.

The township's response to a somewhat embarrassing situation has been commendable. The faulty hydrant on Ladywood Drive was replaced within days of the fire. And public safety officials were scheduled to meet with representatives of the subdivision's homeowners association on Monday to answer questions about last month's fire and the new hydrant inspection program.

Ultimately, the goal is that everyone in the township feels confident that if they are unfortunate enough to be the victim of a fire, firefighters will be there quickly and have the proper tools to put out the fire. The new hydrant inspection program is a good step in that direction.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you have any tips or advice for a graduating high school senior?

We asked this question at the Northville District Library.



"When you get to college the main thing you should do is study. Don't take your foot off the pedal, so work to be successful. Life starts in college."

Jeffery Minoff
Northville



"Get into the job market wherever you can. Just get a foot in the door. Especially in today's job market, and then work your way toward the job you really want."

Joe Oldenburg
Northville



"When choosing summer employment try to find a job or volunteer position that will be part of your focus of study in college, even if it is just a volunteer opportunity. Maybe something in community service. Learning team work and job skills is important."

Val Amsdill
Northville



"Always spend less than you make, and you'll never go broke."

Scott Frush
Northville

LETTERS

Promoting voyeurism

I strongly disagree with the Northville Public School district's decision to keep "Anne Frank-The Definitive Edition" on the seventh grade optional reading list. I think parents should be the primary educators of their children, especially in matters of a sexual nature.

The important lesson of the diary (Respect for All Human Life) is unrelated to Anne's curiosity of her developing maturity. Young adolescents are unable to easily discern their own sexual maturity when confronted in a school board sanctioned book. Lets teach our children the beauty of chastity instead of promoting voyeurism.

I think the school board has made a gross misjudgment possibly detrimental to any innocent child who may read this edition.

Jane Burke
Northville

Agree with decision

I fully agree with the district's decision to continue using "Anne Frank — The Definitive Edition" — a wonderful, very real book.

Edith McKnight
Northville Township

Don't tie Islam to terror

Is Islam really the "root of terror" as a recent letter writer suggested? The simple answer is no.

Americans are outraged and understandably worried about terrorist crimes that occur daily in our country. We see acts of terror and cruelty in our own community such as the 19-year-old boyfriend who is accused of torturing the 23-month old boy in Northville Township recently. We hear of 10-year kidnappings in Cleveland, shootings in Connecticut, drive by shootings in Detroit, and so forth.

We know that terror is not the province of those who ascribe to any particular religion, sect, nationality or race. Its potential looms everywhere and we need to become more aware of the warning signs, more vigilant in looking out for one another and more resolute in law enforcement for criminals who commit such acts.

I recall Timothy McVeigh's terrorist act in bombing the federal building in Oklahoma in 1995. He was a Roman Catholic and took the Sacrament of the Anointing prior to his execution in 2001. He had killed 168 people and injured over 600. McVeigh was hoping to inspire a revolt against what he perceived to be a tyrannical federal government. We certainly do not tie his cowardice to Catholicism.

There are examples of Christian terrorists in this country such as some extreme members of the Ku Klux Klan whose early goals were to "re-establish Protestant Christian values in America by any means possible," and they believed that "Jesus was

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the first Klansman."

Again, we don't say that Christianity is a root of terror due to the Klan's ideology; and yet we know that there are examples in this country of other "Christian" leaders who speak against our way of life and encourage violent acts against us.

Our fear of Islamic fundamentalist criminals (not Islam itself) is rational, given that a small group with their crimes on 9/11/01 changed us forever. The world has been dealing with thugs like these individuals for years. There is a threat today from some of our deviant fellow citizens, like the Tsarnaev brothers, who in their youth became brainwashed and misled and for many reasons appear to have converted to an ideology that vilifies the U.S. and our way of life, even as they enjoyed the comforts and benefits of that life. I don't even suspect that their ideology was very sophisticated.

It's about those who use their religious ideology to justify their cowardly acts of criminal terror, perhaps to give themselves a feeling of worth that they cannot otherwise achieve through positive contributions to society. We must identify, isolate and cast out these miscreants in order to promote the way of life we have come to cherish in our country.

Joe Tasse
Northville Township

Hate speech

Mr. James Koster's vile letter "Islam is the root of terror" on the May 23 opinion page was nothing short of hate speech, and I was horrified to see it published within the *Northville Record*.

Hate speech is speech or writing which spreads, incites, promotes, or justifies hatred on the basis of race, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or religion.

This letter very clearly fell within these bounds, arguing that "the

true enemy of our society is Islam" and asserting that "we are forced to live in distrust and scrutiny" of all Muslims. This discriminatory, bigoted speech creates hostility and prejudice against the peaceful, loving Muslims within our community and the millions of Muslims living in and positively contributing to our nation.

However, it was not Mr. Koster's letter which was the most alarming, but instead the fact that the *Northville Record* published it. I understand that our town needs a platform for expressing opinion, but that should never include hate speech against our own community members.

Mr. Koster's letter is terribly misguided and harmful, but by sharing it with the world the *Northville Record* is validating his prejudices and condoning hatred against the Muslim children in our schools, Muslim coworkers in our businesses, and Muslim families in our neighborhoods. That is truly despicable.

Bridget Dunn
Novi

Leave Boy Scouts alone

Such an annoyance are those sharp elbows testing Boy Scouts over membership rules. Rules should remain intact as they stand. I view the Boy Scouts as very constructively committed to build boys into even more resourceful and productive Americans.

This great comprehensive program may be at risk over California's interest in pushing a gay wedge issue. I'd be surprised if this is any high priority to the wider gay community, but ripe for Democrats. This challenge to Boy Scout membership rules serves no one, but tests the rules and expectations of Scout leaders and Scouts brings into play political duress that may put the Boy Scouts' national role at risk.

Such liberal in-your-face campaigns continue to use wedge issues brings incremental damage to a load of undermining liberal political objectives. The current don't ask policy for boys works well. It would be a big surprise for any person involved with Boy Scouts to announce gay interests and not feel outstanding for the troop. Historically, Scouting is regarded for productive results being among the most effective efforts in America to qualify for nonprofit status. If California is determined to hassle or outlaw Scouting, their regrets would be interesting. Seeds of leadership are more often found in Scouts where personal initiative for achievement thrives. It is a waste to risk discarding all the results-oriented contributions to values, leadership training, even more especially merit badge vocational introductions.

This is just one more liberal wedge that divides promoting socialist relativism and more likely diminishes tolerance and respect for others.

Jim Nowka
Northville

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GUEST COLUMN

Lock experts in Mackinac barn for real education reform

By Tom Watkins
Guest Columnist

During the annual Detroit Regional Chamber Policy Conference on Mackinac Island, the only thing more consistent than the lingering smells of horse manure and fudge is the call for school reform and additional school funding. Once again the chamber attracted some “big name” education reformers to Mackinac: former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and former head of Washington, D.C.’s school system and now leader of Student First, Michelle Rhee.

Next year the goal should be to skip inviting “experts” from afar and instead focus on inviting the team of Michigan educators, policy and political leaders who have actually “fixed” our educational mess.

The news that the Buena Vista School District closed its doors along with the threat of the Pontiac Schools doing the same — even before the school year has officially ended — is a national embarrassment. This was followed by the sobering news that the Albion School District will be closing its high school next year because of it can’t afford to keep it open.



Tom Watkins

There are nearly 50 school districts operating in a deficit, most for several years. Many school districts are so close to being underwater financially that the slightest wave will sink them. The spotlight on these school messes should force bigger questions: Should we be perpetuating 550 local school districts, some as small as Buena Vista with 420 students? Is our system of funding schools sustainable? Are new revenues directed at our schools enhancing the teaching and learning of students or simply propping up unsustainable legacy costs?

Is it true that Michigan is ninth in K-12 education spending and 35th in performance? Are we getting the proper return on investment for the billions of dollars spent annually on our schools?

Maybe we should consider changing the name of the Department of Education to the Department of Health Care and Pensions — because that’s exactly where any new resources flowing to our schools will end up. (See: 2004 Report: Structural Funding Issues Facing Michigan Schools in the 21st Century at www.michigan.gov/documents/michiganschoolfunding_110803_7.pdf)

Does the legislature need to keep stepping into all this mess before they acknowledge there is a problem?

The current debate surrounding reform and new

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Machine explosion at Novi plant causes a fire

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

An explosion at the Orotex Corp. in Novi led to a fire and injury to one employee on May 31.

According to Jeff Johnson, Novi's director of EMS and Fire Services, a 40-year-old worker was taken to the hospital after being exposed to smoke and chemicals. The man may have also suffered some singe burns. As of last weekend, he was listed in stable condition at Botsford Hospital.

Johnson said Novi firefighters were called to the location at 22475 Venture Drive, near Nine Mile, just before 4 p.m. last Friday. Upon arrival, emergency personnel found Orotex employees evacuating the building and dense smoke coming from the doors.

Although a specific cause was not confirmed yet, Johnson said, "There was a lid that was on top of a chemical processing machine, and it looks like that lid blew off. That was caused a lot of the material to be scattered and injure at least one employee."

The employee had been standing on a mezzanine above the 20-foot-high machine when the lid blew off.

The fire department is reasoning the chemicals must have had a bad reaction and ignited. However, this is still under investigation. Johnson said two other workers were exposed but were checked out by paramedics and refused to go the hospital.

Johnson said the sprinkler system activated, which put out much of the fire. The rest was put out by firefighters, and there was some water damage. Much of the smoke inside needed to be ventilated out by the firefighters.

"It's an unfortunate situation for the business, but there were no serious injuries and the fire was stopped from spreading," Johnson said.

Orotex works with various chemicals and plastic polymers to make things like automotive parts.

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money for our schools brings to mind that old Miller Lite beer commercial, "Great Taste ... Less Filling!"? Which is it to be? "More Reform. Less Money!" or "More Money! Less Reform!" The fact is, our system of education needs a targeted dose of both.

We need to get serious-thinking people together to forge a compromise that matches sensible reform align with funding increases which are targeted at teaching and learning. Reforms without resources won't cut it, any more than more money without reform will!

Providing more money without structural reforms and addressing unsustainable legacy cost is like pouring water

into a glass with a hole in the bottom — wondering why the glass can never be filled. If we continue on the same course we will simply perpetuate the status quo which does not prepare our kids for our 21st century hyper-competitive, disruptive, knowledge economy where jobs and innovation can, and do, move around the globe effortlessly.

My solution? Gov. Snyder

should bring the various sides together, lock them in a horse barn on Mackinac Island, and not release them until they find a shared vision and common agenda to address the need for resources targeted at teaching, learning, and structural reforms that address the unsustainable nature of our current system — one that is holding our children and state back. Sensible people with good

will can solve this problem.

Perhaps being locked in a Mackinac horse barn until they do may be just the incentive they need to only get some real horse sense about the issues, but also get the job done!

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Northville's No. 4 doubles team of Shannon Williams and Libby Quinn earned the distinction of being Division I state champions in their flight after a remarkable weekend performance.

LINDA JONES

Novi wins district soccer title

By Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

In another typical year for the successful Novi girls' soccer program, the Wildcats blanked Farmington Hills Mercy 2-0 on Saturday in a district final to advance to regionals.

Cat Nussio scored the first goal off a Taylor Pavlika throw-in and Chloe Allen scored off an Erin Dircks assist for the Wildcats. Both goals were scored in the first half as Novi dominated, outshooting Mercy 13-3 for the game. Jade Antolec made three saves for the shutout.

The Wildcats advanced to the district final with a 1-0 win over rival Northville on Friday in the district semifinal.

Novi scored the game's only goal with 12 minutes left to play when Dircks flicked a Pavlika throw-in toward the goal and it found its way between two defenders and into the net.

ON TAP

Novi (16-2-2) advances to play Dearborn Edsel Ford at 5 p.m. on Wednesday at Farmington High School. The other game in the Region is Saline vs. Plymouth. The winners will play at 6 p.m. on Friday at Farmington HS.

Girls tennis finishes fifth in the state

Williams and Quinn earn state title in No. 4 doubles flight

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

For the rest of their lives, Shannon Williams and Libby Quinn will always know that in 2013, they were the absolute best tennis players in the state of Michigan among their peers.

The duo, which has been on an absolute tear all season long, earned the distinct honor of becoming state champions after defeating Farmington Hills Mercy's Julie Flanagan and Sarah Hinrichs in the title tilt. Their finish helped the Mustangs to a fifth-place team finish at the Division I state finals, which were held in Midland last weekend.

Port Huron Northern won the state title with 24 points while Farmington Hills

Mercy took second with 22 and Grosse Pointe South and Clarkston tied for third with 20 points each. Northville finished with 14.

"What a remarkable weekend," said Northville coach Linda Jones. She added that it's been a pretty remarkable season as a whole. "The girls' team, this season, won the division title, association title, conference title and regional title on their way to the state championships. (It was) a great season in all."

Williams and Quinn had one of the most impressive seasons of the year, and it was showcased by the fact that they entered the tournament as a No. 1 seed. The team earned a first-round bye before topping Holland West Ottawa's Kelly Hayes and Susan Fender in the second round, 6-2, 6-

4. In the third round, the Mustangs duo defeated West Bloomfield's Olivia Chan and Kathie Wu, 6-0, 6-0.

In the semi-finals, Williams and Quinn topped No. 4 seed Emma St. Pierre and Sonal Bahl of Ann Arbor Pioneer, 6-2, 6-4. Northville's No. 3 singles player, Claudia Ma, also had an outstanding day, fighting her way right to the semi-finals.

As the No. 4 seed in her flight, Ma earned a bye in the first round before going on to defeat Arushi Mahajan of Troy, 6-2, 6-2, and the No. 5-seeded Rosa Wu from Ann Arbor Huron, 6-4, 6-3. Ma's final match came in the form of a 6-1, 6-2 loss to the No. 1-seeded player from Clarkston, Dana Olsen, who went on to win

Please see TENNIS, B5

Girls track team showcases pure talent

LYNNE MOSTELLER

Alexa Abbott pushes herself to the limit as she runs her leg of the 4-by-400 relay for the Northville Mustangs girls track team.

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs girls track and field team ended their season with some remarkable numbers: 12, 7, 4 and 10.

The first number, 12, signifies the number of athletes the Mustangs were able to send to the Division I state finals last weekend, held at East Kentwood High School in Grand Rapids. There, the team not only finished in seventh place, but they set four Northville High School records and had 10 athletes come home with All-State honors.

"It was an incredible day for the community of Northville, Northville High School and for our team," said first-year head coach Tim Dalton. "We finished seventh in the state, which is far as I know is the highest-ever finish for girls track and field at Northville. I could not think of a better way to end the season than the way we did."

The most impressive finishes for the Northville Mustangs came in the 100-meter hurdles, where the Mustangs not only had two competitors compete, but had two come away with All-State honors.

Morgan Robertson ran to second place in the event, finishing in 15.08 seconds -- just 0.3 seconds away from first place. Hot on her heels and in fourth place was Lauren Rodriguez, who ran a 15.12. Both athletes earned All-State honors,

BRANDON LANGSTON

The Northville Mustangs track team gathers after the state finals last weekend.

which are awarded to the top-eight finishes in each event.

"We knew we had two of the best hurdlers in the state and they proved it today," said Dalton. "They both will be returning next year, which is very exciting for us."

And while that was the most impressive finish in terms of placing, the most surprising performance came from the 4-by-400 relay team of Robertson, Nadia Affes, Alexa Abbott and Lindsay Walters. The team was seeded 16th heading into the state finals and when all was said and done they ran to fifth place and set the school

record in 3:58.75.

"We talk all the time with our kids about making the most of your opportunities--these four sure did," said Dalton. "It is something they will remember for the rest of their lives."

Northville set the school record in three other events as well. Rachel Coleman, Nicole Mosteller, Alison Robinson and Erin Zimmer ran the 4-by-800 in 9:16.57, which was good for fourth place in the state, while the 4-by-200 team of Chloe Abbott, Alexa Abbott, Affes and Robert-

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Saline bounces Novi in girls' lacrosse

By Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

The building blocks are in place for a big future for the Novi girls' lacrosse program.

Despite an 11-6 loss to Saline on May 22 in a state playoff game, the Wildcats showed plenty of promise and certainly plenty of potential this past season.

And that's why coach Caitlin Warda is not only proud of her team but excited about the future.

"We had a major turnaround this year, and I look forward to the continuous development of my team," Warda said. "We have a lot of key sophomores that are picking up the strategy of the game quickly and I know that they will continue to grow into great players. I look forward to next season."

But first more on this past season, which came to an end against the Hornets.

"It was a very close game from start to finish," Warda said. "We got surpassed in portions of both halves and were unable to pull ahead from it. We tried very hard and walked into the game wanting the win and that's all I could have asked for from the players."

Gina Salemi and Haley Parker led the Novi attack with two goals each. Megan Murphy and Alanna Clark each scored once.

The Wildcats finished the year at 5-12 but improved throughout the season.

Salemi, only a fresh-



Wildcat Gina Salemi prepares to shoot – and score on – a Saline Hornet goalie – during Novi's May 22 visit to the school.

man, led the team with 48 goals. Clark, only a sophomore, finished second on the team with 37 goals. Yeah, so one can see why the future looks promising.

"Our team this year in comparison to where we were last year is like night and day," Warda said. "We have come so far and have tried so hard to build a team that can mesh well together. We started out with a very young team with the majority of our girls being sophomores and juniors. A lot of our team had never played together before and we are still trying to grow and get a consistent team on the field each year."

Warda said the team went from basic stick skills to actual strategy in a hurry.

"Trying to put together the skill set development with the new strategy is going to continue to be the most dif-

ficult part for a little while because everyone learns at a different rate," Warda said. "We had a lot of outstanding players come out of the woodwork this year."

Warda singled out Salemi and sisters Alanna and Julia Clark along with junior Megan Murphy, who never played before this year, as bright spots for the future.

"They were all new to the team this year and a big part of our team," she said.

"The girls that came into the season from last year who have been a big asset to our program were our two junior captains Haley Parker and Megan Paul, juniors Nicole Lazzara and Georgia Freeman and our two senior captains Lauren Brown and Jordan Howard."

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Wildcats fall in playoffs to Pioneer

By Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

After experiencing a successful regular season, the Novi boys' lacrosse team ran into a strong Ann Arbor Pioneer team in the first round of regionals on May 23 at Ann Arbor Pioneer.

It was a hard fought first half with Pioneer leading 4-2 going into halftime. But Pioneer dominated the third quarter and took control of the game in the second half.

"They had possession of the ball for most of the quarter and took advantage of mistakes by our defense," Novi coach Eric Hoffman said. "We just couldn't get any offense going. Our defense kept us in the game."

The Pioneers, last year's Division 1 runner-up, went on to an 11-3 victory over the vastly improved and successful Wildcats. Pioneer (10-7) ended up losing the next game to Forest Hills Eastern/Northern.

Novi, winners of the KLAA Kensington Conference and KLAA championship, finished the season at 12-7.

Mitch Adams had 12 saves in the loss to Pioneer. Travis Sparling and Tommy McMaster each had two takeaways and two groundballs. Justin Danks led the scoring with two goals and Austin Nicholas had one goal for Novi.

"As a team we were getting good shots, but their goalie was up for the challenge," Hoffman said. "We had a total of 33 shots, but not all were on goal. And the ones that were on goal, their goalie handled."

Hoffman, in his first year at Novi, said he couldn't have been more proud of the effort his players gave this season.

"As a team we learned that you have to play a full 48 minutes of the game and that the team must work together to reach our goals," he said. "We had great leadership with captains Mitch Adams, Scott Schramm and Lucas Buck. All three led by example on and off the field."

Hoffman said the seniors, including his three captains and Justin Danks, Nick Gasparotto, Austin Nicholas, Derek Stockman, Jionni Ivy, Jason Sherran, Sreffan Werth and Yusef Qadeer, will all be missed next year.

"At least three of our seniors will be playing college lacrosse next year," he said. "Scott Schramm is going to Albion College and Mitch Adams and Lucas Buck will be attending Alma."

"Losing 11 seniors is never easy. But we have a young nucleus of players returning next year."

That nucleus begins with juniors Keith Pravato, Alex Caprara, Chris Kennedy, Mark Ghannam, Justin Lipski, Brian Stewart, Jonathan Nofar, Matt Kiura, Sam Meisel and Travis Sparling. Also, sophomores Tommy McMaster, Nick Meadors, Ryan Moore JT Lyon, Luke Gulau, Michael Werth and John Vander-Mey are expected back next year.

"Most of our returning players are playing on summer travel teams which will help the growth of our team for next season," Hoffman said. "Our season may have ended on a bad note but we grew as a team, won the KLAA and will be better next season with all the experience that our young players got this season."

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Novi track finishes strong at state meet

By Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

The Novi girls' track and field team finished in 10th place with 20 points at the state Track and Field championships on Saturday at East Kentwood High School. Grosse Pointe South ran away with the state title with 76 points.

Kerri McMahan won a state championship with her leap of 5 feet, 6 inches in the high jump. Three other girls managed 5-5 but couldn't get to 5-6.

McMahan, only a junior, qualified for the state meet with a jump of 5-3. She saved her best for last, peaking at the right time and at the right place to capture gold.

In the shot put, Novi's Taylor Pavlika finished fifth overall with a toss of 121 feet, 1 inch.

Novi's 1600-meter relay team of Lina Davis, Hannah Loneragan, Taylor Mosley and Kerri McMahan took third overall with a time of 3:57.37. Grosse Pointe South won the event in 3:52.32.

The Novi boys' track and field team placed 24th in the state with 10.33 points

at the state finals.

In the long jump, Novi's Ali Taha took fourth place with a leap of 22 feet, 8 inches.

In the 200-meter dash, Novi's Jordan Love placed fourth with a time of 22.23 seconds.

"Many of these athletes, both boys and girls, missed advancing in other events by hundredths of a second," said Novi coach Marsha Reid.

Davis in the 300 hurdles missed All-State by .05 seconds and was ninth overall. Love tied for ninth and it came down to thousandths of a second in advancing to the finals for All-State.

Also, Pavlika splits her time between track and soccer so she played a soccer game Friday night for the Wildcats.

"She came up on Saturday morning not knowing if she would be able to throw discus because she was in the last heat for throwing," Reid said. "We had to petition to have her throw out of order, which they granted. She then threw three throws and missed her final throws so that she could go back to Livonia for a noon soccer game."

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Wildcats battle to the end

Novi falls in district final to North Farmington

By Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

It was the bottom of the seventh inning on Saturday. The Novi baseball team entered the inning down 6-3 to North Farmington in a district championship game at Farmington High School.

With two outs, Keaton Figurski ripped a double. Then, Bryan Klosterman singled and coach Rick Green had two on, with two outs and down three runs.

Was it magic time?

The Wildcats have had some big moments this season with some solid games and a few nice comebacks. In fact, Novi trailed in this game 2-0 before taking a 3-2 lead early in the contest. This group simply never gave up and that spirit was on display with their backs against the wall on Saturday.

But the Cats also have lost a few games they might have won with a big hit here or a play in the field there. Unfortunately for Novi, this game turned out to be one of those games.

"We just couldn't get that big hit," said Green, whose team lost 6-3 and ended the season with an 18-17 overall record. "We had a guy on second base with no outs in the fifth, and didn't score. They had a freshman pitcher who we just couldn't get enough going against to rattle him. We hit some balls hard but

right at people."

After North Farmington led 2-0 after two innings, Novi came right back with three runs to take the lead. With the bases loaded, Andrew Turek had an infield hit that resulted in two runs. Kyle Matel's RBI gave the Wildcats a 3-2 lead.

North Farmington tied the game at 3-3 in the fourth inning. They scored three more in the sixth to take a 6-3 lead and held on for a district title.

Tyler Whitehead started for Novi and went 3 2/3 innings, allowing three runs, seven hits with one strikeout and no walks. Blair Myers, Mark Czapski and Luke Bageris all pitched in relief.

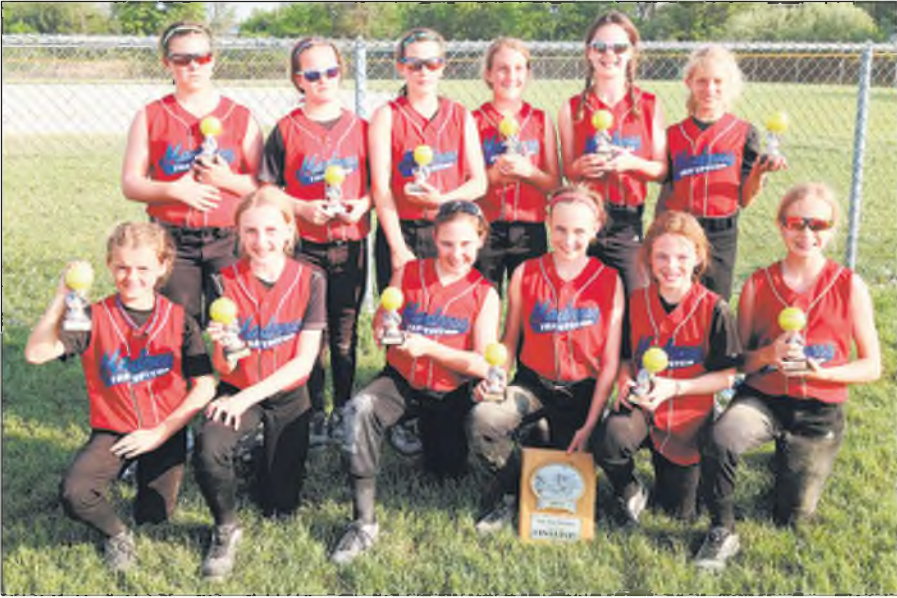
Figurski had a double, RBI and two walks and Mario Ferrini had two hits and scored a run. Matel, Klosterman, Ryan Caputo, Nick Shelar and Mitchell Hall all had hits for the Wildcats.

Novi advanced to the championship game with an 11-7 victory over Farmington Harrison in the semifinal game on Saturday.

"We led 10-1 and we were one hit from a mercy and the next thing you know it's a ballgame," Green said.

Ryan Davis started and was solid for five innings before getting tired in the sixth. He finished with six strikeouts, one walk and four earned runs allowed. "It was a gutty performance," Green said.

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After going 2-1 in pool play, Madness Red 10U had to take the long way to the finals. They outscored their opponents 35-4 in the winning their first three bracket games on May 19, before running out of steam in the finals against Michigan Pride. They have now reached the finals in 6 consecutive tournaments. The team includes (l to r, standing) Allison Hale, Maggie Murphy, Stephanie Schmunk, Olivia Vitale, Emma Dompierre, Lauren Franklin; (kneeling) Kayla Errer, Gaby Cummings, Cassidy Brendtke, Madeline Schornack, Grace Nieto and Allie Page.

Baseball team wins district title

Mustangs will play Saturday against N. Farmington

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Northville Mustangs baseball coach John Kostrzewa knew coming into the 2013 season that his team had the ability to win some big games.

With a district championship tucked safely away in their belt, the Mustangs have already proved him right. Now, they have the biggest games of the season ahead of them, starting with a 10 a.m. showdown Saturday in Novi against North Farmington for a chance to advance in the regional tournament.

In order to get there, however, the Mustangs had to take on both Churchill and Canton. The squad won the first game, 2-1, and dominated the latter, 9-0.

"The first game was very well pitched and played defensively by both teams," said Kostrzewa of the close win over Churchill.

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The Northville Mustangs baseball team will play Saturday at Novi at 10 a.m. against North Farmington in the regional semi-final game.

The contest came down to the final inning when Brad VanHulle slapped one of Northville's two RBIs to earn the win. The other RBI came from Thomas Huber.

Splitting time on the mound were Taylor Turner and Jake Hansen.

"(They) did a fantastic job on the mound for us," said Kostrzewa.

Turner pitched 6 1/3 innings of baseball, allowing just one run, before handing the ball over to Hansen with the tying run on second. Hansen picked up a strikeout and then coaxed the next batter into hitting a ground ball that led to the end of the inning.

"We were able to execute fundamentally in the seventh, drawing a walk and then sacrifice, setting the table for Brad VanHulle, who came up big with a clutch base hit to win the game," said Kostrzewa. "It was an exciting finish to a very well-played game by both teams."

In the second game, the Mustangs dominated the game early

and never stopped.

"We kept the pressure on offensively all game long with contributions up and down the order," said Kostrzewa.

Hansen pitched the complete game for the win, allowing just four hits while striking out eight.

"Jake pounded the strike zone and got a number of quick outs, and the defense held strong," Kostrzewa said.

Huber had two RBIs with three hits in the victory, including a triple in the third inning to help the Mustangs to the victory. In total, Northville scored seven runs in the first three innings of play. They added their final two runs in the sixth.

"It was great to see us come out the second game and play well after having to wait several hours while Canton and Plymouth played," Kostrzewa said. "We really kept the momentum going after the walk-off win in the first game."

"Giving up one run the whole day was very impressive. Jake and Taylor did a great job and our defense was strong."

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Mercy shows no mercy to Novi

By Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

The Novi softball team was involved in two 14-4 games on Saturday in the districts hosted by Farmington High School. Unfortunately for the Wildcats, they were on the short side of one of those games.

After breaking out the bats and knocking around Farmington Harrison 14-4 in a district semifinal game on Saturday, the Wildcats fell to Farmington Hills Mercy 14-4 in five innings in the district championship game.

Coach Bob Lulek said it was a roller-coaster season for the Wildcats so a roller-coaster day was a fitting ending for a very young Novi ballclub that played hard no matter what the scoreboard showed.

“We played really well in that first game and we hit the ball hard and all over the field,” said Lulek. “We had three seniors who had to leave for graduation before the championship game but Mercy was very good. The kids played really hard, like they did all season. Our pitching just wasn’t strong enough in the end against a good team.”

Novi finished the season at 14-24.

“We did a little better than I thought we would,” Lulek said. “There are always a few games that you think we could have won had we played a little better and we had our share of those. But the effort was

always there and playing in a district final was a great learning experience for such a young team. We will have a lot of players back next year and this experience will only help down the road.

“Our seniors provided great leadership all year.”

In the opener, Novi scored three runs in the first and three more in the second before blowing the game open with five in the third.

Senior Kailey Oppat had three hits including a triple and two RBI; junior Mallory Dashke had two singles and a double; senior Kasey Lowney had a single, double and two RBI; and freshman Nicole Ireland had three hits including a triple and a double.

Jenna Lowney and Christina Oakley each had two hits, and Brooke Embley and Anna Greulich each had one hit for the Wildcats.

Daschke was the winning pitcher. She went five innings, allowing six hits, two earned runs with two strikeouts. “She did a real nice job for us,” Lulek said.

In the finals, Mercy led 3-1 in the third inning and then scored five runs in the third and never looked back.

Ireland had two singles for the Wildcats. Daschke, Oakley, Miranda Hanby, Kasey Lowney, Casey Lawler and Budde Madison all had hits in the loss.

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Novi tennis finishes 12th in the state in Division 1

By Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

The Novi tennis team netted eight points at the Division 1 state tennis finals in Midland on Saturday and finished in 12th place in the state despite fielding a young team in 2013.

“It was right where I figured we would finish,” said Novi coach Jim Hanson. “We were always close to cracking the top 10 all year so finishing 12th in the state is a pretty good place to end up. I thought we played very well. We obviously played really good competition and it was a really good learning experience, especially for our young players.”

Novi finished the season at 9-4 overall, with all four losses coming to top 10 teams. The Wildcats lost to Grosse Pointe South (third in the state), Northville (fifth), Ann Arbor Huron (eighth) and West Bloomfield (ninth).

Novi went 7-1 in the KLAA with the only loss against Northville.

“We only lose three seniors of the 12 players we took to states so we do have a lot of kids coming back next year,” Hanson said. “And this experience will only help.”

All four of Novi’s doubles teams won matches, including the No. 4 doubles team which beat a sixth seed.

“I thought all our players battled,” Hanson said. “We had two freshmen at two and four singles. Our fourth singles player (Allison Lollo) lost in a hard fought, three-set match. The one and three singles players had tough opponents in the first round but still battled. I was proud of their efforts.”

After getting a bye in the first round, the Wildcats’ No. 1 doubles team of Caitlin O’Brien and Amy Zhou defeated Dearborn’s Megan Bolger and Lara Fawaz 6-1, 6-2. The duo then lost in the quarterfinals to top-seeded Paige Olsen and Alex Whall of Clarkston 6-1, 6-1.

At No. 2 doubles, Rachel Bailey and Dina Fawaz got a bye in the first round and then knocked off Mackenzie Bedor and Monique Zentner of Clarkston, 6-3, 6-1. They

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lost in the quarterfinals to second-seeded Jenna Brettschneider and Maddie Neaton of Port Huron Northern 6-0, 6-2.

After a bye in the first round, Novi’s No. 3 doubles team of Rebecca Chen and Asawari Kanitkar defeated Bethany Paarlberg and Claudia Barajas of Holland West Ottawa, 6-0, 6-4. The Wildcats duo then lost to second-seeded Evie VanDewege and Alyssa Roopas of Ann Arbor Pioneer 6-3, 6-3.

After Harika Bollineni and Melanie Murphy drew a bye in the first round at No. 4 doubles, the Novi twosome defeated sixth-seeded Katie Forche and Leena Penumalee of Troy, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4. They lost in the quarterfinals to third-seeded Julie Flanagan and Sarah Hinrichs of Farmington Hills Mercy 6-3, 6-3.

The young Novi singles players all lost in the first round against the state’s best players.

At No. 1 singles, Carmella Goree of Grosse Pointe South defeated sophomore Erin Day 6-2, 6-2; at No. 2 singles, Ivana Nujic of Hudsonville defeated freshman Youna Lee 6-0, 1-6, 6-1; at No. 3 singles, Afua Ofori-Darko of Midland Dow defeated sophomore Dhivya Sridhar 6-2, 6-0; and at No. 4 singles, Batool Hussain of Livonia Stevenson defeated freshman Allison Lollo 6-3, 3-6, 6-0.

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Softball season closes with district loss

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It was a season of education for the Northville Mustangs softball team.

The young squad, coached by Jim Ritz in his first year at the helm, compiled an 11-17 record despite having to replace seven starters from the prior season and lost their starting pitcher, Nicolette Thibodeau for the season due to an injury during their seventh game of the 2013 campaign.

“While we had to contend with a couple of significant injuries and a very competitive schedule, our kids never gave up,” Ritz said. “Our young players matured a great deal. While we will miss our seniors, I am really looking forward to next season.”

The season came to a close last week with a 14-4 decision against the Livonia

Churchill Chargers, who picked up not only a two-run home run in the game by Melanie Richardson, but also a grand-slam homer by Katie Shereda.

The Mustangs did put up a fight, however, cutting into Churchill’s lead to make it an 8-4 contest in the fourth inning thanks to a RBI double in the fourth inning by senior Grace DeRidder.

Leading Northville’s offense in the game were Melissa Swart and Micaela Petrucci, who had two hits each.

“We didn’t finish as well as we would have liked, but it was a season with many positives,” said Ritz. “We consistently improved throughout the season. The kids learned what it takes to win at this level.”

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Report: Midwest, U.S. show home sale gains

Metropolitan area median home prices continued to rise in the first quarter, with the national gain showing the best year-over-year performance in over seven years, according to the latest quarterly report by the National Association of Realtors. A companion breakout of income requirements to purchase a median-priced home on a metro basis shows the typical buyer earns roughly double the income needed to buy a home in his or her area.

The median existing single-family home price rose in 133 out of 150 metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) based on closings in the first quarter of 2013 compared with first quarter last year, while 17 areas had price declines. In the fourth quarter of 2012, a comparable 133 areas showed price increases from a year earlier, greatly improved from the first quarter of 2012 when prices in only 74 metros were up.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, said many areas are experiencing a seller's market. "The supply/demand balance is clearly tilted toward sellers in a good portion of the country," he said. "Inventory conditions are expected to remain fairly constrained this year, so overall price increases should be well above the historic gain of one-to-two percentage points above the rate of inflation. If home builders can continue to ramp up production, then home price growth is expected to moderate in 2014."

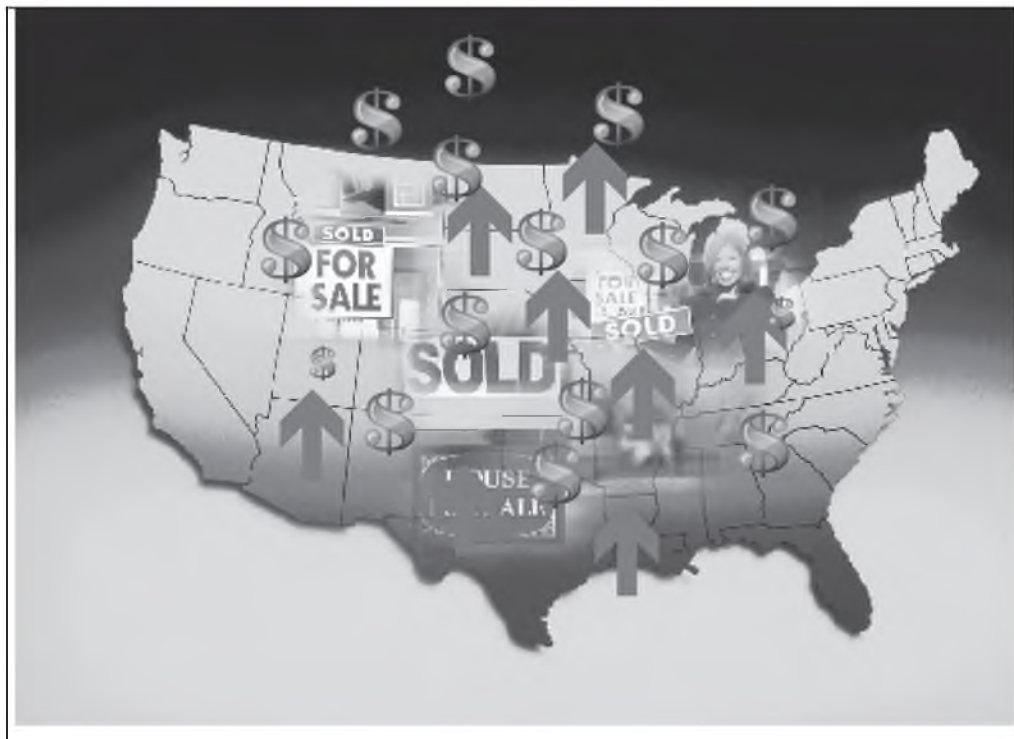
At the end of the first quarter, there were 1.93 million existing homes available for sale, which is 16.8 percent below the close of the first quarter of 2012, when 2.32 million homes were on the market.

The national median existing single-family home price was \$176,600 in the first quarter, up 11.3 percent from \$158,600 in the first quarter of 2012. This is the strongest year-over-year price increase since the fourth quarter of 2005 when the median price jumped 13.6 percent. In the fourth quarter of 2012, the median price rose 10.0 percent from a year earlier.

"Some of the previously hard-hit markets like Phoenix, Sacramento and Miami continue to experience a dramatic turnaround, while a new set of areas like Atlanta, Minneapolis and Seattle have begun to show strong signs of upward momentum," Yun said.

The median price is where half of the homes sold for more and half sold for less. However, some of the elevated median prices reflect a shrinking market share of lower priced homes and greater activity in upper priced transactions. Distressed homes – foreclosures and short sales generally sold at discounts of up to 20 percent – accounted for 23 percent of first quarter sales, down from 32 percent a year ago.

Total existing-home sales, including single-family and condo, edged up 0.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.94 million in the first quarter from 4.90



million in the fourth quarter, and were 9.8 percent above the 4.50 million pace during the first quarter of 2012. Sales were at the highest level since the fourth quarter of 2009, when they reached 4.95 million as buyers responded to tax incentives.

According to Freddie Mac, the national commitment rate on a 30-year conventional fixed-rate mortgage averaged 3.50 percent in the first quarter, up from a record low 3.36 percent in the fourth quarter; it was 3.92 percent in the first quarter of 2012.

NAR President Gary Thomas, broker-owner of Evergreen Realty in Villa Park, Calif., said conditions remain favorable for buyers. "Even with rising home prices, there is still plenty of buying power in the market," he said. "Historically low mortgage interest rates and home prices that remain well below their peak mean most buyers can purchase well within their means, assuming they meet ongoing stringent credit standards."

A separate breakout of qualifying incomes to purchase a median-priced existing single-family home on a metropolitan area basis demonstrates ample buying power in the current market. Income requirements are determined using several scenarios on down payment percentages and assume 25 percent of gross income devoted to mortgage principal and interest at a mortgage interest rate of 3.5 percent.

The national median family income was \$62,200 in the first quarter. However, to purchase a home at the national median price, a buyer making a 5 percent down payment would only need an income of \$36,500. With a 10 percent down payment the required income would be \$34,600,

while with 20 percent down, the necessary income is \$30,700.

In the condo sector, metro area condominium and cooperative prices — covering changes in 54 metro areas — showed the national median existing-condo price was \$172,400 in the first quarter, up 10.4 percent from the first quarter of 2012. Thirty-nine metros showed increases in their median condo price from a year ago and 15 areas had declines.

Regionally, existing-home sales in the Northeast rose 4.4 percent in the first quarter and are 9.1 percent above the first quarter of 2012. The median existing single-family home price in the Northeast rose 2.9 percent to \$234,000 in the first quarter from a year ago.

In the Midwest, existing-home sales increased 1.2 percent in the first quarter and are 15.0 percent higher than a year ago. The median existing single-family home price in the Midwest increased 8.2 percent to \$135,100 in the first quarter from the same quarter last year.

Existing-home sales in the South edged up 0.7 percent in the first quarter and are 13.3 percent above the first quarter of 2012. The regional median existing single-family home price was \$156,800 in the first quarter, up 9.3 percent from a year earlier.

In the West, which is the region most impacted by limited housing supplies, existing-home sales slipped 1.1 percent in the first quarter but are 0.6 percent above a year ago. The median existing single-family home price in the West jumped 24.4 percent to \$247,800 in the first quarter from the first quarter of 2012.

Lawyer can advise on rights

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: We think there was an irregularity in our foreclosure, but the redemption period has expired and there was a sheriff's sale. Do we have any basis to pursue the matter with an attorney?

A: While there may be other facts that may give you some basis for standing, some courts have held that you would lack standing to challenge a foreclosure if you file your complaint after the redemption period has expired and the sheriff's sale was held, but other courts with precedent setting authority say Michigan law clearly allows for such a filing after the expiration of the redemption period. You are best advised to consult with an attorney regarding your rights, sooner than later.



Robert Meisner

Q: Our golf club has a rule that if you are not a member, you do not have a right to use the golf club. One of our so-called former

members who now claims he is still a member wants to use the golf club and the president has threatened to have him arrested as a trespasser. What do you think?

A: This issue was something that should be carefully scrutinized by the golf club's attorney because the golf club could be held accountable for false imprisonment and malicious prosecution and/or breach of contract as was the case in a recent Texas Court of Appeals decision. Calling the police and having someone arrested without authority, particularly if the person is a member of the association, could result in liability for the golf club. Make sure your facts and law are on your side before taking any action.

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 rmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 11-15, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
42649 Barchester Rd	\$52,000
43720 Belleauwood Ct	\$140,000
1661 Bennington Ct	\$80,000
50640 Federal Blvd	\$77,000
6914 Foxcreek Ct	\$260,000
45422 Gleggarry Blvd	\$310,000
7335 Green Meadow Ln	\$150,000
46720 Hanford Rd	\$215,000
2544 Hogan Way	\$182,000
4090 Kimberly Dr	\$175,000
1641 Lasalle Rd	\$415,000
1278 N Lilley Rd	\$192,000
3934 Norwich Dr	\$113,000
2151 Premier Ln	\$77,000
2417 Premier Ln	\$77,000
49630 Shenandoah Cir	\$470,000
1686 Thistle Dr	\$208,000
632 Tyler Ln	\$200,000

6044 Valley View Dr	\$340,000
47625 Vistas Circle Dr N	\$215,000
44666 Westminster Way	\$168,000
2624 Woodmont Dr E	\$169,000
GARDEN CITY	
1725 Cardwell St	\$32,000
28949 Florence St	\$84,000
32535 Rosslyn Ave	\$77,000
LIVONIA	
36906 Six Mile Rd	\$175,000
39100 Allen St	\$147,000
32915 Brookside Cir	\$175,000
32985 Brookside Cir	\$198,000
32046 Delaware St	\$86,000
30316 Fairfax St	\$55,000
17750 Fairfield St	\$124,000
19007 Filmore St	\$125,000
18521 Foch St	\$59,000
33630 Grove St	\$170,000
30100 Hathaway St	\$125,000
18947 Hillcrest St	\$89,000
14100 Hix St	\$146,000
14478 Hubbard St	\$200,000
9611 Loveland St	\$136,000
39202 Lyndon St	\$130,000
29720 McIntyre St	\$116,000
38871 Meeting House Ln	\$200,000
16705 Merriman Rd	\$190,000
18573 Myron St	\$130,000

28086 N Clements Cir	\$95,000
31611 Pembroke St	\$109,000
31628 Saint Martins St	\$132,000
35180 Scone St	\$159,000
37626 Southampton St	\$160,000
31111 Wentworth St	\$108,000
15451 Woodring St	\$233,000
NORTHVILLE	
47494 Blue Heron Dr S	\$295,000
16677 Brooklane Blvd	\$484,000
46912 Curtis Rd	\$254,000
20627 Lexington Ct	\$310,000
17748 Parkshore Dr	\$793,000
49311 Rainbow Ln S	\$348,000
49325 Rainbow Ln S	\$320,000
42441 Ravina Ln	\$325,000
PLYMOUTH	
628 Adams St	\$160,000
45829 Amesbury Dr	\$345,000
12936 Davenport Dr	\$295,000
10110 Dorian Dr	\$295,000
40906 Greenbriar Ln	\$190,000
888 Hartsough St	\$230,000
14607 Huntington Dr	\$153,000
8815 Marlowe Ave	\$113,000
14156 Meadow Hill Ln	\$105,000
12903 Moorcroft Ct	\$375,000
9629 Normandy Dr	\$317,000
11723 Parkview Dr	\$160,000

695 Simpson St	\$171,000
11180 Southworth Ave	\$124,000
744 Starkweather St	\$250,000
REDFORD	
14234 Arnold	\$47,000
16867 Brady	\$32,000
25967 Cathedral	\$73,000
17309 Fox	\$44,000
20379 Fox	\$43,000
25530 Graham Rd	\$48,000
8824 Hemingway	\$69,000
16045 Leona Dr	\$22,000
13245 Leverne	\$75,000
18309 Macarthur	\$60,000
14168 Mason Dr	\$145,000
14208 Mason Dr	\$123,000
15938 Ryland	\$56,000
26147 Student	\$35,000
WESTLAND	
32828 Audreys Way	\$183,000
32850 Audreys Way	\$180,000
37589 Garden Ct	\$54,000
38457 Milton St	\$17,000
244 N Hawthorne St	\$48,000
800 N Linville St	\$85,000
8261 Roselawn Dr	\$120,000
8576 Sanford Dr	\$76,000
31219 Stephen Ave	\$115,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 21-25, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
21741 Corsaut Ln	\$388,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1557 Bowers St	\$141,000
1321 Pierce St	\$395,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave Unit	\$200,000
1885 Sheffield Rd	\$181,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
4038 Cranbrook Ct	\$355,000
486 Dunston Ct	\$500,000
1047 Stratford Ln	\$190,000
925 Wellsley Ct	\$1,300,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
4334 Ardmore Dr	\$394,000
757 Briar Hill Ln	\$360,000
6925 Castle Ct	\$178,000
4488 Charing Cross Rd	\$825,000
3132 E Bradford Dr	\$230,000
1948 Hunters Ridge Dr	\$260,000
1975 N Hammond Lake Dr	\$415,000
5848 Sutters Ln	\$375,000
750 Trailwood Path # B	\$90,000
5585 Wing Lake Rd	\$510,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
1968 Alsup Ave	\$137,000
3931 Lakes Edge Dr	\$476,000
FARMINGTON	
23227 Farmington Rd	\$115,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
25523 Branchester Rd	\$175,000
32770 Briarcrest Knls	\$165,000
31129 Hunters Whip Ln	\$175,000
28149 Kendallwood Dr	\$139,000
36541 Lochdale	\$115,000

23436 Middlebelt Rd	\$24,000
26750 Plumgrove Ln	\$130,000
37323 Rosedale	\$351,000
30056 W 12 Mile Rd	\$42,000
27580 W Echo Vly Unit 242	\$59,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
28095 Sunset Blvd W	\$125,000
NORTHVILLE	
872 Carpenter St	\$360,000
44733 Galloway Dr	\$308,000
20880 Turnberry Blvd	\$790,000
NOVI	
23744 Argyle St	\$485,000
28576 Carlton Way Dr	\$145,000
30806 Centennial Dr	\$122,000
24892 Davenport Ave	\$284,000
44600 Ellery Ln	\$188,000
44658 Ellery Ln	\$173,000
44658 Ellery Ln	\$161,000
29642 English Way	\$233,000
27872 Hopkins Dr	\$162,000
28747 Quarry Ct	\$268,000

28290 Wolcott Dr	\$89,000
SOUTH LYON	
24353 Brompton Way	\$313,000
24443 Brompton Way	\$303,000
23613 Copperwood Dr W	\$363,000
1099 Fountain View Cir	\$97,000
25400 Milford Rd	\$230,000
24758 Purlin Ct	\$98,000
24795 Purlin Ct	\$75,000
53544 Valleywood Dr	\$231,000
365 Woodland Dr	\$110,000
SOUTHFIELD	
21871 Duns Scotus St	\$78,000
20411 Lacrosse Ave	\$55,000
28777 Marshall St	\$60,000
28990 Murray Crescent Dr	\$55,000
30371 Park Ln	\$48,000
23308 Plumbrooke Dr	\$130,000
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20834 Stahelin Rd	\$28,000
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CANTON: Huge Moving Sale! June 6-8, 8am-5pm. 841 Roosevelt, in Cherry Hill Village. Furniture, hardcover books, toys, records, china.

CANTON: Moving Sale. All Must Go Thurs, Fri., Sat. June 6, 7 & 8, 9-4. 2336 Leigh Ct. N/Geddes, near Plymouth, household, lawn & tools.

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CANTON: Wistas of Central Park. S/Cherry Hill, W/Back Subside Sale. June 6, 7 & 8, 9-4pm. Furniture, household clothing, misc.

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When you're job searching, it can sometimes seem like you're in a dysfunctional relationship. It's always about what the companies want and what you're willing to compromise to make them happy. Consider this your intervention: You're in this relationship, too, and it's time to start asking for what you want.

When evaluating a position, decide what's on your list of requirements and what items are preferred, but not necessary. This will help you get what you want and increase your chances for long-term career happiness and success.

Career path

Are you moving closer to your dream job? When looking for a job, consider what direction you want to take your career. Doing so can help you narrow down which jobs to consider. Ask yourself: Is this relevant to my educational background, does this get me a step further in my career, or can it open up new doors for me? Is having a career important, or am I looking for a job strictly to pay the bills?

Dress code

Is your inner fashionista a factor in the job you're seeking? Dress code can have more of an impact on career satisfaction than you may think. Does

the position you're looking for require you to wear a uniform? Will you be expected to wear a suit most of the time? How much of your salary are you willing to spend on work clothes? Consider what you'd prefer to wear, and look for companies that are compatible with your style.

Education

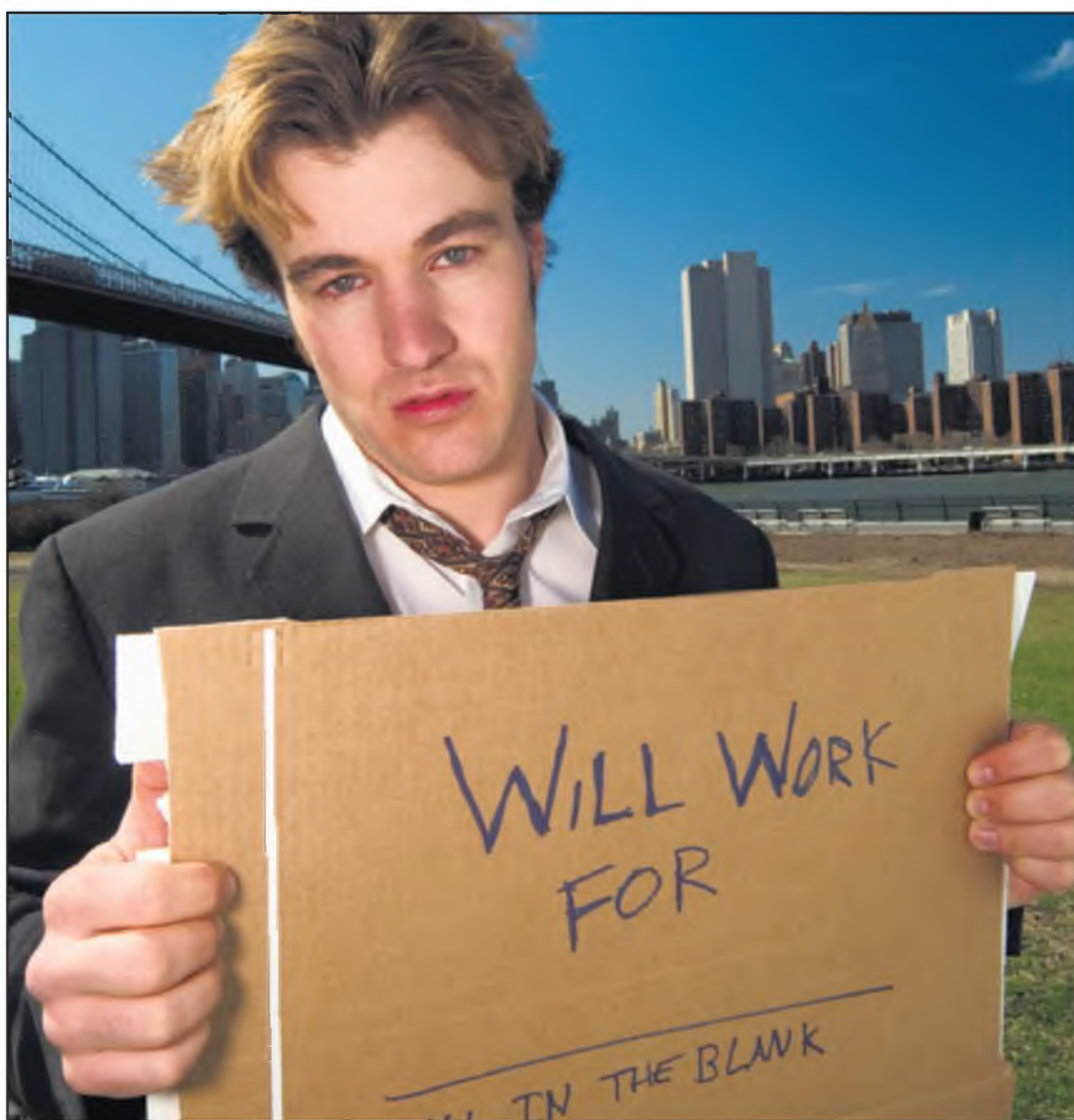
Some companies offer tuition reimbursement and other educational opportunities to their employees, including access to seminars, workshops and certifications. Research the companies that interest you, and find out what they offer. While you'll typically find more opportunities at larger companies, organizations of any size may provide some degree of training.

Insurance and benefits

Are you on somebody else's insurance plan, or are you looking for a job with health benefits? Determine which type of insurance you'd prefer and which benefits may not be as important to you. This will help you figure out what questions to ask hiring managers when discussing benefits.

Location

Are you willing to relocate for a great job? Is commuting an option for you? Or are you more interested in staying local? Being more flexible may



give you more opportunities in your job search. Also, consider if working from home is an option. Is it realistic, and do you have the self-discipline to work independently?

Salary

Do you have a certain income that you need to make to pay the bills? How flexible are your salary requirements? Although salary negotiations don't usually happen until after you receive a job offer, keep in mind what kind of budget you have and what your paycheck needs to be.

Travel

Are you looking for a job in which you can travel? Consider how much you'd be willing to travel for a job. Some positions require driving long distances or flying, while others only require working at one location.

Wellness opportunities

Wellness opportunities such as paid gym memberships or bicycles are increasingly being offered to employees to encourage healthy lifestyles and keep insurance costs low. Are you interested in better managing your well-being? Determine whether the companies you're

researching offer wellness opportunities to their employees.

After you decide what you want out of your job, you'll have a clearer picture of what positions you should be seeking and which companies offer the most relevant benefits. The key to any good relationship is being honest about what you want and working to get it.

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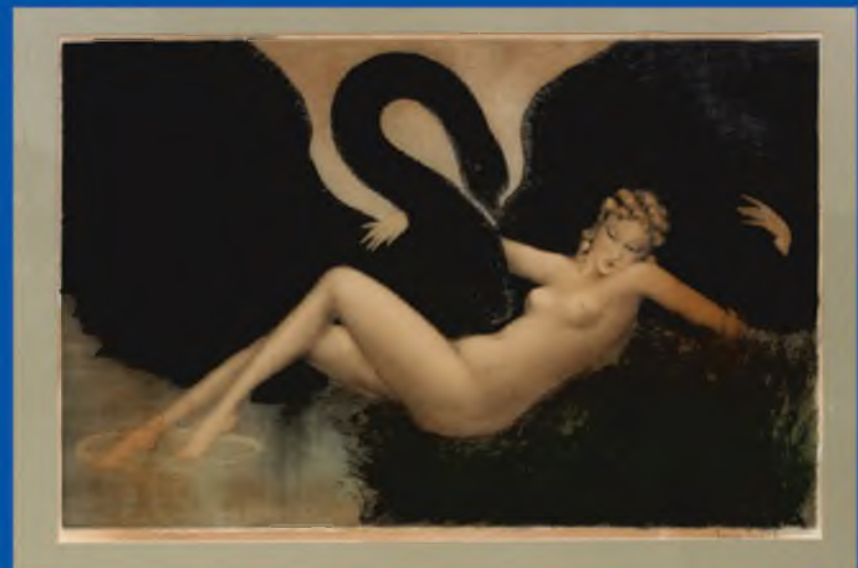
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