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Relay brings cancer fighters together

24-hour walk will benefit research

By Julie Brown

Organizers of this year's Novi/Northville Relay for Life have set a goal of raising \$72,000 to help the American Cancer Society's fight to eliminate the disease.

Last year, Novi/Northville's event raised \$62,000. Relay is a team event in which team walkers walk continuously for 24 hours, symbolic of the cancer

fight not sleeping.
"It's not too late to become involved," said Rachel Leas, community organizer for the ACS. "The more the merrier. If you want to come fight cancer with us, we're going to welcome you with open arms.'

The event will be this Saturday and Sunday, at Ford Field park, downtown Northville. This is the second year Novi and Northville have joined forces to raise money, and a Northville event took place at that site for many previous years.

"They were a separate event and then we combined the communities," Leas said. This year's chair is Natalie Tryciecyk, assisted by co-chair Kat Dooley.

Tryciecyk is experienced and knowledgeable, Leas said, and Dooley brings a good new take to the event, making them a great team.

Cancer survivors are asked to arrive by 9:30 a.m. Saturday for the survivors' victory lap during the 10 a.m. kickoff, beginning near the main stage where there will be opening ceremonies. A luncheon for survivors and caregivers is on tap, with donated food from California Pizza Kitchen as well

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Alan Zielinksi and Vickie Parton were some of the many people who filled Northville's Ford Field park during the 2011 Relay for Life.



Chris MacDonald, (from left) Dennis Engerer and Brian Donovan are teaming up to turn Northville's Belanger building, which dates back to the late 1800s, into a new start-up friendly shop for entrepreneurs called The Village Workshop. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

NEW LIFE FOR THE BELANGER

Historic building to house creative workshop

By Lonnie Huhman

"Get in here and make something!" is the motto for the future Village Workshop, which should open next year in downtown Northville.

This project is being put together by some local entrepreneurs who want to bring new life to the old Belanger building on Cady Street while also giving community members the opportunity and space to design, create and manufacture any number of products that they think of.

"This is a really exciting idea for us and we expect others to feel the same way," said Chris McDonald, who has partnered with Brian Donovan and Dennis Engerer to develop the Village Workshop concept.

The question they are asking the community is: "What if there was a place that had everything you could ever think of

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Locals look forward to 8 Mile completion

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Homeowners along Eight Mile Road aren't looking forward to the construction work and delays, but they will be happy if that heavily traveled road is fixed for years to come.

"I'm not exactly excited about construction in my backyard," said Northville resident

Amy Kearis. "But it should be a bit better when it's completed."

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) conducted a public information meeting on June 4 at Moraine Elementary School to give the community the opportunity to learn more about the upcoming resurfacing of Eight Mile Road, which will take place between Napier and Taft roads on the

Novi/Northville Township border and in the City of Northville.

"This is a three R's project (resurface, rehabilitate and restore)," said RCOC representative Jeff O'Brien. "It's primarily being done in order to make safety improvements and a resurfacing.'

The section of the project between Garfield and Taft roads is expected to start in early July

and be completed in November, O'Brien said.

The project in that section involves resurfacing Eight Mile with three inches of asphalt. Additionally the lanes will be widened to accommodate bicycles, there will be drainage improvements and sidewalks will be completed between Beck and

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Taft roads.

However, the section between Napier and Garfield is expected to be completed in 2014, though there is a possibility that the contractor could complete both sections this year, according to the RCOC.

As part of the RCOC.
As part of the project, the traffic signals at the Eight Mile/Beck Road and Eight Mile/ Taft Road intersections will be updated as will the flasher at the Eight Mile/Napier intersection. The pedestrian crosswalks along this section of Eight Mile Road will be upgraded to comply with the Americans with Dis-

abilities Act (ADA).

Kearis said she was a little surprised there wasn't more being done, like a right hand turn lane, to alleviate the bottle neck effect at the Beck/Eight Mile intersection. However, RCOC said they can't do that because that area is situated in Wayne County.

Northville resident Debbie Hornshaw said

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her hope is that the fixes will last.

"I don't want to see the problems that have happened at Eight Mile and Center Street, where they have had to come back and redo it because of erosion," she said.

The project cost is expected to be approximately \$4.7 million. Of that amount, \$2.8 million is federally funded. The remaining \$1.9 million will be shared by RCOC, Northville Township, the cities of Northville and Novi, and Oakland County general government (through the Tri-Party Program).

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The Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation donated \$8,000 to help refurbish the Fort Griswold playground. From left are Dave Jerome, Jason Spiller, Tanya Bartelo and Mary Gans.

Donation to pay for Fort Griswold park upgrade

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The Fort Griswold playscape has become a popular destination for Northville families over the years. However, it has also become a little worn out during that time from the weather and the fact that it has been so popular with local kids.

The fix is in though and some of the same community spirit that got it built more than 15 years ago is now making it now agoin

it new again.
Built in 1997, the wooden playground structure located at Ford Field got a big boost to help with its refurbishment. On June 7, the Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation donated \$8,000 to go towards the project.

"The Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation believe Fort Griswold is an important community destination, so we want to help with making it better again," said Marv Gans, a longtime community member as well as a Northville Township trustee.

According to Jason Spiller, director of the Northville Parks and Recreation Department, the shared services department has been conducting maintenance on Fort Griswold since 2000. He said one of the most important aspects in preventative maintenance on a wooden playground structure is for it to be power washed and have the wood stained/ sealed every few years. It was last done to Fort Griswold playscape in

The wood has become weathered and unattractive, so the Parks and Rec went out for bids to get it refurbished.

"After reviewing the structure with the MMRMA (Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority) it was determined that power washing and applying a wood stain/sealant is needed," Spiller said in late May at a Northville City Council meeting. "Once complete, this will protect the structure from external elements for a few years, assisting with its overall integri-

The park, located off of Griswold Street just north of Main, has been fixed in the last couple of weeks by Ron Battaglia Painting to Power Wash and has a new application of wood stain/sealer. It cost \$6,250, which will be covered by the donation.

Some of the original planners of the Fort were on hand for the donation presentation on Friday. Both Tanya Bartelo and Kevin Hartshorne played a big part in organizing the community effort to build the playground back in 1997, and helped raise more than \$100,000 that it cost to build.

They came out again on Friday to support its updating because of its importance to the community.

"Everyone who was part of this is very proud of it," Bartelo said. "We want to see families having fun here for years to come"

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Twin brothers Sandor (left) and Laszlo Slomovits, who make up Gemini, will open the Children's **Concert Series on** Tuesday, June 18 with their rousing sing-alongs, folk tales and music from around the world. FILE PHOTO



ON TUESDAYS

Weekly concert series geared towards the kids

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Join the fun in downtown Northville Tuesdays, June 18 through Aug. 27, during the Tunes on Tuesdays Children's Concert Series. Concerts are free and held in Town Square, on Main Street across from the Marquis Theatre, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The concerts, sponsored by the Northville Downtown Development Authority and Century 21 Hartford South, are held rain or shine. The rain location is at Genitti's Little Theatre, 108 E.

Main. Jason Spiller, director of Northville Parks & Recreation, said his department organizes the concert series. "The DDA and the chamber help out. The chamber helps dramatically," he

said. "It's more classic and classic rock," he said of the Friday night concerts in Northville, as compared to Tuesday's morning series. "It's a free event. The bands that we have going on are all

kid-related."

"They're only for an hour during the day. It's more moms and dads. It's to get them (kids) up and

moving," Spiller added. The following performers are scheduled for this summer:

» June 18: Gemini — This twin brother team includes rousing singalongs, hand motions, folk tales, and music from around the world. Sponsored by MOM'S Club of Northville.

» June 25: Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Express - Guy Louis presents an exciting performance with audience participation, expert musicianship and light-

hearted humor. » July 2: Janet Marie & m'Archibald — This duo offers a one-of-akind experience for children of all ages with their combination of music and storytelling. Sponsored by Monroe

Bank & Trust. » July 9: The Music Lady, Beverly Meyer -The Music Lady provides a variety of music and sing-alongs geared toward children. Sponsored by Monroe Bank & Trust.

» July 16: Rick Kelley Rick Kelley blends live music with humor and the perfect amount of audience participation, creating a dynamic live music show.

» July 23: Palamazoo, Susan Harrison — Harrison shares her original songs that have been described as a blend of rootsy folk rock, jazzy pop and alternative country. Sponsored by IXL

Learning Center.

» July 30: Paula Doak Come join her for music and monkey business and loads of fun. Sponsored by Northville Cooperative Preschool.

» Aug. 6: Kevin De-vine — Wear your silliest hat, tune up your singing voice, then hop, skip, or jump on over to Tunes on Tuesday.

» Aug. 13: Stephanie Jay — Wiggle and giggle and shake and shout, come find out what the dancing's all about with Stephanie Jay. Sponsored by Ward Church.

» Aug. 20: Zippity 2 Dad — A family music



Guy Louis and the Chautaugua Express will perform June 24. FILE PHOTO



Musician **Beverly Myer** entertains the crowd during the kick-off Tunes on **Tuesday last** vear at Northville's Town Square. She will perform on July 9.

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duo that provides fun, energetic, and educational entertainment.

» Aug. 27: Mr. Seley Some of Seley's songs are humorous, a few are serious, and most are a mixture of the two. Sponsored by Ward Church. After the perfor-

mance, families can enjoy lunch at one of the restaurants in town. Many restaurants have outdoor seating and carry-out is available. For

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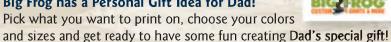
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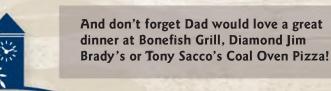
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Our Lady of Victory scavenger hunt fun

A quintet of Our Lady of Victory School students pose for a fun photo outside Northville's Marquis Theatre on June 5. The group was on a end-of-the-

From left are Hadley Elsesser, Sarah Kuredgian, Rachel Salah, Grace Montemayor, and Elly Crampton. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Hillside students reap benefits of digital learning

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The Digital English Language Arts students at Hillside Middle School got a glimpse this past school year into the possibilities of incorporating more technology into their daily education.

There were two eighth-grade classes at Hillside using laptops, iPads and other devices along with different interactive applications and software to do class writing and reading projects, which were free to use online.

Both teachers and students saw the benefit in enhancing their learning environments.

'We wanted to find a

way to better engage all of our English students." said eighth grade teacher Alissa Lowman. "Those students that aren't passionate about reading and writing we thought this would be a great component."

Lowman and Meaghan Monk teach the classes. Both said students have responded well to the new components. In a survey they conducted, 80 percent of the students said they would write more if technology was incorporated. These students had a device and were using it in class almost every day this past year.

The results of this pilot program were presented to the Northville

Public Schools Board of Education in mid-May. Four participating students presented along with Lowman and Monk, and they were Ryan Grunzweig, Kiera Borthwick, Lucy DeRidder and Amit Pinnamaneni.

"You would have quick access to online aids," said Keira of a common response from her fellow students as to why the Digital ELA class helped.

DeRidder said students felt they "would be able to stay more organized" by using a device. She added that more than 70 percent of students said their writing improved over the last year.

The students used online programs like Edmodo, Socrative and Kidblog to do everything from staying up to date on their assignments and communicating with their teachers. Ryan said these offered them an easy way to give feedback on assignments to their teachers as well.

Monk said they love this capability because it acts for students as "a digital scrapbook their whole entire year in our classroom. It's so amazing for them to have that...to show everything they've learned and completed."

School Board president Ken Roth said he visited one of these classrooms and described it as a dynamic learning environment.

He said the devices were leading the students to be more enthusi-

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Hillside Middle School English teacher Alissa Lowman assists Marisa Khamis with a blogging assignment during the classes' Digital Electronic Language Arts meeting last month. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

astic about writing and

learning "It really was impressive," Roth said of seeing

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District reaches contract with Teamsters union

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Northville Public Schools has reached a new two-year agreement with the union representing its food service and maintenance staff. It includes a partial restoration of wage concessions made in the previous agreement.

At a special meeting on Thursday, the Northville Board of Education by a 4-0 vote approved the agreement with Teamsters Local 214 for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years.

The agreement was ratified by a majority of the 55 members that make up 214 the previous day.

According to Dave Rodgers, the district's human resources director, the agreement includes a one percent wage increase, after the union accepted one percent wage decreased during the previous two years. Both in 2011-12 and 2012-13 the union took a one percent wage reduction, so half of that reduction is being restored.

The medical plan is also changing. The district's health care plan has been changed to include new prescription drug co-pay, which applies after the high-deductible is met. In addition, instead of paying 20 percent of the health care premium. employees will now pay all costs that exceed the Public

"The economic sacrifices made over time have been significant"

MARY KAY GALLAGHER

Northville Public Schools superintendent

Act 152 "hard cap" amounts set by the Michigan Department of Treasury for family, twoperson and individual health care coverage.

Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said in the previous agreement there was some financial uncertainties with funding that led to the wage concessions.

The economic sacrifices made over time have been significant. I do appreciate the folks stepping up to the table

and ratifying this agreement," she said.

There were no representatives from 214 at the school board meeting and three school board members were absent due to the special time of the meeting, which was held at 5:30 p.m.

Other changes in this new agreement include the deletion of language that related to the former groups of staff (custodians and transportation employees) that had been part of

214. In the past several years both of these employee groups were privatized. Bus drivers and custodians were laid off at that time.

Durham Transportation Services operates the busing for the district, while GRBS is the company in charge of the custodial services.

Rodgers said even though the language pertaining to these two groups has been deleted, it could be brought back in the future if the district decides to do away with the privatization partnership. However, he added he doesn't foresee that happening at this

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Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN

Location: 34567 7 Mile Road, Livonia

Web: www.emmanuel-livo-

nia.org Contact: (248) 442-8822

Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (10 a.m. only June 30)

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"

Children's Summer Sunday Church: 9:30 a.m. Sundays; for children entering kindergarten through third grade; no program June 30.

Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 9:30-11 a.m. July 8; "What are we really doing with our time

Good News Day Camp: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 17-21; children completing kindergarten through sixth grade; (248) 442-8822.

Vacation Bible School: "Everywhere Fun Fair'; 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 5-9; for children entering pre-school through

Youth group: 7:45-9 p.m.Tues-

Rummage Sale: July 18-20

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Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile

CHURCH CALENDAR

Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study: 9:15-10:30 a.m. Saturdays

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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

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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. **FIRST**

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family; 6:30 p.m. Children's VBS/Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Group

Thursdays: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group

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Contact: (248) 349-0565 Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

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Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile **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

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile

Contact: (248) 427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10

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

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

LIVONIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia Contact: (734) 427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between 8 and 9 Mile roads

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

office@mbccc.org. Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Church School: 10-11 a.m.

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. **Merry Widows Luncheon:** 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of

each month Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m. Sundays

Vacation Bible School -"Kingdom Rocks": 5:30-8 p.m. July 21-25; dinner is served; suggested donation for VBS --

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

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

Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium; 1015 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

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

LAKES BAPTIST CHURCH

Location: 309 ker Road, Walled

CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE

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

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile

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

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-

Methodist-Church/59782031433 Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m. **Healing Service and Holy** Communion: 9:45 a.m. first

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

RELAY

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as gift bags for survivors.

The local event has about 20 teams and over 200 participants, Leas said. Saturday around 9:30 p.m., there will be luminaries around the area lit in honor and memory of those who've faced cancer or lost the

battle. The local community also has a student event. "Of course, we'd always like more participation," Leas said, noting the June 15-16 event is a bit behind last year. "We really have some awesome teams. These dedicated teams have all been directly affected by cancer.'

Those participants have a "have to do" sense, she said, "a good obligation. They're always reinforcing ways to make money so it never gets

CONTACT

For more information, contact Rachel Leas, Relay community representative, at (248) 663-3436 or rachel.leas@cancer.org.

Leas also tips her hat to local students who in

"I definitely think that makes a difference," she said. "I think student participation is huge. They're the ones who keep us up through the night. It's a huge part of

She agreed the carnimake Relay fun.

You're welcome to go to www.relayforlife.org and search for Northville or Novi. The event wraps up 10 a.m. Sunday.

fundraising teams are First United Methodist Church of Northville and ITC Holdings Corp. Relay for Life was

started in 1985 by Gordy Klatt, who ran and raised \$27,000. The next year, it became a team-based event and has grown.

"Its definitely international now," she said. Many metro Detroit communities host suc-

She's grateful fo large teams sticking

ty support. 'They're out there fighting. We do want to see an end to this disease.

Many cancer survivors are celebrating

jcbrown@hometownlife.com

Passages

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BIRD,

WALTER A. Passed away June 8, 2013. private family service was held. Phillips Funeral Home, S. Lyon.

DeROSA, (nee REIS)

Age 75, died on March 10, 2013, at her home in Atlanta, MI, after a long battle with cancer. She was the wife of the late Russell H. DeRosa, Jr. (d.January 3, 2012.) Carol was born in Milford, MI, on December 21, 1937. to the late Donald (d.October 20, 1972) and Evelyn Reis. She attended Huron Valley schools and graduated from Milford High School in 1955. She also graduated from Sherwood School of Music in Chicago. Carol was an accomplished pianist and often accompanied the choir at her church in Lewiston. She was an accomplished seamstress and needle worker as well. She loved to sing and to work in her flower gardens. Carol is survived by her four sons, Russell A. (Cindy), Ronald (Deb), Richard and Robert DeRosa, and four grandsons. Other survivors include her mother, Evelyn, sisters Joyce Reis and Phyllis Rickard (Don), brothers Don (Vicki), Ken, and Jerry Reis (Nancy), nephew Robert Reis, as well as other extended family and friends. A Memorial Service was held at Christ Lutheran Church, Milford on Wednesday, June 12, 2013. Pastor Peter Larsen officiated.

DICKEY, BARTLETT C.

Age 90 of Milford, Michigan, formerly of Port Huron, passed away April 20, 2013. He was born November 27, 1922 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, son of C. B. and Edna Dickey. He was preceded in death by his son, Roger Dickey, in 2003. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, sons Alan (Mary) and David (Lisa), daughter-in-law, Lily, and eight grandchildren.



DUNIFON, VIOLET M.

Age 88, passed away peacefully April 28, 2013. She was born March 25, 1925 in Twickenham England. Violet is remembered for her great English accent and interesting stories. She was always classy, feisty and full of life. She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years Robert Dunifon. Violet is survived by her children Rosemary Prain of Northville and Brian Dunison of South Lyon. Grandchildren James Dunifon and Jennifer Sturza. Great grandchild Emily

Dunifon

FURLONG.

JAMES Dec. 6, 1925 - May 25, 2013

obriensullivanfuneralhome.com **GUTHRIE**, LESTER

June 24, 1926 - May obriensullivanfuneralhome.com HOWELL, JASON R.

Age 34, passed away June 4, 2013. A service will be held at a later date. Arrangements Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

KELLY FRANCIS January 6, 1927 - May 26, 2013



THOMAS RICHARDS "DICK", IV A long time resident of Com-

merce Township, died on June 5, 2013 after suffering a heart attack. He was 65 years old. He is survived by Karen, his beloved wife of thirty-five years; daughter, Dawn (Sam) Kuehl; sons, Tom (Sherri) Hermans, Russ Hermans and Tom (Annie) Maynard; grandchildren, Avery and Emma Kuehl, Elaine and Holly Hermans, and Jay and Max May-He also leaves brothers, Pat (Michaele) McDonnell, Paul (Donna) Maynard, sister, Helen (Ray) Lipke and many brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, work associates, pinochle friends, and many, many other dear friends. Tom has enjoyed working with Numatics in Highland and Novi for over twenty years. A Funeral Mass was held on June 10, 2013 at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Milford. Memorials may be made in his name to Community Sharing. For further information please phone: 248-684-6645 or visit:

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O'CONNELL, **ROBERT** October 12, 1935 - May 31, 2013 obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

RADECKI,

IRENE
August 29, 1925 - May 29, 2013
obriensullivanfuneralhome.com RYSKAMP.

Age 86, of Highland, died on June 6, 2013. Services held June 11. LynchFuneralDirectors.com RZEPKA,

SHIRLEY E.

STANLEY J. May 11, 1928 - June 3, 2013 obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



WELSH, ROBERT L.

Age 81, of Milford,

passed away June 3, 2013. Preceded in death by Carol, his beloved wife of 56 years. Survived by his loving children, Laurie Welsh, Vallerie (Neal) Knoerzer, Bob Welsh, Tom (Erin) Welsh, Patricia Welsh; grandchildren, Amy Florence and Michelle Pickup, Nicolas Knoerzer, Anna, Tara, Adam and Evan Welsh, Connor and Michael Welsh, Ashley (Stephen) Balone, Brandon LaCarter; Gaines, Vincent and Michael Balone; brother-in-law, John Edelbrock sinter Edelbrock; sister-in-law, Liz Edelbrock; many nieces, nephews, extended family members, dear friends and coworkers. Service & Military Honors were held at St. Mary Catholic Church

in Milford, Saturday, June 8. For further information please contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford 248-684-6645

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boring for them." addition to their own event participate June 15-16. There are about four student teams this month plus other students who mix in with friends and family on

other teams

the event. val-type atmosphere (this year's theme is "Board Games") and socializing

The top two local

cessful Relays.

around and for communi-

We have made huge, huge strides."

more birthdays, she said.

WORKSHOP

Continued from Page A1 to make anything you

could ever think of?' Their answer is the Village Workshop, which McDonald said will have the tools, equipment, staff and software needed to make ideas come to life. The plan is for it to be a community space dedicated to creativity,

learning, entrepreneur-

ship, and prototype services. It will work on a membership basis, but all are invited to get to know its capabilities. Different individuals wanting to utilize its space and offerings can become one and get started. Job retention and creation will be some of the goals of

the workshop. They expect members to include: inventors, artists, builders, makers, small businesses, soonto-be-small businesses, not-so-small businesses, students, engineers, designers, crafters, hobbyists, and retirees.

"Everyone has an idea, so we want to be able to provide them with the space, equipment and know-how to help make it happen," Donovan said. Donovan believes the

perfect spot for this idea.

While it has been rela-

tively unused for some

time, it's being pur-

Belanger building is the

facturing.



The Belanger building in downtown Northville dates back to the late 1800s. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

chased by these new owners with new ideas for its use.

It's a 24,000 square feet, three story historical building. It will be renovated into a creative work space. Rather than knock it down, the planners want to bring it back to what it had been in the past - a place of manu-

On the first floor of the renovated building will be the manufacturing workshop area along with a general store/cafe for supplies and food.

There will be equipment pieces and software for computer-aided design, welding, CNC milling and 3D printers. Mc-Donald said they will have several \$70,000-\$80,000 3D printers available.

The next floor up will be for office space, which members or small businesses can use. The third floor will be for The Village Workshop employees. "There will be no lim-

create, design and make here," Engerer. The plan is to open the workshop by spring of 2014. The planners will be working with the City

of Northville on its plans

and designs in the com-

its to what a person can

ing months. To learn more or contact the workshop, visit www.thevillageworkshop.com.

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Longtime Art House volunteer honored

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The Northville Art House sign was on Bill Oliver's to-do

list to fix. However, he passed away a few months ago, and never had the opportunity to get to the

project.

Oliver, who died in February at the age of 71, was a beloved volunteer at the Art House on Cady Street. The longtime volunteer did whatever was needed to make it a

great place to see fine pieces of artwork. The sign out in front of the building has been refurbished and rededicated in his name to help check that last thing off the list.

"It was always his wish that the sign would stand out better," said Sue Taylor, Northville Arts Commission chairperson. "He was unable to do it, but through his wife Liz and friend Mary Keys it's been done, so his memory will live on." Oliver's passing was a big

loss to everyone that knew him, according to Northville Art House Director Joan Potter Thomas. She said Oliver spent countless hours helping out at the Art House. From

displaying some of his own exceptional art pieces to doing handy man work, Oliver was a big part of the Northville art community.

For Potter Thomas, Oliver and his wife represent what the Art

House is all about.

"When I think of Bill and Liz...I think of their passion," Potter Thomas said. "He was a gifted Northville artist and great supporter of and volunteer for us."

She said the rededicated sign will be in recognition to his enduring legacy. The ceremony took place during the opening reception of the fifth annual West of Center all



Arts Commission chairperson Sue Taylor along with Art House director Joan Potter Thomas honored longtime volunteer Bill Oliver on June 7. His wife Liz, with her family, were there to celebrate his memory.



media show. This all media show, with a wide range of pieces including sculptures, photographs and pastels, is on Art House has been rededicated to beloved volunteer Bill Oliver, who passed away in February.

The sign

the Northville

outside of

display until June 30. This year's juror is Detroit artist Matt Eaton.

Taylor said Liz Oliver and

Keys got the blessing from the original creators of the sign (Paul Vertress and Darcel Deneau) to refurbish the sign. Donations in memory of Bill were given to the Art House, and Liz chose to use these to have the sign re-plated. It had lost some luster over the years since its placement in 2005.

"We could not have done this without them," Taylor said. During the dedication ceremony, a teary-eyed Liz said, "It would have meant a lot to

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him.'

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Still the same

New owners keep Northville's Pear-aphernalia's charm in place

By Lonnie Huhman

Earlier this spring it looked like Pear-aphernalia, Inc. was closing its doors for good, leaving behind a lot of customers who loved to shop at the home accents and gifts store located in downtown Northville.

Longtime owners Pat Stempien and Lori Finnegan had 12 successful years on Main Street because of the continuing support from its loyal customers. However, many were surprised when they saw the sign left on the front door that read, "It is now time for us to move on to different phases of our

Two such customers were Northville residents Jenn Grochowski and Margaret Stoe. This daughter and mother team didn't want to see

the store go. "I went by and saw the sign. I told Jenn another one of our favorites is going out of business," Stoe said. "We talked and thought about the owners."

Stoe and her daughter were interested in taking over the popular business.

"We couldn't let Northville lose Pear-aphernelia," Grochowski said.

And they didn't. They bought the business and kept the name because it's what every-

one wanted. Not much has changed and they've kept much of the traditional items that it made successful. But they have also brought their own lines in to enhance the selection.

Things like body lotions, purses, scarves and some furniture items have been added. However, if you walk through the store you will still find the same great pieces of art and other home decorating accents/gifts. Its Carol Finn wreaths, serving pieces and Beatriz Ball lines are all big hits.

So nothing has changed and it's still a great place to find interi-

or design ideas.



The mother-daughter team of Peggy Stoe (left) and Jennifer Grochowski recently took over Pear-aphernalia at 184 E. Main Street in Northville. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Pear-aphernalia has a wide variety of gifts and home goods including these polished serving bowls. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

hasn't changed is the staff. To provide a smooth transition and because customers know the staff so well, everyone was kept on.

PEAR-APHERNALIA, INC.

Owners: Jenn Grochowski and Margaret Stoe Address: 184 E. Main Street Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday (open a little later during First Friday events) Phone number: 248-596-1430

"We want people to feel at home," Stoe said. The mother and daughter team both

bring their own talents. Grochowski is a retail management graduate from Western Michigan University and Stoe has past management experience. But above all, both love the finer things in life and what can make a home's interior look beautiful.

Reasonable prices and quality products are still the standards. And things have gone well

with the community welcoming in the new owners.

'We've had great community support, so we couldn't be more thankful to the Northville community," Grochowski said.

Pear-aphernalia is located at 184 E. Main in downtown Northville. It can be reached at (248) 596-1430 or by email at pear-aphernalia@att.net.

Ihuhman@hometownlife.com (248) 437-2011, ext. 255, Twitter.@lhuhman

BUSINESS BRIEFS



Bailey & Shamoun Interiors owners Kathryn Bailey and Basma Shamoun-Miscovich.

Retail stars

Bailey & Shamoun Interiors, located at 191 CadyCentre in downtown Northville, has been named one of Home Accents Today's 50 Retail Stars for 2013 by editors of the premier trade magazine for the home accents industry. The shop is owned by Kathryn Bailey and Basma Shamoun Miscovich.

The annual list, now in its ninth year, recognizes independent brick-andmortar retailers of home accents, including furniture stores and interior design boutiques, that are creative in their merchandising, have a positive presence in their local communities and are distinguishing themselves from the competition. The Retail Stars list is not a ranking, and is not based on sales volume

The businesses named to this year's list are based in 27 states and Canada and are located in shopping malls, Main Street storefronts, renovated barns and historic structures, up-and-coming arts districts, LEEDcertified structures and established design districts.

Bank vice president

Sankar Balasubramanian of Northville recently joined Flagstar Bank as first vice president in enterprise analytics and



Balasubr-

reporting. In his new position, he is responsible for assembling the people, defining the processes, and secur-

ing the

technology

to create an analytics center of excellence. Prior to joining Flagstar, he was senior managing consultant with IBM. He brings to Flagstar 21 years of IT experience.

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Seniors kick up their heels



Senior Adult Enrichment Coordinator Suzie Johnson (right) dances with Mary Fairbanks at the June 5 Senior Fest at the Northville Community Center. Seniors got to check out some information from local organizations, enjoy a lunch and a twirl around the gym floor to some big band tunes. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Historical Society garage sale

The annual Northville Historical Society Garage Sale takes place Monday, June 10-Saturday, June 15 at 218 W. Dunlap Street (corner of High Street). The event is hosted by the Northville Historical Society and the Girl Scouts.

Donated items can be dropped off at the Stockhausen's home only in June before the sale. They are especially looking for furniture. Pick up's are available by contacting Bill or Carole Jean at (248) 349-2833. They will accept donations throughout the sale, and tax slips are available. The rest of the year, donations are accepted at Mill Race, Cady Inn office.

In the past the sale has featured everything from a ceramics kiln to golf clubs, a sailboat to a backyard pond, baby items and books to a bamboo aquarium, a dollhouse to a dog house, furniture ranging from antique to being perfect for college, from clothing to exercise equipment, record albums to record players, Christmas trees to other holiday items, and beds to linens. Also a variety of items like patio furniture, toys, bikes, dishes, and you name it have probably been sold one year or another.

For more information contact the Northville Historical Society at (248) 348-1845.

Theater auditions

The Marquis Theatre in Northville will host auditions for its upcoming production of "Emperor's New Clothes". The auditions, which are open to children between the ages of 8 and 15, will take place at 5 p.m., Sunday, June 23.

day, June 23.

Those auditioning will sing 'Do-Re-Mi' from "Sound of Music" (accompanist will be provid-



Clara Stockhausen (left) helps out preparing for the annual garage sale at her parents' home at 218 W. Dunlap on June 10. The sale, to benefit the Northville Historical Society and the Girl Scouts - will run through June 14 and features lots of donated furniture, clothes and home supplies. Shopper Marsha Miller, at right, checks out some of the wares.

ed). They will also be asked to read a poem or a monologue no longer than 90 seconds. There is no fee to audition.

For Information call (248) 349-8110 or visit us northvillemarquistheatre.com.

Grub crawl

The 9th Annual Northville Grub Crawl, sponsored by Remerica Hometown One - Patti Mullen and The Home Depot, returns on Tuesday, July 23 from 6-10 p.m. Participating restaurants provide free samples of appetizers and signature items along with cash bar specials for the "Crawlers." Ticket holders receive a flyer and event map that highlights their Grub Crawl starting point. Free shuttle transportation operates on a 15-minute schedule to take Crawlers from one restaurant to the next, or guests can "crawl" on their own.

Tickets are limited and this event does sell out. Tickets may be purchased at the Northville Chamber of Commerce by calling (248) 349-7640, Gardenviews (117 E. Main), and the Good Time Party Store (567 Seven Mile Road). For more information, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

Flag football

Northville Parks & Recreation and Jump Start Sports will be running a six-week flag football program starting Thursday, June 13 once a week from 6–7:15 p.m., at Community Park Field #13. The program is open to girls and boys entering grades 1-4.

All fundamentals will be taught through age appropriate drills and will be followed by a fun, non competitive game. All coaching and instruction will be led by Jump Start Sports staff but parents are encouraged to help. Cost is \$65 for Northville residents, \$70 for school district residents and \$75 for nonresidents. There will be no camp on July 4th. The camp will be held rain or shine. For more information call Northville Parks & Recreation at (248) 349-0203.





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JON CONLEY

Parents: Nancy and Steve Academic Honors: Gabriel Richard Honors, Archdiocese of Detroit Academic Achievement Award, National Merit Scholar Extra-curricular activities: lacrosse goalie



Conley

Post-graduation pians: I will be continuing my studentathlete career at Tufts University. Career

pians: I have a strong interest in business and economics. I plan on majoring in economics with a minor in entrepreneurial leadership

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: From an early age, my parents instilled in me a strong work ethic. This sentiment has spurred me to always put forth my best effort. Your most memorable high school moment: TBD on

DAVID HOULE

Parents: David and Michelle Houle

Academic Honors: First Team All-State Academic Football Team 2012, Commended National Merit Scholar, AP Scholar, member



Houle

President's Award for Academic Excellence, 2013 Whelan Scholar Athlete Award Extra-curricular activities:

Catholic Central football and track teams; I volunteer at various food banks and organizations throughout

Post-graduation pians: Attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology MIT and will be playing football there.

Career pians: I will pursue a career in the field of engineering.

Who has influenced you most in your academic

career and why: My freshman honors English teacher and shot put coach, Mr. Grewe, influenced me the most. He inspired me academically and athletically to work hard and reach my full potential.

Your most memorable most memorable moment was playing football at Ford Field, twice for the state championship and twice for the Catholic League Prep

NICHOLAS LANZETTA

Parents: Jim and Jennifer Lanzetta

Academic Honors: National Merit Commended Student; Univer-



sity of Michigan Regents Merit Scholar; AP Scholar With Distinction; Departmental Awards in English, AP History, AP

Statistics; Permanent Gabriel Richard Club Member; MHSAA Division 1 Cross Country Academic All-State, first place, 2011, 2012; MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award; Detroit Catholic

League Frank Guyott Cross later return to graduate Country Scholar-Athleteschool for a master's degree Leader Award nominee in business Extra-curricular activities:

All-State cross country; track

Honor Society; fourth grade

and field runner; National

Kenneth Church - Timothy

Youth Award, 2012, 2013;

tutor; three-year volunteer

Post-graduation plans: I will

chemistry at the University

of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

plans include going to med-

ical school and becoming a

doctor specializing in heart

Who has influenced you

most in your academic

career and why: My par-

ents had the greatest influ-

ence on my academic career.

They expected me to always

give my best in all that I did

and to never settle for any-

example, my parents taught

thing less. In leading by

me the meaning of true

dedication and the impor-

tance of maximum effort.

Also, I must acknowledge

my cross country and track

coach. Coach Magni played

a much larger role in my life

than just a coach. He taught

me over the span of four

vears what it takes to be

truly committed to some-

thing in life, and how perse-

verance pays off in the end.

high school moment: My

experience at cross country

mers is by far my stand-out

memory of high school. Our

team spent two weeks each

summer camping in tents in

Canada, running up to 14

miles a day. We learned to

adapt to camp life, includ-

Lake Huron and dealing last

summer with a 40-foot tree

falling and crushing my tent

Parents: Robert Loveland,

Academic Honors: Nation-

Advanced Placement Schol-

ar with Distinction; Congres-

sional Award

Silver Certif-

icate; Gabriel

Richard Club:

finish in the

Top 200

Michigan

Math Prize

Competition;

al Merit Scholar Finalist:

ing taking "showers" in

and several others.

ALEXANDER

Michelle Loveland

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Honors Society

Extra-curricuiar activ-

ities: Detroit Catholic Cen-

2011-2012; Detroit Catholic

Central soccer 2009-2012 --

varsity 2011-2012 -- varsity

Honor Society 2011-2013;

2009-2013; Young People

Summer 2012; Disc Sports

Club 2012-2013; intramural

2013; Catholic Central track

2010; Christian Appalachian

Project Mission Trip 2010;

Kairos retreat leader 2013;

church youth group 2012-

Post-graduation pians: |

will be attending the Uni-

versity of Michigan - Ann

Arbor to study actuarial

science and mathematics

Career pians: After col-

ing actuary and perhaps

lege, I plan to be a practic-

2013

football, basketball 2009-

Who Care Mission Trip -

club soccer (Travel Premier)

Captain 2012; National

tral Student Council 2010-

2012; Junior Class officer

camp the past three sum-

Your most memorabie

disease or radiology.

Career pians: My career

Latin Club; math/science

at the Mary Angela Run

be studying biology or

Catechism teacher at St.

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My parents have influenced me most in my academic career. They create a positive home environment that promotes learning, growth, and fun. They are both excellent role models and they have encouraged and supported me throughout all of my high school endeavors. They have helped shape me into the man I am today, and I can never thank them enough. Your most memorabie high school moment: Mv most memorable high school moment was my first day of high school in freshman year. My homeroom teacher, Mr. Magni, told us to look out the window at the August day. He said before you know it, the leaves will turn brown and fall off of the trees, winter will pass, spring will come, and you will be sophomores. Then two more years will pass, and you will be graduating, looking back at this moment wondering where the time went, but knowing you spent it well at

BRANDON ROACH

Parents: Jim and Paula

Catholic Central.

Roach Academic Honors: Salutatorian, Class of 2013; National Merit Finalist; Archdiocese of Detroit Scholastic All-Catholic Award; Fr. Gabriel Richard Award

Extra-curricular activities: Catholic Central Academic Team;



Roach

piad Team; Catholic Central Spectrum newspaper staff writer; Catholic Central Peru mission trips (2010, 2011, 2013); first place at Catholic Cen-

Catholic

Central Sci-

ence Olym-

tral science fair, 1st place in Chemistry at the Metro Detroit science fair, and 3rd place overall at the Michi-Post-graduation pians:

University of Notre Dame Career pians: nuclear physicist (research or teach-Who has influenced you

most in your academic career and why: My seventh- and eighth-grade science teacher, Mrs. Pelc. She strongly encouraged to pursue a career in the sciences, but above that, she made science very interesting to me at a critical point in my academic career. Without her, it is extremely unlikely that I would be heading to Notre Dame to

study physics. Your most memorabie high school moment: Playing on the runner-up team in the 2012 NAQT national Quiz Bowl championships in Georgia. Being able to represent Catholic Central at that level was a great honor.

DOMINIC RUSSEL Parents: Catherine and

Jeffery Russel Academic Honors: National Honors Society, Gabriel Richard Award, Catholic League All-Academic Scholar, National Merit Commended Student, AP Scholar Extra-curricular activities: cross country, track



Russel

and field, marching and symphonic band, Disc Sports Club, Shamrock Voice Post-gradu-

ation pians: Attending the University of Michigan and studying political science.

Career pians: Attending a prestigious law school and becoming a lawyer. Who has influenced you

most in your academic career and why: My two brothers Anthony and Joey because I see all the hard work they put in to their academic careers and I simply want to match it. Also, my parents for always encouraging me to work hard.

Your most memorabie high school moment: Attending cross country camp every summer was certainly my most favorite high school experience. Specifically, I loved my junior year when we built a massive structure of logs on the beach in the middle of the night.

MATTHEW SCOTT SOLARZ

Parents: Mark and Joan

Academic Honors: National Merit Finalist, Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction, Kettering University Technology Award, American



Polish Engineering Association Scholarship winner, National Honor Society, Permanent Honor Roll

Extra-curricular activities: cross country, track and field, Ultimate Disc Club, Computer Science Club, Shamrock Voice Debate and Discussion Club Post-graduation pians: University of Michigan -College of Engineering for computer science **Career pians:** Software

engineering/development Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My parents, for never letting me give anything less than my best in school.

Your most memorabie high school moment: Earning my varsity letter in cross country.

KEVIN WALSH

Parents: John and Gina Walsh

Academic Honors: MHSAA Scholar Athlete Finalist; All Catholic League Scholastic: All Catholic League Academic (Schol-



Gabriel Richard Club (four years); National Honors Society (two years); John Shada Award Finalist (football scholar

ar Athlete);

athlete award) Extra-curricular activities: varsity football; Student Council president; leader in church's youth group; Monogram Club; Fellowship of Christian

Athletes Post-graduation pians: In the fall, I will attend Williams College to play football. I plan to major in economics while taking premed courses.

Career pians: I am undecided, but plan to major in economics with a focus on the medical field.

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why: My parents have always pushed me to be the best that I can be in every aspect of my life. They have always encouraged me in all of my endeavors and I cannot thank them enough for all of the support they have given me.

Your most memorabie high school moment: My most memorable high school moment was a Candlelight Vigil that was held in the wake of the Cipriano family tragedy. Thousands of people gathered on our football field and prayed a rosary together. It showed the genuine care and concern that the community has for one another and the impact that love can have

COLIN WHITEHEAD

on a community.

Parents: Joan and Dean Whitehead Academic Honors: National Honor Society, Gabriel Richard Academic Award Extra-curricular activities: CW3 Soccer Club, St.



Whitehead

Post-graduation pians: Hope College for degrees in business and Spanish. Career pians: international business working in a Spanish-speaking country and possibly seminary. Who has influenced you

S.O.U.L. 5k

most in your academic career and why: Mr. William Hayes, dean of Students (now retired) and Ms. Colleen Hanson, a CC counselor; many staff and teach-

ers at CC; Dr. Michael Behen; CW3 soccer coach Mike Ciolfi; my parents and my twin brother, Logan. I was seriously ill for three years, and they kept me focused and supported me in many ways so that I could stay in school and graduate at the top of my class.

Your most memorable high school moment:

When the plane touched down in Peru on a CC school mission trip in 2011, it hit me this could be a life-changing experience...

LOGAN WHITEHEAD

Parents: Joan and Dean Whitehead of Walled Lake **Academic Honors: Nation**al Honor Society, Gabriel Richard Academic Award, Archdiocese of Detroit Scholastic All-Catholic Award, National Merit Scholar, 2013 Class Valedictorian.

Extra-curricular activities: CW3 Soccer Club, St. William Youth Group, Spectrum Newspaper associate editor, Brothers Club, Spanish Club



Whitehead

University of Notre Dame Career pians: international business Who has infiuenced

Post-gradu-

ation pians:

you most in your academic career and why:

My freshman year English teacher, Mr. Eugene Grewe. After failing his first test, I learned how serious high school academics really are. I wouldn't have succeeded at the level I did if it weren't for his guidance.

Your most memorabie high school moment: Sitting on the stage at graduation, I realized this moment was the culmination of four years of dedication and hard work and that I was about to share it with my CC brothers and family.

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Don't give thieves easy access to valuables

As spring turns into summer, families are spending more time outside. Whether it's working in the garden or playing ball, getting a chance to bask in the sum's warmth is a welcome rite of the

Look around. There are more children and adults out walking, running, riding bikes through the neighborhoods and down the streets. In the past month, the Northville community has awakened from its hibernation and is embracing this mostly pleasant weather.

And there's another seasonal pattern, as well. Items are disappearing from cars, yards and garages with a bit more regularity. There's no epidemic or major crime spree to be sure. More, it's a matter of convenience and perhaps weak wills.

When people are out and about, they notice more things, whether it's peering inside an open garage or the window of a car parked along the street. Nothing wrong with that. People's eyes nat-urally are drawn toward anything that's a bit different. It's when there's a wallet or a laptop sitting on the front passenger seat, left there after a long day at work, that keeps the eyes lingering a bit longer. Or a set of golf clubs in the bed of a pickup. Or a case of beer next to the fridge inside that ga-

And no one in sight.

With the warmer weather, a car window more likely may be left — fully or partially — open. You may be playing a round of golf the next morning. Or you're not quite used to remembering to close the garage door while it's still light out, which is sticking around later and later in the evening.

In most cases, no big deal. If you ask public safety officials in either the city or township, they will tell you, overall, this community is a safe one. They'll be quick to add, however, that you can do a few easy things to avoid becoming a victim.

A little common sense goes a long way. That means lock your doors to the house and car and don't leave valuables in plain view.

Most would-be criminals are looking for the easy target. A locked door usually is deterrent enough. Why risk breaking a window and having someone hear that distinctive sound and coming out to investigate? Better off to move along to see if that next car poses a better opportunity. So double-check you closed the windows and locked the

And it's up to everyone to watch out for each other. More so than 10, 15 years ago, we're a mobile society, framed by expressways that offer quick access to travelers from throughout the region

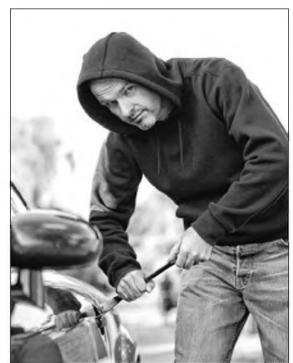
People need to be aware of their surroundings. On those occasions you see something that doesn't 100k quite right in your neighborhood driving slowly back and forth or a person inexplicably knocking on doors — call the police and let them handle it. The community plays an important role in policing a city. It's a message that everyone must take to heart.

In addition to protecting personal items, everyone should also focus on their own safety as well.

Don't think it can't happen to you. Stay alert and keep your mind on your surroundings. Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in a situation, leave.

When people describe the best aspects of life in the suburbs, they often turn to the sense of safety or security or comfort to be found. There's no denying that those attributes exist here more than many places. Whether attending school, going to church or enjoying a parade, it's an enviable atmosphere.

With just a little bit of common sense and overall awareness, everyone can help make sure those idyllic qualities of Northville remain close to the truth.



Don't leave your valuables in plain view in your car, where a thief can easily nab them. Cars should always be locked up. GETTY IMAGES/BANANASTOCK RF

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Any big plans this summer?

We asked this question at the Northville and Novi Public libraries.



"We're going back to the U.K. to visit, and so my son can see his grandparents."

Allison Jolliff Novi



"I'm a local author and run an organization called Professionals Against Bullying. We will be having some programs this summer, one for summer literacy and another called the 'Unbullying Seminar.'"

Tara Michener



"With gas prices the way they are we can't go to far, but we will make a trip Up North to Ludington."

Pat Bialek Northville



wineries."

Kathy H. Northville



Star-Spangled thanks Across America, Armed Forces Day 2013 (Saturday, May 18) celebrated the blessings of freedom and the importance of honoring America's active duty and veteran military personnel. Northville High School baseball's fourth annual Armed Forces Day celebration, double header and collection event was a solid success: two varsity victories, hundreds of pounds of donated snacks and toiletries, and thousands of dollars raised for our non-profit partner, Michigan Military Moms (MMM). Donations will be shipped to Michigan troops serving overseas by MMM.

Thanks to VFW Post 4012 -Northville, Ron White, the March family, Meijer, Inc., A-1 Canopy, CVS-5 Mile/Sheldon, McNaughton McKay Electric, Rusty Bucket – Northville, CVS - Downtown Northville, Precision Baseball, Domino's Pizza, Coca-Cola, Varsity Lincoln, Better Made Potato Chips, Northville Football Parents' Association, Northville Alumni, George's Senate Coney Island, Fred and Paula Bentley, Michigan Tournament Fleet, Staples, Sign-A-Rama – Brighton, Gordon Foods, Northville Baseball Softball Association, Dr. Andress, Elfring & Associates, John Ripner & Associates Michigan Military Moms, Brick's of Northville, Acme Partyworks, Northville Sports Den, Northville City Car Wash, Enterprise, Max & Erma's - Plymouth, Blackstone Landscaping, Qdoba - Northville, White Lake Lakeland High School and Wyandotte Roosevelt High School.

NHS baseball parents, players and

School district opens doors

Last Sunday I attended my daughter's high school commencement ceremony and had the opportunity to hear Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher's remarks to the Class of 2013. It was an enlightening message and one that should be shared with all.

Mary Kay highlighted the past 13 years in the lives of our children - starting with their days in kindergarten and continuing through last Sunday. She focused on the progress of the Northville Public Schools - in opening their current high school, converting the old high school to what is now Hillside Middle School, and the opening of Ridgewood Elementary School. She stressed the impact of the happenings in the world including the tragedy of September 11, the economic crisis of 2008, and the rebirth of the automobile industry. And Mary Kay reminded us about the effects of changes in our society - especially advances in technology

and social networking. Northville Public Schools have encountered many challenges in the last 13 years - including the need for re-districting, reduced state funding despite increased standards set by the state, and reductions in staffing that have resulted in larger class sizes and the need to privatize certain services. Perhaps the Northville Record should print a copy of Mary Kay's remarks to the Class of 2013 - so that the entire community will be reminded that – despite these challenges - our Northville Public Schools have increased in student population and continued its reputation for excellence in the State of Michigan.

We moved to Northville 20 years ago – largely due to the reputation and strength of the

educational system for our three children. All of our children have now graduated and each has the promise of an exciting and challenging future. They have each made many friends, been mentored by the best educators (teachers and administrative personnel) in the state, and been supported by countless parents and family members. We remain ever mindful of the many opportunities available to our children - and we thank Northville Public Schools and this community for making that all possible.

Mary Kay – thank you for your very positive message to the Class of 2013 and for the reminder that we are all fortunate to be part of such an incredible school system.

Mari Anne Guidobono

Northville

Parents are wonderful

As I prepare for my retirement, many wonderful memories come to mind. In cleaning out my school's e-mail box, it became so very clear how my teaching career has been touched by hundreds of Northville parents.

Though I live between Dexter and Whitmore Lake, many parents have become friends. I have sat at your dinner table, had many a cup of coffee at the loc shop, driven to Indiana for the funeral of a student and grieved with parents for the loss of two others. What a rich connection and relationship to have worked for the community for such a

long period of time. As a band director at Meads Mill Middle School, and later a general music teacher for Northville Schools, I have had the pleasure and assistance of so many parents. The music concerts, the band trips to Toronto and Chicago, the fund raising, the scenery making, all of it could not have been done with-

out the help of the parents. W hen I started teaching in 1988, we didn't have e-mail. Imagine that. I do have a list of e-mail addresses starting from about 1996. (?) I do not have email addresses for parent prior to that date. Going through that list brought back so many heartfelt memories. This letter is a way to say thank you to all of you. You have made our kids shine. You have been a wonderful support. You have encircled my life, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. It has been a pleasure to teach your children.

Roxanne Minch Whitmore Lake

Manage wolves

I share the concerns of the recent letter writer Judy Brock about the people of Michigan having a say in wildlife management issues. My concern, however, is that with out of state organizations like the Humane Society Of America and PETA, many people that give to them think they exist to help animals by providing shelters and care for strays and unwanted pets, when they actually spend a very large portion of their donations on an unending anti-hunting agenda throughout the country. In the case of Michigan, the groups bankrolled the petition drive to ban wolf hunting, and in their TV ad they flat out lied when they told us that wolves are a declining population. There were a handful of wolves introduced in our state, and we now have an estimated 658 wolves. After the pups are born this spring, the number could easily double.

The Michigan Natural Re-

sources Commission members (elected or not) don't need to be experts on every aspect of game management. And doing nothing, in this case, isn't game management. They utilize the valuable resource of the many dedicated career biologists at the DNR that are there for the sole purpose of studying issues relative to game and the environment, and then make recommendations to the NRC on their findings in the field. Thankfully there are laws that cover problem wolves, but that does not address the growing problem of over-abundance that naturally occurs when the number of predators, like wolves, is left unchecked.

Wolves will be managed much the same way as bears in the U.P. have been managed for decades. In 2013 there will be licenses issued and there will be 48 wolves harvested from only three districts. Hunters will be required to call in their kill that day, and when the number of kills reaches 48, all hunting will be stopped for 2013. No one is suggesting the elimination of wolves. What will be tried is to manage wolves at a level that is consistent with the needs and protection of farmers and the people in the U.P. that must now try to safely co-exist with them.

There are plenty of deer ound, as well as an abunda of family pets the wolves would be happy to dine on. Why not share the fun with everyone in Michigan?

Steve Lawrence Northville Township

Wolves are killers

Maybe Judy Brock would feel a little differently if she saw a few wolves running through her front yard. I saw a few coyotes running through my yard and also through the field nearby and I called 9-1-1 to report it. One ran six feet away from me. Very scary situation.

Here's another fact for Judy, wolves are killers and a threat to people and pets. This is a major problem for people in the UP, I am sure. I don't think that we understand enough about the problem to have a "say" in it.

Carol Maynard

Religious bigotry?

I was amazed at the recent letter from a Northville resident attacking Islam and Muslims. The writer is entitled to his opinion but not the facts of this issue. Other than note briefly his extreme bigotry, I will avoid an argument and instead suggest he expand his education and historical background on religious wars — which have been raging on and off, mostly on — for a large portion of recorded civilization.

First, I would recommend Charles Kimball's When Religion Becomes Evil, named the best religion book of 2002 by Publishers Weekly.

Second, there are several interpretations of Islam's Koran, some are very mainstream and some are extreme.

Third, do a Google search of religious wars, the Crusades, the Inquisition, the Salem Witch Trials and the Holocaust to learn more of how some "religious" groups act toward their fellow

citizens. The Hebrew and Christian Bibles encourage the philosophy

of "love your neighbor." I certainly won't want to be a neighbor of the Northville letter

writer.

Leonard Poger Westland

Report: fire merger with Plymouth working

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

An independent report confirmed what Northville City Fire Chief James Allen has been saying all along about his department's working relationship with the City of Plymouth.

It's working. This is according to a Service Model Review and Analysis Report issued by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Center for Public Safety Management. ICMA reviewed the first year of the consolidated partnership and issued

its findings last month. "The City of Plymouth has created a successful public safety service delivery model that is efficient (reduced expenditures for fire and emergency medical services) and effective (increase in the capacity of the firefighting force and responding equipment; the EMS service; and enhancement of police services) through the integration of three key agencies - the City of Plymouth Police Department, Huron Valley Ambulance and the City of Northville Fire Department," the report said.

has worked well. 'There are a lot of favorable things about it," Allen said. "The results have shown it's been worthwhile and a cost efficient way to work. We're happy with

Allen said the merger

The arrangement started in early 2012. Northville set up a second fire house in Plymouth to provide emergency/fire service and expanded its team so it could continuing covering Northville while also keeping Plymouth

The Northville City Fire Department provides the City of Plymouth with fire suppression and basic life support (BLS) emergency medical services by operating two on-call stations

under watch.

- one in Northville and one in Plymouth. The five-member Northville City Council has full decision-making author-

Advanced Life Support Ambulance service in Plymouth City is provided through a no cost contract with Huron Valley Ambulance. In addition, Plymouth (city) police officers are trained as 'Medical First Responders' and carry automatic defibrillators along with emergency medical supply bags in their police cars.

According to Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock, the Plymouth City Commissioners felt that consolidating its fire services with the neighboring City of Northville was the correct thing to do for its residents, even though the two cities were not contiguous.

Sincock said he wasn't surprised when the IM-CA issued its findings on the city's fire services.

"This report confirms what we all believe would happen: It's a great savings for our taxpayers – and I believe we're getting a better quality service because of our team approach," he said.

Prior to the change in service delivery, Sincock said the Plymouth City Administration officials had thoroughly researched the concept and analyzed the data for two years before making the brave recommendation to consolidate. So, when an independent, unbiased study from a credible third-party organization

validated the success of the decision, Plymouth City officials knew they had implemented an outstanding fire-services model that increased customer service, while saving taxpayers operating expenses each year over the next 12 years, according to Sincock.

The report further stated the cost for these (fire) services is substantially lower than the previous service, and this is a more efficient service delivery model. As well, the capacity of the Northville City Fire Department (NCFD) in itself delivers more personnel to the scene, thus increasing effectiveness of service delivery.

Early in 2011, both Plymouth and Northville officials signed the Interlocal Fire Service Agreement, after the Plymouth City Commission approved the consolidation concept. The combined operation was completed and launched just 10 months later. Both communities are working under a 12-year

agreement. The seven-member Plymouth City Commission is Northville's "customer," and provides feedback, requests, input and suggestions on a regular basis, according to Sincock. There is also a Northville/Plymouth Fire Advisory Board made up of elected and appointed officials from each city, as well as an independent member which also provides input to the joint Fire Department operations.

ICMA also credited Allen for establishing a long and dedicated relationship with the City of Plymouth.

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MSU program helps bridge the partisan gap

LOCAL NEWS

JIII Halpin Correspondent

Three area residents are among 24 participants in the 2013 Fellows of Michigan State University's Michigan Political Leadership Program which aims to bridge the bipartisan gap and train future leaders for effective policy-making

Kathleen McIntyre of Livonia, Paul Cusick of Northville Township and Jeremy Moss of Southfield have been selected to the prestigious statewide program. They met as a group for the first time in mid-February, getting to know each other and learning about the MPLP which is considered one of the nation's top political leadership training fellowships.

Kathleen McIntyre: Livonia

McIntyre is manager of the Ford Employee Volunteer Program. Cusick is an assistant attorney general for the state of Michigan. Moss is a member of the Southfield City Council. They represent a wide-range of talent from across the state, according to Anne Mervenne, one of MPLP's two co-directors who served 12 years in the administration of former Gov. John Engler.

We are really excited about this group of Fellows," said Mervenne, CEO of Mervenne & Company governmental relations consulting firm. "Many of them have already served in grassroots positions. Some have been elected to local office and all are ready

Started in 1992, MPLP is a 10-month program that covers personal leadership development, public policy process and analysis, effective governance, and practical politics while exploring a variety of issues facing the state of Michigan.

Throughout the program, Fellows work with presenters from across the state representing both the private and public sector to explore public policy debates, how issues are addressed, and look at new ways of bringing people together to find workable solutions.

Each MSU MPLP fellowship is valued at \$12,000, and covers the participants' lodging, meals and program costs. Accepted Fellows, however, are asked to pay an administrative fee of \$1,000 to participate in this program.

McIntyre, 50, grew up in Livonia and graduated from Stevenson High School in 1981. She currently resides in the city with her husband, Brian Culliton and their two sons. She holds a bachelor's degree in business frm MSU. She also earned a master's of business administration in finance and marketing from MSU's Eli Broad School of Business and was the recipient of a Broad fellowship.

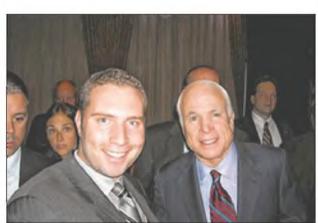
After joining Ford in 1995 at the Wixom Assembly Plant finance department, she has worked in a variety of capacities for the company including state, local and international government affairs, leading to her current position with the Ford Fund.

She said she relishes the opportunity to "dig in and explore different facets of state and local government and citizen activism." McIntyre said working with local municipalities illustrated the impact of government on both citizens and businesses.

'My exposure drove home the importance of both good government and good governance for both citizens and businesses. Good city management is crucial," Mc-Intyre said.



Jeremy Moss and Kathleen McIntyre shake hands in Livonia on June 5. The pair, along with other local residents, have been admitted into MSU's Michigan Political Leadership Program as fellows. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Paul Cusick of Northville Township and Arizona Sen. John McCann at a Republican Party fundraiser in Birmingham in 2010. SUBMITTED

An active community volunteer, McIntyre serves on the board of the Livonia Community Foundation and the Livonia Zoning Board of Appeals. She is eager for the opportunity to become more engaged in her community. The fellowship, she said, has provided her with an invaluable opportunity. Although she has no immediate plans to run for public office, she is certain that she will continue to seek opportuni-

ties to be active locally. "I have a compelling interest in local government. This program has allowed me to see there are many opportunities to become involved politically on a variety of different levels," she said.

Paul Cusick: Northville Township

Growing up in Plymouth, Cusick, 32, said that his interest in politics "goes way back."

"I have always been interested in politics. I can remember my mom taking me to vote with her and it was a big thing," said Cusick, who graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School in 1999. "My family taught me that I was lucky to grow up in America.

A 2004 graduate of otre Dame with a degree in political science and history, Cusick received a law degree from Wayne State University in 2007. After law school he began working for the Wayne County prosecutor's office and spent four years as an assistant prosecuting attorney.

Currently working in the criminal division of

in Northville Township with his wife, Fernanda. As chair of the Wayne

the State Attorney Gen-

eral's office, Cusick lives

11th Congressional District Republican Committee, a group he has been active with for the past five years, Cusick said the fellowship is a great opportunity to meet people on opposite sides of the political spectrum.

One of the strengths of the program, he said, is the opportunity to build relationships with others interested in shaping policy.

It is important to be able to debate and find agreement with people with different political philosophies," Cusick

The fellowship program is "a great opportunity to get people that are interested in public policy to speak their minds: we can all learn from each other," he said.

Although he currently does not have any specific plans, he does have political aspirations that may take shape in the future, he said

For the present, he is enjoying the opportunity to talk with others across about the important issues "our state is facing."

Cusick said, "I enjoy that the MPLP gives us the chance to vigorously debate issues and still be able to sit back and be friends."

Jeremy Moss: Southfield

As the youngest city council member ever elected in Southfield, Moss, 26, is no stranger to politics.

A lifelong Southfield resident, Moss marks his interest in politics during the summer between kindergarten and first grade.

'My family took a trip to Washington, D.C., because I was interested in what was going on. When my friends were watching the Lions or the Tigers, I was watching the news. I remember watching the 1992 presidential campaign and I was fascinated by it," he said of his deep-rooted interest.

The son of Elayne and Barry Moss of Southfield, the 2004 graduate of Birmingham Groves High School went on to attend MSU, majoring in political science and graduating with a degree in journalism.

Prior to his election to city council in 2011, he was actively involved in Southfield government working in the offices of Mayor Brenda Lawrence and former State Rep. Paul Condino. He also served a district director for State Rep. Rudy Hobbs.

He believes that the fellowship cultivates good relationships across party lines that in turn, helps create good policy.

"If you want to go to Lansing and be a flamethrower, then this program isn't for you," he said, "but if you want to be a peacemaker and work together to create really good policy that requires both Democratic and Republican votes, this is where you want to be. This is what the MPLP program is all about.

Steve Tobocman, MPLP co-director and former House Majority Floor Leader agrees.

"In this time when there is such tremendous partisanship and frustration in dealing with various issues, the MPLP provides space to train bipartisan groups of folks and give them tools to tackles the issues of the day and produces the best outcomes," Tobocman said.

Moss said that he looks forward to a career in Michigan politics.

"Of all of the people that I graduated with, I am the only one that staved in Michigan, W have to be able to work together to make Michigan a go-to place again," he said.

To learn more about the Michigan Political Leadership Program at the MSU Institute for Public Policy and Social Research go to www. http://ippsr.msu.edu.

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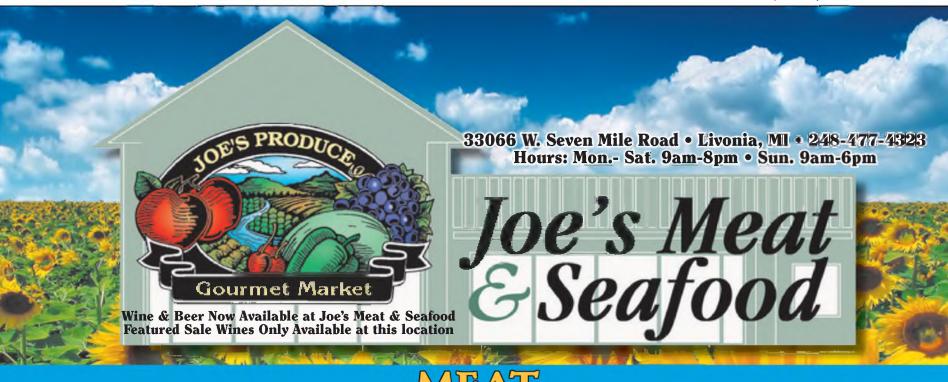
discuss the many varieties of teas, their history, myths and restorative marvels.

June is National Iced Tea Month. Discover many ways to make your tea special. The Historical Society's own Cady House Tea will be featured and available for sale in the J.M. Mead General Store in the

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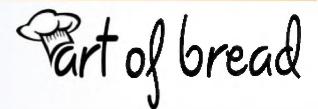
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Mustang Jake Cheslik fouls off a pitch in a third inning at-bat against North Farmington on June 8. Cheslik reached base after being hit by a pitch in the at-bat. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

All good things come to an end

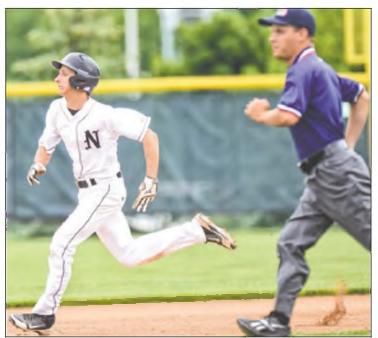
Stellar season comes to a close for Northville baseball team

> By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs baseball team picked up its 23rd victory last Saturday when it topped North Farmington in the regional tour-

Unfortunately, the team just couldn't find the right swing of the bat when they were tied up in the final inning during their hunt for an elusive 24th. Instead, Brother Rice earned the win in that contest, walking away with a 3-2 victory to end Northville's season.

"It was a very intense and well-played game by both teams," said Northville coach John Kostrzewa, who took his



Mustang Eric Fox outraces an umpire to second base during Northville's June 8 playoff game against North Farmington. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

team to a 23-9 record this

Rice turned that intensity

of the game, hitting the ball out of the park off a Taylor Turner throw to put the Warup on the first Northville pitch rior up immediately in the

"(After that) Taylor settled in and really held a very-talented Rice team down, giving up one unearned run through 6 1/3 innings," said Kostrzewa. "Being down two, the boys never gave in and we battled back in the middle innings to cut the lead in half and then tie it late. We had a number of chances to score, but were unable to cash in.

In the final inning, Rice got a key hit that scored the winning run and ended the Mustangs' season

"It was a very entertaining game and I couldn't be more proud of a team," said Kostrzewa. "The game could have gone either way and Brother Rice managed to get one more run than we did. Give them credit: They got the clutch hit and the right time and we were unable to do that. However, the way this team battled and came together in the last couple weeks was very gratifying as a coach to wit-

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2013: The year of the Mustangs

Track and field team set multiple school records this season

> By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Tim Dalton and Brandon Langston, who coach girls and boys track and field at Northville High School, respectively, may only be first-year coaches, but they've already fallen into the habit of having to report new school records just about

each and every week.
In 2013, the Northville boys track team had one new record set, while the girls team had a staggering seven events that created new milestones for the Mustangs.

For the boys squad, it wasn't just the fact that junior Dan Sims achieved his pre-season goal of obtaining the fastest time in the history of Northville High School in the two-mile run, but the fact that he managed to topple to long-standing

Sims ran a 9:30.54 in the 3,200-meter race on May 3 this season.

"(It's really) impressive considering he ran a hard mile earlier that same meet," said Dalton, who was once-upon-atime one of Northville top distance runners.

Sims surpassed the mark of 9:30.8 set by Robert Gould in

For the girls team, the records just kept being toppled all season long.

One athlete just seemed determined to not let records stand very long. Rachel Coleman, a junior, not only set the individual record in the 1,600 and the 3,200 races, but was part of the record-setting team in the 4-by-800 as well this sea-

Coleman already owned the school record of 5:07.1 in the one-mile run that she set in 2012, but she raised the bar by setting a new mark in the regional meet and then pushed it to 4:57.37 at the state finals, where she finished eighth for an all-state finish.

"(She) set this record after

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Northville golf season comes to a close

Sarokin, Goebel bow out in regional competition

Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs boys' golf season came to a close last Wednesday at Lyon Oaks Golf Course in Wixom during the MHSAA regional tournament.

The Mustangs, coached by Jeff Balagna, had qualified two individuals for the regional with a chance to move on to the state finals this weekend. Unfortunately, neither senior Todd Goebel nor junior Andrew Sarokin was able to find the strokes to qualify for the final match.

Sarokin shot an 81 on the

day while Goebel carded an 84. The cutoff for the finals for an individual was 77.

For Goebel, it's the last time he'll play golf for the orange and black. He'll continue his career for the Ocelots at

Schoolcraft College, however. Todd has had such a wonderful senior season," said Balagna. "He had our secondlowest nine-hole average and 18-hole average. He really stepped up and was a major reason this team had so much

success.' For Sarokin, 2013 just marked another successful season. For the second-straight year, he was named the team's

most valuable player and will be back for his senior cam-

paign in 2014. (He had) one of the most impressive years in recent memory for Northville golf," Balagna said of Sarokin. "He finished with a 75-stroke average for 18 holes and 37 for nine holes. He finished top 10 in five tournaments, winning two of

them." One of those tournaments was at Oakland Hills, where Sarokin shot a 67, which was three-under par.

"It was one of the most impressive rounds of golf I have

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Mustang Todd Goebel climbs a bunker up to the green during a June 5 MHSAA playoff match at Wixom's Lyon Oaks golf course. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Up and running

Standout distance runner fights back from injuries, makes trip to state finals

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Taleen Shahrigian is the kind of athlete any team can count on.

She's talented, she's dedicated and she's resilient. She's also extremely determined.

It's that determination that has brought Shahrigian, a junior, back from injuries the past couple of years to compete in some of Northville's biggest events.

Take, for example, the state finals two weeks ago. Shahrigian ran to ninth place in the 3,200meter run--less than a second out of earning an All-State nod.

For anyone who has read her name in the sports section before. that probably comes as no surprise. She has been one of the top distance

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Taleen Shahrigian has battled back from several injuries throughout the past season, coming back to race in the state finals in both cross country last fall and track and field two weeks ago. PHOTO BY LYNNE MOSTELLER

runners in both cross country and track during her career. But to those who were aware of what has been ailing her weren't so sure she's be able

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It all started in 2012 when Shahrigian strained her Achilles tendon early in the track and field season, which prevented her from being able to train very much. She healed up and ran in the regional in the 4-by-800 relay and qualified for the state finals with her teammates.

That summer, knowing how particular an Achilles injury can be, she began training in advance for her junior season on the fall cross country team. As the season came into fruition, Shahrigian came out of the gates on a tear, setting the school's record in the opening meets and even earning consideration as one of the state's best runners. Unfortunately, she pulled

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a hamstring in the conference championships, but battled back with some help of physical therapy to race in the state finals, finishing 50th overall.

That's when the bad news started pouring in for Shahrigian. She began therapy to work on her hamstring following the cross country season as she looked forward to the club indoor track and field season. While undergoing therapy, she was diagnosed with a hip imbalance and then low iron, which forced her to began taking iron supplements.

"Around January she was able to start running again and was feeling pretty good and started running at a few indoor meets," said her father, David Shahrigian.

Despite not having much time to train, Shahrigian ended up running an 11:04 in the indoor two-mile, which led her to a fifth-place finish in the state at the indoor

championships.

"She was feeling good and her iron was up and she was basically injury free," her father said.

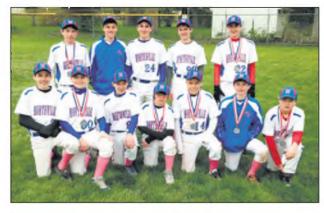
That was until her last day of therapy when the junior--who was anticipating the upcoming high school track seasonsuffered another Achilles injury while running up a flight of stairs.

"At first it was thought to be an Achilles strain, but it was later discov-

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Runners-up

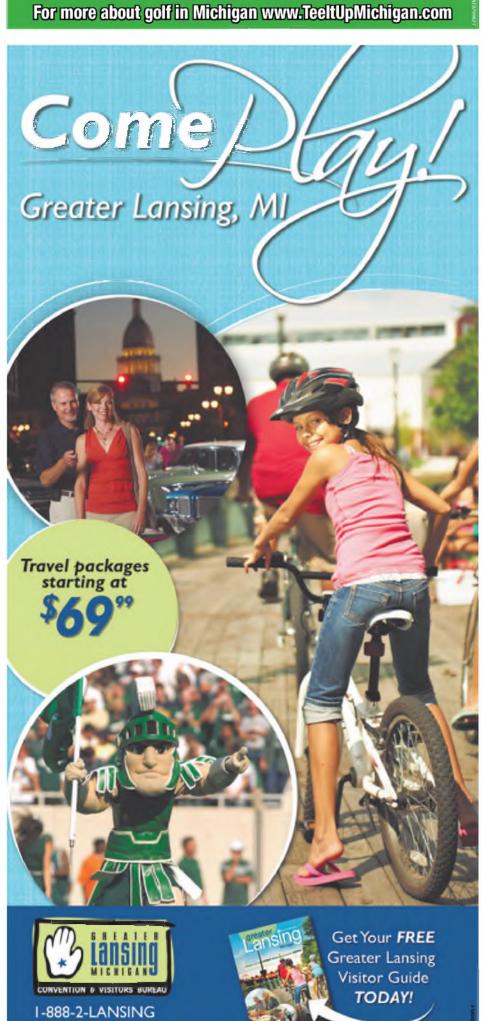
Donning pink socks in honor of Mother's Day, the 13U Northville Cubs travel baseball team made a great run in the Howell Hawks Invitational tournament before falling to Pinckney Pirates Black in the championship game. The Cubs won four pool play games to earn their way into the title match. The Cubs all-around solid play in the first game set the tone for the weekend as they racked up 14 hits in their 13-2 win over Grand



Slam Baseball out of Lansing. The Cubs fell flat in their final game as the temperatures continued to fall on the cold and misty day in Howell. Pinckney Black played flawlessly to win the championship. Pictured (top row from left) are Ryan Perkins, Michael Lionas, Aram Shahrigian, Mike Conniff, Matt Whitcomb, (front row from left) Moose Tossounian, Jacob Moody, Alex Gaft, Robert Ujkaj, Eric Rice, Owen Marshall, and Reed VanTiem.







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Champion Broncos



First, the U12 Northville Broncos won the Northville Early Bird Tournament May 10-12; then the Pirate Classic Tournament in Pinckney May 31-June 2, where they topped a field of 16 teams winning all of their games with solid pitching, critical hits and key defensive plays. Pictured in Pinckney: (I to r, front) Steven Morrissey, Connor Wysocki, Jake DelCampo, Nick Prystash, Nick Wever and Matt Weber; (middle) Joe Hardenbergh, Christian Aulepp, Alex Garbacik, Sean Richard, Erik Sparschu, Cole Smith; (back) coaches Frank Garbacik, Clint Smith and Ian Weber.

Countryway champs



The 13U Northville Mustangs captured their second tournament win of the 2013 season at the Fowlerville Countryway Classic on Sunday. The team includes players Jonathan Michalak, Lucas Buccelatto, Ben Schmidt, Tyler Troyer, Alex Coutts, Nate Neibauer, Bailey King, Ben Brady, Mitchell Smith, Jackson Stegmeyer and Janak Mukherji. Coaches are Eric Stegmeyer, Conrad Troyer, and Doug Smith.

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In order to advance to the regional final against Brother Rice, the Mustangs had to pick up a win to open the regional tournament, which they did with a 6-0 victory over North Farmington.

We pitched well, played great defense and did a fantastic job against a very good pitcher in Sterling Sharp," said Kostrzewa. "We scored all six in one inning, but we had pressure all game long and he got out of a couple of big jams, getting double plays. Overall, our approach was fantastic at the plate against a very talented pitcher. We really grinded out every pitch."

Earning the win on the mound in the game was Jake Hansen, who allowed seven hits while striking out eight batters in the contest through all seven innings.

'Jake pitched phenomenal and showed why he is considered one of the best pitchers in the state," Kostrzewa said. "North Farmington was very athletic and had a lot of speed, but Jake really attacked the strike zone and never allowed them to get anything going.

Jack Gessert led the Mustangs on offense,



Mustang Evan Wieland forced in a run - with the bases loaded - after taking this third inning pitch to his back. JOHN HEIDER

STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

picking up two hits and two RBIs with singles in the third and fourth in-

Kostrzewa said he was very happy with the way his senior class responded to the intensity of the post-season.

Our seniors really stepped up and played well," he said. "Your chances to win generally hinge on the guy on the mound and Jake ended a great three-year varsity career, throwing shutouts in both the district final and regional semifinal. Jake Cheslik caught a very good game and shortstop Eric Fox made a number of fine plays against North Farmington.

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ever witnessed," Balagna said.

Sarokin also co-medaled at the KLAA tourna-

ment with a one-under 71. "He is one of the best players in the area, if not the state of Michigan," said Balagna. "It is very unfortunate that his year finished the way it did. He was sitting in good

position with a couple holes left, but he struggled down the stretch. I am just glad that he is coming back for one more year. He has been our MVP the last two years and very deserving of that honor.'

Northville will return three of their top five golfers and five of their top nine for next season.

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Northville Sports Briefs

Hoop camp

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

Women's softball

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breaking the 4-by-800meter record earlier that

day," Dalton said. In the 4-by-800, Coleman joined forces with outstanding distance runners Nicole Mosteller, Alison Robinson and Erin Zimmer to surpass the old mark of 9:31.7, set in 2012, in the regional meet. The four athletes then went on to lower it by another seven seconds in the state finals on June 1 to put their mark in the history books with a time of 9:16.57, which was good for fourth place among the state's best teams.

Coleman also set the bar in the two-mile, first edging out the 11:21.0

record that was set in 2006 by Lindsay Hagan at the Saline Golden Triangle Invitational before shredding her own mark at the regional with a blazing time of 10:58, which was enough for the

regional championship.
"Very impressive, considering she had ran the 4-by-800-meter relay and the 1,600-meter run that same meet and qualified for the state finals in all three events," Dalton

Another individual who set a school record was none other than the blazing hurdler Lauren Rodriguez, who toppled the previous mark of 14.8 seconds set in 1985 by Cindy Panowicz not once, or twice, but three times this season. The current record of 14.4 seconds

was set at the MHSAA regional meet May 17.

The Northville girls track team also set three other relay records this season. In the 4-by-100, Rodriquez joined forces with Morgan Robertson, Vanessa Cousino and Chloe Abbott to run a 49.47-second race at the KLAA Championships May 21. Their time surpassed the previous mark of 50.1 seconds that was set in 1993.

Robertson and Chloe Abbott also helped set the record in the 4-by-200 along with Alexa Abbott and Nadia Affes. They ran to sixth place at the MHSAA state finals in 1:42.84 to set the record, which was previously a 1:45.6, which stood since

Robertson put her

name on a third school record along with Affes, Alexa Abbott and Lindsay Walters as they set the bar in the 4-by-400 relay at the state finals, racing to fifth place with a 3:58.75. That time not only surpassed the 2010 record of 4:01.2, but made them the only 4-by-400 girls relay team to break the four-minute mark in

school history. "(They) ran eight seconds faster at the state meet than any other meet this season, which is just incredible," said Dalton. "They were seeded 16th going into the race and finished fifth while also running this out of a slower heat.'

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ered through an MRI that she had retrocalcaneal bursitis, which would flair up every time she ran," Shahrigian's father said.

The dedicated runner began taking medication to help control the pain, but it wasn't until well into the track season that she and her family were informed that the medication was disrupting her already-struggling iron absorption, which pushed her iron levels to the lowest they had ever been.

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Where many athletes would have chosen to end their season early in order to address the problems, Shahrigian instead chose to stop taking the pain medication with about three weeks remaining in the 2013 season.

Shahrigian's gamble paid off as she ran an 11:23 in the two-mile at the regional meet in Milford to qualify for the state finals and then ran to ninth at the finals in Grand Rapids.

"Tal is one of our captains and a kid who has battled injuries all season long," said Northville girls track coach Tim Dalton. "And for her to

be able to do what she did on the track (at the state finals) speaks volumes of what kind of kid she is. She missed All-State by less than a second.'

For Shahrigian, the remainder of her high school career is full of uncertainty, though she will no doubt be up and running by the time the fall cross country season starts up

"She plans to take some more time off from now until cross country starts to try and heal everything and get her iron up to where it needs to be," said David Shahrigian. "All she wants is a chance to have everyof running. "And if anyone can do it, Taleen can."

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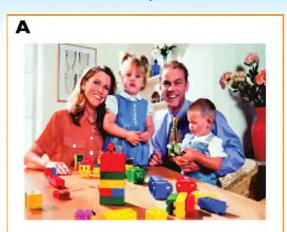
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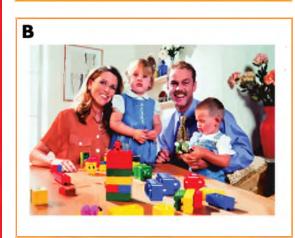
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TECHNOLOGY CHANGING WAY HOMES ARE BOUGHT

Technology plays a vital role in today's society and is transforming the way Realtors do business. That's according to Curt Beardsley, vice president of product marketing for realtor.com®, who shared his perspective on the growing mobile technology environment at the "Industry, Technology and Vision" forum during the Realtors Midyear Legislative Meet-

ings & Trade Expo.
According to data from the 2012 National Association of Realtors Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers, more than eight out of 10 home buyers who used the Internet in their search reported that online photos and detailed property information were very useful. Forty-five percent of buyers found virtual tours very useful, and 41 percent liked interactive maps and neighborhood information. Realtor.com® offers potential home buyers all of these features on the site.

'Realtor.com®, NAR's official property listing website, is one of the most visited real estate sites on the Internet, attracting an average of 44 million total visits every month from more than 10 million unique visitors. The online world is continuing to blossom; lead generation has gone up 60 percent on realtor.com® and a lot of that is being driven by mobile," said Beardsley. "Mobile is helping change consumer expectations; smartphones are the backbone of our daily media use and should be the starting point for designing consumer experiences with clients."

New trends

Beardsley highlighted some new technology trends on the rise, including smart watches, a wearable watch device with enhanced technology features; Facebook Home, software for your phone that offers a more seamless version of the social media site; and geo-fencing, a new technology that alerts consumers when they are in

close proximity to something they may have researched

"Given the Internet's convenience and round-the-clock accessibility, it's not surprising that many home buyers first look online for properties and information when beginning their search. Most buyers rely on Realtor-supported online resources like multiple listing service websites and realtor.com®," said National Association of Realtors President Gary Thomas, broker-owner of Evergreen Realty, in Villa Park, Calif.

"After they've done their own real estate research, consumers can then turn to realtor.com® for the Internet's most comprehensive directory of Realtors who can help home buyers and sellers achieve their goals," said Beardsley.

Mobile growing

As the adoption of mobile smartphone devices has exploded, Beardsley said realtor.com® has positioned itself as the top-rated real estate app on all of the major platforms, including iPhone/iPad, Android and Windows 7. Mobile visits now account for 20 percent of realtor.com® traffic. Beardsley urged the audience of Realtors to stay abreast of technology trends and the many mobile tools available now to help them build their business.

'Netflix is a great example of a business effectively leveraging customer trends. The company researched consumer content preferences and commissioned an original TV series based on what that data revealed; the resulting series is now the most watched on Netflix." he said. "What this means for real estate is that it's become vital to ensure that consumers can access information how and when they want — and if they can't, then their experience becomes frustrating. You must design the experience to match what consumers are trying to do," said Beardsley.

Pros: Pay, or regret later

Q: I just found out that our management company recommended an attorney to us because, as she told another managing agent, he gives her free advice. What is your comment about that?

A: Lawyers undertake all types of marketing strategies, and in the community association world, giving free advice or doing favors for management companies is some-

thing that some lawyers do in order to gain favor with the managing agents. However, if that was the sole reason why your managing



agent picked this attorney, or otherwise gave him or her preferential treatment in the selection process, you need to get rid of both the attorney and the managing agent. Remember, you get what you pay for!

Q: Our former management company who has handled a number of projects for a national developer made disparaging comments about a prospective attorney who we wish to consider for our condominium association. We believe that these comments were made because the developer did not want this attorney to be engaged in representing our association. One of our board members is naively following the advice of our former managing agent. How can we convince him otherwise?

A: Generally speaking, when someone suggests unsolicited that you should not retain an attorney, CPA, or management comnany there may well be an ulterior reason for doing so. Obviously, in this case, it would appear that the developer has buttered the bread of this managing agent including trying to dictate to the new directors of the condominium association after they have taken over control who should be representing them, presumably against the developer. When your opposition tells you who you shouldn't hire, that is probably the first person you should hire.

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Short sales

seminar

If you owe more than what vour house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short

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Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

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

Free foreclosure tours

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

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

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Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

Any questions or concerns, call Wayde Koehler at 313-277-

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of Jan. 28 - Feb. 1, 2013 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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\$275,000 31240 Cline Dr 32231 Verona Cir \$196,000 \$355,000 18341 Warwick St

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533 Wallace St

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36 Hidden Rdg 2360 Klingensmith Rd 506 Newburne Pointe 6810 Orinoco Cir

6120 Westmoor Rd

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP 1789 Blue Heron Ct 3952 Cottontail Ln 629 E Fox Hills Dr 2499 Parcells Cir 2085 Quarton Rd 26814 W 14 Mile Rd 42160 Woodward Ave Unit 72

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP 5151 Carinas Way Ct

8915 Gittins St 2032 Portlock Ave

\$2,500,000 **FARMINGTON** \$131,000 22420 Lilac St \$168,000 \$224,000

\$308,000

\$212,000

\$10,000

FARMINGTON HILLS \$240,000 23168 Albion Ave 34441 Chantilly Ct 31194 Country Way \$1,350,000 25314 Crown Point Ct \$609,000 28104 Gettysburg St \$54,000 \$176,000 35377 Naples 29707 Pendleton Club Dr \$970,000 20823 Randall St \$380,000 38424 Saratoga Cir \$80,000

> 30364 Wicklow Rd **MILFORD** 746 E Liberty St 940 Hickory Ridge Cir

459 Napa Valley Dr

29225 Scotten St

21524 Wheeler St

\$55,000

\$75,000 \$290,000 \$120,000 \$293,000 \$209,000 \$350,000 \$39,000 \$160,000 \$148,000

\$95,000 \$98,000 \$225,000

\$108,000 \$33,000 \$260,000

2905 Shirley St 2425 Valley Gate

NORTHVILLE 520 Langfield St

NOVI 24690 Bethany Way 47603 Cheltenham Dr 24812 Olde Orchard St 23649 Stonehenge Blvd 39828 Village Wood Cir

SOUTH LYON

\$57,000 54802 Brentwood Dr \$431,000 \$353,000 23547 Bristlecone Ct \$118,000 22900 Chubb Rd 1080 Gentry Dr \$290,000 24316 Heatherwood Dr \$182,000 24316 Heatherwood Dr \$126,000 425 Orchard Rdg \$165,000 28437 Pontiac Trl \$86,000

385 Princeton Dr 748 Stoney Dr 56565 Ten Mile Rd 52851 Trailwood Dr 52851 Trailwood Dr 53662 Valleywood Dr

\$159,000

\$153,000

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\$65,000

\$234,000

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\$50,000

\$82,000

\$60,000

\$35,000

SOUTHFIELD

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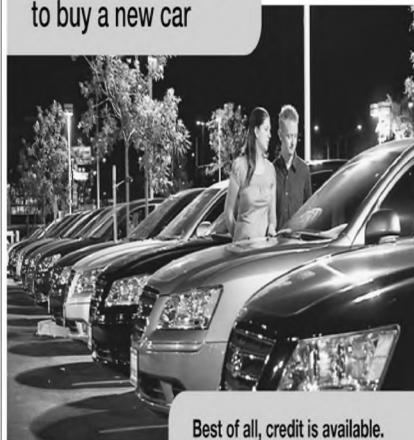
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Of course, plenty of traditional techniques have gone extinct for good reason. Before you go retro, distinguish the do's from the don'ts. Here are some low-tech methods worth reviving. They can help you stand out and make a positive impression no matter the era.

Take cover.

Some vintage tactics, such as writing a cover letter, aren't as passé as you might think. In a recent Robert Half survey of senior managers, 91 percent of respondents said cover letters are valuable when evaluating job candidates. Don't skip the cover letter just because a company's online application system doesn't request one. If there's no field designated for a cover letter, you can often attach extra documentation. In fact, 79 percent of employers said it's common to receive cover letters even when applicants submit résumés electronically.

Stock up on stamps.

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Follow up after submitting your resume by calling the hiring manager. A phone call may require more nerve than an email, but the results justify the effort. A voicemail beats an email in at least three key ways: it demonstrates your assertiveness, reaffirms your interest in the opportunity and comes across as more personal than words on the screen. If the hiring manager answers the call, that's even better. You've already established a direct personal connection.

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