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City wins DDA battle in court

But new state law makes it a short-lived victory

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

The City of Northville is among nine Wayne County communities and their tax-increment financing authorities — mostly downtown development authorities and brownfield authorities — that were handed both a court victory and a legislative defeat last week in a fight over "recaptured" tax money.

Judge Dan Ryan of Wayne County Circuit Court ruled Wednesday for the communities in a suit against county Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz, plus the county's Zoological and Art Institute authorities, over whether the tax-increment financing authorities — TIFAs — should be subject to the regional zoo and Detroit Institute of Arts millages.

But the state House of Representatives on Thursday approved legislation, already passed by the Senate and signed Tuesday by Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, gives the zoo and DIA authorities the right to tap TIFAs, and essentially reverse Ryan's opinion going forward.

'Kind of a draw'

"It's kind of a draw at this point," said Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, who voted against the legislation and defended TIFAs as effective tools for improving communities.

ties.
"The communities rightly
believed they (TIFAs) were
following the law, and the judge
agreed with them," Heise said.
More than \$740,000 has been
"recaptured" by TIFAs, through

More than \$740,000 has been "recaptured" by TIFAs, through 2011, that Wojtowicz's office said were due the zoo authority, which benefits from a one-10th mill tax (10 cents for every

\$1,000 of a property's taxable value) voters approved in 2008. The DIA millage — two-10ths of a mill, or 20 cents for every \$1,000 in state equalized valuation — was just approved by voters in 2012, and revenue figures were not readily available.

The City of Northville's DDA was capturing nearly \$3,000 from the zoo millage. City Manager Patrick Sullivan said the city was doing what is required by law when they distributed a portion of the zoo millage to the DDA. He said this has been the practice for all new millages

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'I'm going miss making people happy and laugh at Cooke.' COOKE STUDENT DREW CARREATHERS



Cooke School teacher Dan Solomon adjusts the mortar board of student Andrew Bremer during the Northville school's June 12 graduation ceremony. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Cooke School graduates 18 special students

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

"Because I knew you ... I have been changed for good."

Those two lines from the song For Good may have best signified the 2013 graduating class of Cooke School in North-ville.

The school's sign language group signed this song during the school's June 12 graduation ceremony, in recognition of the influence the students and staff have had on each other.

It's true that each student felt and made a positive impact during his or her time at Cooke. Now the graduates are look-

ing ahead to new experiences.

The year's class of 18 students is one of the biggest to complete their education in the district's Special Education Center Program.

For Cooke Principal Mary Meldrum, all 18 will be missed for what they brought to the school each day.

"Every one of them has touched our lives in different ways," Meldrum said of the outgoing class. "They will al-



Friends and family applaud their Cooke School graduates during their June 12 commencement ceremony.

ways be members of the Cooke family."

There was a full house of family and friends at the June 12 ceremony, and each student received pats on the back and a well-earned round of applause.

The ceremony was a heartfelt one with each student walking across the stage to receive their diploma from Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher, while the audience stood and clapped.

Many snapped photographs to remember the moment.

"I am graduating this year, and I am very excited to be starting my work life. I have worked at many jobs while at Cooke. I enjoy being with my friends this year. I will miss the

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Mill Race display highlights industrial past

By Kurt Kuban

Northville wasn't always the bedroom community that people know it as today. There was a time, around the turn of the 20th century, when Northville was an industrial leader. Its streets were filled with manufacturing facilities, and the town was known around the world for its innovative products – everything from school desks, refrigerators and bells, to food products like condensed milk, ice cream flavorings, and cider.

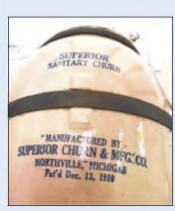
In fact, there was so much happening in Northville that, by 1890, it had become Wayne County's second largest manufacturing area outside of Detroit (only Wyandotte was larger).

Most of that manufacturing legacy, with a few exceptions, is a thing of the past. However, if you'd like to catch a small glimpse into that world, stop by the historic Mill Race Village on

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This butter churn, made by Northville's Superior Churn & Manufacturing Company, is part of the Made in Northville exhibit at Mill Race Village. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Northville district lays off special education teachers

By Lonnie Huhman

Northville Public Schools have made some year-end staffing changes, which includes the layoff of three special education center program staff members and reduction of hours for two teachers at the high school and middle school levels, who teach elective courses.

As two separate motions, the Northville Board of Education voted by a 7-0 vote to approve both decisions. A projected lower enrollment in the district's center program, which services students with special needs, and staffing projections for the next year have led to these deci-

According to Dave Rodgers, the district's human resources director, due to a change in the projected program enrollment, Erin Hill, Jill Porter and Michelle Wirth will be laid off

effective in August of this summer, at the conclusion of the summer program. The enrollment change would mean less funding for this program.

Rodgers said Act 18 is the funding mechanism for center-based special education programs and services. The funds come to the district through Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency.

Northville Public Schools operates its Center Programs for students within the Western Region of Wayne County RESA. Cooke School serves severely cognitively impaired, severely multiply impaired and dual diagnosed (cognitively and emotionally impaired) students up to 26 years old.

Of the layoffs, Rodgers said, "Each year, budget, enrollment and staffing allocations are subject to approval. This spring, based on the projected 2013-14 student enrollment and respective services at Cooke School, it was confirmed that there will be a need for fewer teachers.

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He added that class sizes are determined via guidelines and ratios that are determined by federal and state mandated Special Education guidelines and Act 18 guide-

Some students who have been attending the program will be moved to a program closer to home rather than be bused over to Northville, specifically those in the Wayne-Westland district.

"We will have three fewer teachers," he said. "It was only necessary to lay off two teachers because the additional teacher slated for lay off has accepted a position in another district."

According to Wayne RESA'a 2012-13 annual report, funding for Wayne RESA operations comes primarily from state aid and \$3.7 million from 1/10 of a tax mill levied in Wayne County. The 2012-2013 budget for day-to-day operations is approximately \$14.9 million.

Wayne RESA also receives almost \$126.3 million from a 3.36 mill special education property tax levy. These funds, along with \$73.7 million in federal grants are distributed to local districts to educate children with disabilities. An additional \$33 million in federal and state grants is also distributed to local districts for other special programs and services.

"In K-12, we reduced the hours of two electives teachers based on the course offerings and the need for those sections," Rodgers said of the other move. "Each year, the district determines areas in which the existing staffing levels need to be increased and/or decreased based on such factors.

This is called a reduced FTE and it will apply to Paul Sklut, in the area of applied technology electives at both middle schools and the high school, and Amanda Good for vocal music and performing arts at Meads Mill Middle School.

"Overall, the district projects moderate reductions in class sizes for the 2013-14 school year," Rodgers said.

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City to see savings with new gas supplier

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

To net some savings over the next five years, the City of Northville has entered into an agreement with Realgy Energy for its natural gas supplies.

Jim Gallogly, Northville's Public Works director, recommended the City Council approve the agreement in order to save approximately \$7,600 per year. The council unanimously approved the agreement.

"With the City of Northville facing declining revenues and increasing expenditures, city staff has chosen to bid out the city's natural gas supply requirements utilizing alternative gas suppliers licensed to provide natural gas in the State of Michigan," Gallogly told the council at its May 6 meeting.

According to Gallogly, this was last done in 2009. Currently the city uses Realgy Energy as its energy supplier and its cost was \$5.25 per 1,000 cubic feet or MCF. He said this cost was lower than Consumers Energy, however, each of the three proposals recently reviewed by the city provided an even lower rate.

The floating number submitted by Realgy Energy for this new contract averaged \$4.03 this past year. This is a floating price based on the futures market. Realgy submitted a number equal to New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) +\$0.65 per MCF.

Gallogly said the four year trend for NYMEX has been down, with the cost of natural gas dropping approximately 33 percent since 2009.

"The general feeling

in the natural gas industry is that natural gas prices will remain stable or go lower in the next several years as supply is growing in our country," he added.

The City of North-

ville annually purchases approximately 7,500 MCF of natural gas each year.

"While not a significant amount, any reduction to the cost of this commodity will save the city's general fund dollars needed for other critical items," Gallogly

Realgy serves Michigan, Indiana and Illinois, and is based in Connecticut.

The other bids were from XOOM Energy, which submitted a set price of \$5.195 and Options Utility Consulting, with a set price of \$4.74.

'Clearly the number provided by Realgy Energy offers the most potential savings for the city. Though it is a floating number, the trend for the cost of natural gas is down, and could lead to additional savings," Gallogly said.

However, he added if the NYMEX number goes up and the trend shifts up, Northville can switch to a set number, which can be negotiated with Realgy Energy, or the city can entertain bids from other companies at that time.

If the city is not satisfied, or is not receiving the expected savings, Gallogly said it can also leave the program and return to Consumers Energy without cost, as per the agreement the city will be able to step out of the program within thirty days without incurring any penalty.

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since the late 1970s, so he was not surprised by Judge Ryan's decision. However, he sees the writing on the wall with what is happening in Lansing.

His concern is what kind of precedent the new state law will mean for the DDA as it captures funds from other taxing authorities.

'In the future, we will lose that revenue. The bigger issue will be that about half the revenue collected by DDAs and

brownfield districts across the state comes from millages outside the local districts. County, community college, library millages, road millages - all these items add up to provide a major portion of the funding that our downtowns and brownfields use to operate," Sullivan said. "All of these entities will now make the case that they are just as important as the zoo and DIA. Since the legislature is providing no replacement revenue to the DDAs and brownfields, a very effective economic development system and environmental cleanup system will be gutted if the legislature takes the same approach they took with zoo and DIA mill-

Suit, countersuit

Wojtowicz's office had told communities the collections were improper, and had threatened to withhold other monies to make up the difference.

Northville and the other eight communities, including Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Plymouth Township and Van Buren Township, responded with a lawsuit, and the defendants — Wojtowicz's office, plus the county arts and zoo authorities and the Detroit Zoo and the DIA — filed counterclaims, which Ryan dismissed. (The zoo and DIA had also joined the original suit as "intervening defendants.")

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume acknowledged that although Ryan found in the communities' favor, the law will now change to favor the zoo and DIA when it comes to TIFA monies.

"Going forward, we'll obey the law," Reaume said.

Wojtowicz's spokesman, Deputy Treasurer David Szymanski, could not be reached on Friday.

Heise said the state laws enabling TIFAs did not make them subject to new taxing authorities, and that the TIFAs have been used successfully since the 1980s.

'We wouldn't have a downtown Plymouth or a downtown Northville, or the streetscape work along Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township, without these entities." Heise said.

Staff Writer Lonnie Huhman contributed to this story.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you agree with Judge Dan Ryan, who ruled in the city's favor, or the state Legislature, which is trying to reverse the judge's decision, when it comes to cities like Northville having the ability to capture millages like the zoo and DIA, for their Downtown Development Authority? Send your opinions to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com or post a comment on our website at www.hometownlife-.com.

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staff," said Cooke graduate Jake Miller in the school's most recent newsletter.

Meldrum said each student has faced challenges, but has been able to overcome many of them with the help and support from family, friends and school

However, she said staff members have also learned plenty from the students.

From the smiles to the helpful hands, each graduate had a daily impact.

'I'm going miss making people happy and laugh at Cooke." said Drew Carreathers of

his time at the school. Cooke has various programs to help serve students classified as severely cognitively impaired, severely multiply impaired and dual diagnosed (cognitively and emotionally impaired).

One of the most important parts of the program at Cooke is its Community Based Instruction.

This helped prepare many of these students for the next level in life. CBI provides stu-

dents opportunities to learn and practice academic and life skills in the actual settings in which they'll be expected to apply them, which includes pre-teaching and follow-up activities, so that skills are introduced, taught and practiced, and then reviewed.

Vocational training is also an important part of CBI.

Students train at many sites such as Olga's, Marywood, Wendy's, McDonald's, Good Time Party, Rebecca's, Northville City Hall, and the Northville District Library.

At these sites, students get on-the-job training in custodial skills, paper shredding, laundry, food service, retail merchandising,

In every setting, however, the most important aspects of vocational training are appropriate worker traits and social behaviors.

Students learn that to be successful in a job they must show up every day, be on time, follow directions, and get along with their co-workers.

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Sundays from 1-4 p.m. and visit the newly opened "Made in Northville: Innovation & Industry (1827-2013)" exhibit put together by the Northville Historical Society. It is the second special exhibit organized by the society, and comes on the heels of last year's 40th anniversary exhibit on the history of Mill Race Village.

According to Heidi Nielsen, archivist and curator at Mill Race Village, people who visit the exhibit might be surprised to learn of the community's industrial

"This is a huge slice of Northville's history. Northville was a huge manufacturing community," she said.

About a dozen companies are featured in the exhibit, including the Globe Furniture and Manufacturing Company (1873-1931), known for manufacturing school desks, the Stimpson Scale & Manufacturing Co. (1906 to 1926), which built wagon and farm scales and coffee mills, and Stinson Aircraft Corporation (1926-1929). which built aircraft and was led by famed pilot



Northville Historical Society's Heidi Nielsen (left) and Michele Fecht take a look at a pair of wood patterns used in the creation of large bells by Northville's American Bell and Foundry in the 1800s. The patterns, discovered in a residence along Dunlap in the 1970s, are part of an exhibit that will run through October at Mill Race Village. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Eddie Stinson (the "dean of American aviators").

Michele Fecht, of the historical society, put together many of the displays with the help of photographer (and husband) Steve Fecht and Jessica Tiernan. As she was assembling information, Fecht was amazed at the influence some of the local companies had, including the Globe Furniture and Manufacturing Company, which was the largest manufacturer of school desks and church furniture. Fortunately, the exhibit includes one of those desks on loan from a local man

who heard about the

exhibit.

There's also plenty of information about the men who started the companies, including the influence they had on the local community. "The neat thing is the men who started these companies were community leaders in every sense of the word, including men like Francis R. Beal of the Globe Furniture and Manufacturing Company," Fecht said

The exhibit includes plenty of photos, which show a vastly different landscape than today's Northville residents will recognize, and some items the historical soci-

ety has been able to cobble together, including a bell from American Bell and Foundry and a refrigerator from Columbia Refrigerator, that haven't been on exhibit in Mill Race Village's build-

"We wouldn't be able to exhibit any of these items in our buildings because they really don't go with the buildings. So this gives us a chance to show them off to the public," said Nielsen.

The exhibit is free and open to the public on Sundays from 1-4 p.m. For more information, call Mill Race Village at (248) 348-1845.

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Northville sweeps national titles in Math Games

The Northville Academic Games team brings together kids from the third to sixth grades to practice and compete in games of mathematics, logic, history and language. The Northville team practiced over the summer and for two to three hours a week over the course of six months to prepare. They then devoted one Saturday a month to regional competitions, ultimately winning top of their region. From there, 45 Northville students headed to Grand Rapids for a three-day, overnight, rigorous tournament against more than 400 kids from across the state. A team of five Northville students won first place in the state for the 3rd and 4th grade level for all three games they played: Equations, game of creative mathematics, On Sets, games of set theory, and On Words. (Amerman players Oliver Wu, Rithik Babu, Ahmad Raai-

yan, Jeffrey Zhang and Jeffrey Yang.) Northville's fifth- and sixth-graders brought home state championships in all three advanced math and logic games played at the tournament in their age group: Adventurous Equations, Adventurous On Sets and Wff 'N Proof, thereby qualifying 20 team members to advance to the National Tournament in Charlotte, North Carolina. The students included Amerman fifth-graders Tejas Gumudavelly, Ryan Vig, Brett Arenberg, Liana Lau, Rohan Kodati, Arjun Dinesh, Marcel Wong, Austin Hu, John

Bailey, and Anish Palli; Meads Mill sixth-graders Timothy Wu, Saaz Malhotra, Alex Ge, Isabella Lee, Surbhi Neole, Krisha Patel, Dhruv Patel, Jean Xiong and Abby Deng; and from Hillside student Nehaar Nimmagad-

At the National Tournament, the Northville teams swept the National Titles at all three of the mathematic and logic games. Timothy Wu won the Silver Thinker Award for the overall second highest score of all students at the tournament in games from all disciplines. Austin Hu won a Golden Thinker for besting 289 kids in the history game, Presidents.

Parent coaches Karen Chapel, Kim Vig, Madhur Malhotra, Yang Yang and Katie Bis worked with the players throughout the year to help them master mathematic concepts and other strategies needed for the games. Amerman Principal Stephen Anderson also devoted considerable time and support to the players.

According to organizers, Academic Games get kids excited about mathematics and other subjects by encouraging them to think creatively to outwit opponents. Competitions develop confident, fast-thinking, team players. In one published study, intensive play of the logic game, Wff 'N Proof even raised players' nonverbal I.Q. scores over 20 points. To learn more about these games, visit AGLOA.org or MLAGONLINE.com.



The Northville Academic Games team won numerous state championships in mathematics, language and logic games back in March. Through their success at the state level, 20 fifth and sixth graders qualified to compete at the National Academic Games Tournament in Charlotte, North Carolina, where they brought home the gold in all math and logic games played at there age level.

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District budget looking brighter

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The financial outlook, at least at the end of this school year, has changed for Northville Public Schools. District officials expect some added revenue as well as a potential boost in per pupil funding for next year.

After a 7-0 vote of the Northville Board of Education, the district is adding money to its budget through a yearending budget amendment. According to Mike Zopf, the district's assistant superintendent for operations and finances, the June budget amendment for the 2012-13 school year is projected to add \$2,149,000 to the general fund.

This comes after an amendment made late last year that had the district projecting a \$176,307 decrease in revenue. However, things have changed.

Zopf said the budget amendment reflects an increase in projected general fund balance of \$2,325,000 from the December 2012 budget amendment.

"This increase reflects primarily a significant reduction of \$1,075,000 in health insurance claims following implementation of the district's high deductible health plan last year, a onetime revenue increase of \$758,400 from prior year reimbursements due to property tax abatements, Medicaid payments and a worker's compensation equity distribution for 1998-2004, and a reduction of \$426,000 in unemployment compensation," he explained.
Going forward the district expects

challenges, but Zopf said it has remained steady because of sacrifice.

"Over the last two years, the district's financial position has improved markedly, due to sacrifices made by our entire school community (staff, parents and students) and some difficult operational decisions. Still, we anticipate that public school funding will continue to be challenging for all Michigan districts in the years ahead," he said. "This will require that the district continue to be prudent when making future spending decisions in order to maintain the array of high quality programs for our students.

That said, he said that the improvement in the district's financial position will assist in at least three ways.

As it concludes this school year, the district is currently in contract negotiations with many employee groups. He said the administration and staff share a common goal for these negotiations fair, competitive and sustainable labor agreements.

'Northville Public Schools is a high performing district; made possible in part by the collective efforts of a talented and dedicated staff at all levels. Having a stronger financial position enables fair, competitive and sustainable agreements," according to Zopf.

Second, over the last few years of school funding cuts, the district has reduced spending on discretionary nonpersonnel costs, including maintenance. Through the support of the Northville community, the district passed a sinking fund millage in 2011, which has greatly aided it in undertaking large-scale projects that would otherwise not be possible, Zopf said. However, state law precludes the use of sinking fund revenues for routine maintenance, and this is an area where the district has deferred spending over the last few years.

And finally, because of variability in district operational costs and the absence of state aid payments from Aug. 20 through Oct. 20 each year, it is necessary to maintain an adequate general fund balance for operating purposes. According to Zopf, the Board of Education has a longstanding goal of maintaining a fund balance target of 11 percent of current operating expenditures. He added, although with school funding reductions in recent years, the district's actual fund balance, or rainy day fund, has been below that target.

For next year, although not final, the district anticipates that school funding will reflect a minor increase of \$5 per student in Northville, for an increase of about \$35,000.

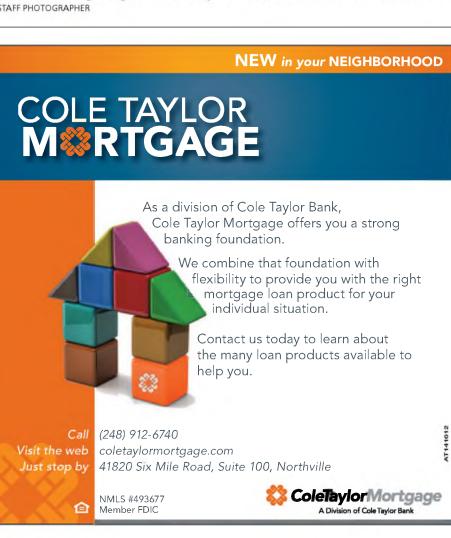
The 2013-14 budget for Northville is still under development, as it awaits the finalization of the School Aid Bill in

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Students hit the exits for summer vacation



Retiring Ridge Wood Elementary School teacher Marie Thomas smiles as she hands Brooke Buszka a gift bag on their last day of school on June 13. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Local Scout earns Eagle rank for arboretum work

John Sas, a sophomore at Livonia Churchill High School and member of Boy Scout Troop 271 at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, was recognized June 2 for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Sas' Eagle Project included restoration work at Bennett Arboretum in Northville. Established in 1934, Bennett Arboretum is Michigan's oldest public arboretum. It is located in Hines Park and managed by the Wayne County Department of Parks.

Sas removed more than 4,500 square feet of invasive species and woody brush from the

area surrounding two historic hickory trees and one historic maple tree. He also planted two sapling hickory trees. He raised nearly \$500 for the project, which totaled 259 hours.

Sas has been a Scout since first grade. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow and his leadership positions have included patrol leader and troop librarian. He has earned 31 merit badges. He has enjoyed many camping experiences with the troop, including Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, the Kalamazoo Air Zoo, white water rafting in Virginia and Florida Sea



John Sas, a member of Boy Scout Troop 271, stands near one of two hickory trees he planted as part of his Eagle Project at Bennett Arboretum in Hines Park.

Al-Khersan, Zuo win garden club scholarships



The Northville Garden Club awarded its annual scholarships on June 10 at the Northville Township home of Patty Page (far right). Pictured (from left) are club member Julie Mantay, scholarship winners Tina Al-Khersan and Connie Zuo, garden club president Mimi Kibbe, Ardis McCloud and Page. Northville High student Kevin Collareno (not pictured) picked up a scholarship as well. All students will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall. Al-Khersan earned a \$1,500 scholarship, while Zuo and Collareno received \$1,000 scholarships. John Heider I staff photographer

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Ryan Gage, a resident of Northville, received a master of science degree in accounting, assurance and advisory during the May 2013 Southern Methodist University Commencement ceremony.

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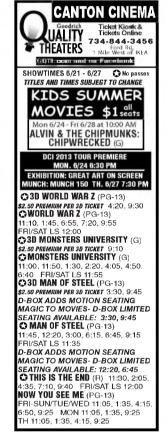
Michigan Technological University undergraduate Eugene Kim, a chemical engineering major from Northville, applied for and was awarded a prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. He will use the scholarship to study in South Korea.

The Gilman Scholarship program aims to diversify the kinds of students who study

abroad by supporting undergraduates who otherwise might not participate in international study due to financial constraints. The grants to Michigan Tech students total \$18,000.

Ohio Northern grad

Matthew A. Sims, son of Michael and Elaine Sims of Novi, graduated from the College of Business Administration at Ohio Northern University. He received a bachelor of science degree in business administration in pharmaceutical business. Sims was active in the Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Business Professions Club, the American Marketing Association and Phi Mu Delta fraternity. He is a graduate of Northville High School.



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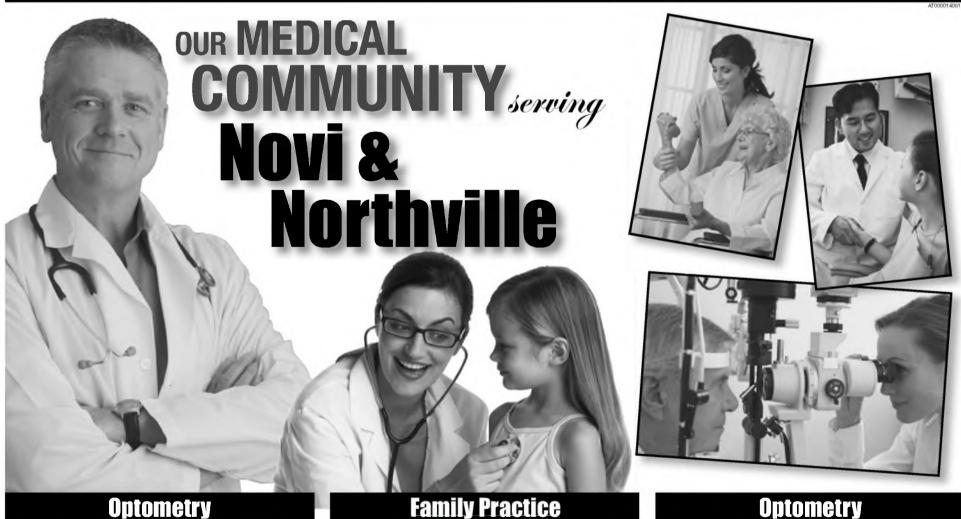
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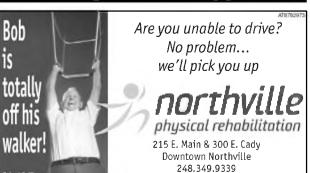
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Ladywood says goodbye to Class of 2013

School in Livonia graduated its Class of 2013 on June 2.

Seventy-seven young women received diplomas. The day began with a Baccalaureate Mass followed by the Commencement at St. John Neumann Parish in Can-

Co-valedictorians were Falon Simpson of Northville and Laurel Cummings of Westland, and co-salutatorians were Alexandra Parisot of Dearborn and Allison Mallick of Northville.

The class of 2013 was offered more than \$4

million in scholarship money, including both academic and athletic. Hannah Pereira of Farmington Hills received a full-ride scholarship to the Naval Academy, and Andrea Anastos of Farmington Hills received a full-ride scholarship for ice hockey to Boston College.

"It was a beautiful day as these young ladies were celebrated for their accomplishments, inducted into the alumnae association, and bid farewell to the home they have known for four years," Principal Tracey L. Mocon said.



Ladywood Salutatorian Allison Mallick is from Northville. She has been accepted at University of Michigan, Ann



Valedictorian Falon Simpson hails from Northville. She's headed to University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.



The 5k race takes off from Northville Downs on June 8 during the Kona Run. Northville High Alum Brandon Langston (#4532) leads the pack at left.

Emma Driskell, 8, helps to stretch out the hamstring of her sister Audrey, 6, as the two prepare to run in one of the Kona races in Northville on June 8. Chiefly sponsored by Kona Running Co. and St. Mary Mercy Hospital of Livonia, the race featured runs for kids, kids and parents and the main 10k run that went off from Northville Downs around 9 a.m. The event raised funds for local charitable and non-profit organizations like the Karmanos Cancer institute, Northville Parks & Recreation Department, Northville Educational Foundation and the University of Michigan CS Mott Children's Hospital.

Kona Run heats up Northville streets



Kids line up to give high fives to runners as they take off from the start line during the main 5k run during the Kona Run at Northville Downs on June 8. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Up, up and away

Amerman students learn science with simulated space mission

By Lonnie Huhman

As part of a year-end class project, a group of fifth-graders at Amerman Elementary School recently took a simulated trip into space to conduct some experiments and ecological tests.

The project was wrapped up with a debriefing which involved the students reporting on their tasks and findings. Students in Katie Pinkelman's class worked in 10-person teams with students playing all the essential roles from mission specialists, scientists to logistics.

"It was a real life experience," said fifthgrader Tejas Gumadavel-

The project has been done before at Amerman and it was given a boost of help and reality with previous help from Jim and Tandy Bagian, both who had been with NASA. This year the mission preparation work began in April with the kids interviewing for the roles they wanted to

perform, and then from there planning and performing their missions.

Pinkelman said the goals were to learn about teamwork, critical thinking and problem-solving.

This has been a pretty amazing experience for the students, from completing job applications and having interviews to the actual mission, the students have done an outstanding job," she said the day of the mission debriefing.

The school's courtyard was set up as the stage for the planet where the astronauts would be conducting their experiments. With a grant from the Northville Educational Foundation, students built and used a LEGO Rover attached with a wireless camera as part of the mission as well as walkie-talkies to communicate.

The day of the mission, like many things in real life, was filled with bumps in the road. From the rainy weather to missing supplies, the students worked to overcome them to successfully complete their mission. Without them knowing, Ms. Pinkelman took out the mission manual from the shuttle/wagon to further challenge them.

The experiments they ran included physical tests like taking their pulse, gauging the temperature and testing the

Fifth-grader Maeve Lucas, who acted as a mission specialist, said there was a lot of learning, when dealing with these challenges. She and her team said they should have packed the shuttle/wagon better and conducted more training, but they still enjoyed the project.

The highlight for fifthgrader John Bailey was the arrival back to Earth/ classroom.

"My proudest moment was walking back into the room and hearing the cheers," he said.

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"Mission specialist" Maeve Lucas gives a debriefing, along with other students, about the NASA-like effort "Mission infinity and Beyond" at Amerman on May 30. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF **PHOTOGRAPHER**



Northville residents Stephanie Smith, JLB president-elect; and her husband, Sean; and JLB member Shannon Hogan. PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLES



Jason and Erika Schwannecke of Northville attended the Junior League of Birmingham's celebration at Oakland Hills Country Club.

It's all fun and games at Moraine field day



Moraine Elementary School third grader Sebastian Riedle-Rueda works on his hoola-hooping skills during the school's field day activities. The last day of school was June 13.

Moraine student Sophie James (right) lunges at a suspended donut during a fun game at the school's June 11 field day activities. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Locals help Junior League celebrate anniversary

The Junior League of Birmingham celebrated 60 years of doing stellar community service at Oakland Hills Country Club, where the JLB charter was first signed 60 years ago. The blacktie gala was a celebration of raising more than \$7,800,000 and contributing more than 1,150,000 volunteer hours. JLB's major initiative is com-

bating childhood obesity through its many health awareness programs, including Kids in the Kitchen, Girls on the Run (ages 8-13) and a new program called Little Green Gardeners. This new launch brings JLB members together with elementary schools to help kids build and plant vegetable gardens at the schools.

To stay vibrant, JLB is having a new members recruitment Open House from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, at the JLB Headquarters, 460 N. Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham. RSVP to newmembers@jlbham.org or call Joey at 810-908-0731. Then, once you become a

member, be sure not to

miss JLB's Girls' Night

out hosted by JLB Sponsor Dr. Vasileff at Orchard Day Spa on Southfield Road in Birmingham. The fun evening will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 11th. RSVP to Northville resident and JLB president-elect, stephaniesmithexecutivevp@jlbham.org.

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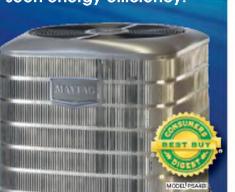
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Cox office hours

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, R-Livonia, will be conducting office hours in Northville on Monday, June 24, from 1-2 p.m. at the Northville District Library, located at 212 W. Cady St.

Constituents will have the opportunity to meet with Cox and discuss matters of concern within the community.

"This type of setting provides a wonderful opportunity to sit down one-on-one and state what is on your mind," Cox said. "I always look forward to meeting with my constituents and appreciate the exchange of information. I believe it is beneficial, and necessary, for progress to continue in our community.'

For more information, contact Cox at 313-224-0946.

Reel Michigan Film Festival

As part of the fourth annual Arts and Acts Festival in downtown Northville, the Reel Michigan Film Festival 2013 will feature a diverse collection of Michigan-made short films beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 29 at the historic Marquis Theatre, followed by a Q and A with filmmakers. At 8:30 p.m., the festival will hold a special community screening of Judith R. Burdick's documentary, "Transforming Loss" at 8:30 p.m. Immediately following the film there will be an after-party, with awards, at Poole's Bak

The documentary "Trans-

COMMUNITY BRIEFS Volunteers fix up trails at Maybury



On June 1, REI and the Friends of Maybury sponsored National Trails Day at Maybury State Park located in Northville Township. About 40 volunteers worked on extending a boardwalk, trails maintenance, and pulling garlic mustard. Materials for the boardwalk were purchased through a grant from REI.

forming Loss," produced by Judith Burdick, provides firstperson accounts of six Michigan families and their remarkable stories of profound loss and transformation.

This year, Reel Michigan is excited to announce Kathi J. Moore as emcee. A Michigan native, Moore has appeared in a wide range of acclaimed projects, most notably on film as Phyllis in the James Franco project "Tar" and on stage as Mrs. Ware in Dr. Sweet's Tinderbox. Behind the scenes, Kathi has contributed to Michigan's vibrant independent film community in casting and production and is a veteran of the burgeoning "48-hour" film

Tickets for the festival are \$10, and can be purchased at the following locations:

» Northville Art House, 215 West Cady Street, Northville. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. For more information, call 248-344-0497

» Marquis Theatre Box Office, 135 East Main Street. For more information, call 248-349-8110.

There will be free admission to the after party with a Reel Michigan ticket stub for those over 21. The Bak Bar (directly behind Poole's Tavern) is located at 157 E Main St.

Visit www.reelmichiganfilmfest.com to view trailers and for more information.

Garlic mustard pull

Volunteers are needed to remove invasive garlic mustard from Maplewood Park, located on Maplewood Street in Northville.

Garlic mustard is a growing threat to our natural areas, crowding out the native understory wildflowers and other vegetation. The time to effectively remove this invasive plant this season is coming to an end, as once the seed pods mature and dry out, plants are best left in place to reduce the accidental distribution of seed over even more vast areas.

Volunteers, neighbors and friends of Maplewood are needed to keep this pest plant under control. Meet them at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, to help with their efforts. Weather dependent. For more details, call 248-347-0899.

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.

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

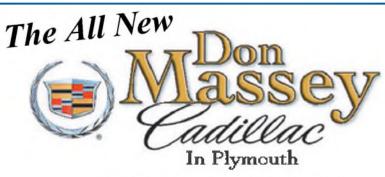
The ninth annual Northville Grub Crawl, sponsored by Remerica Hometown One -Patti Mullen and The Home Depot, returns on Tuesday, July 23, from 6-10 p.m. Participating restaurants provide free samples of appetizers and signature items along with cash bar specials for the "Crawlers." Ticket holders receive a flier 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.

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A search of the name on it came back with no

information, but a further search discovered the name and birth date didn't match up. The license said she was born in 1991, but the search of her true identity turned up that person was born in 1993.

The case remains

Obstructing officer

Two 18-year-olds got into some trouble in the early morning hours of June 7 after getting into a verbal confrontation with each other near the 19800 block of Crystal Lake Drive in Northville Township.

According to police

NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

reports, a neighbor called to report that the boyfriend and girlfriend were yelling at one another around 3 a.m. An officer was sent to check it out. When the officer arrived, the two teens hopped a fence and fled the scene. However, the male had left his vehicle parked on the street with the door open. The officer found his wallet on the floor of the car, and tracked him back to his parents home on Scenic Harbor.

After the vehicle was impounded, the officer contacted his parents, and the mother called back around 6 a.m. to

report her son had come home. Officers arrived to question the teen and ask why he had run off. The girlfriend was also hiding in the home, but ultimately spoke to police. During questioning, officers detected the odor of liquor on both suspects. Both were checked for the blood alcohol level. The male registered a .071 blood alcohol level, and the female registered a .044 level.

Police arrested both of them for obstructing a police investigation, and they were released the next day. They were given a June 26 date in 35th District Court.

Handgun stolen

A handgun was stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the City of Northville.

Sometime during the night of June 13 or the early morning hours of the next day, a Northville man's vehicle was broken into by an unknown suspect. It was parked in his driveway in the 300 block of Sherrie Lane. Among the items stolen was a revolver, camera and laptop computer.

There were no prints lifted and no suspects at this time.

B&E attempt

Two men attempted to

break into a Northville residence before being spooked away by a 13year-old boy inside the home. They ran away after being discovered.

On June 14, Northville City Police responded to a breaking and entering in progress on S. Chigwidden Drive. Two suspects reportedly smashed a rear window before the teenager spotted them. The 13-year-old told police he heard the door bell ring prior to the window smashing.

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Mid-Week Study Thursday 7:00 p.m. Rev. Michael Horlocker, Pasto www.fpcsouthlyon.org

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248-486-4404

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Car cruises, shows: Fun in sun

By Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

In August 2012, an estimated 40,000 classic and hot rod cars joined the processional cruise along Hines Drive. And that was double the number of cars

who attended the first cruise in 2011. '2013? I quit guessing," said Don Nicholson of Don Nicholson Enterprises.

Nicholson is the Westland resident behind the Cruisin' Hines event, as well as a number of other well-known shows and cruises throughout metro Detroit.

Cruises and car shows are just a part of the summer scene in the Motor City metropolitan area. Whether large or small, the events that offer their own brand of Americana, draw hundreds if not thousands of car enthusiasts and collectors, as well as an equal amount of interested spectators.

"I think it is a regional thing. Does the Motor City have a lock on it? No. But it is king," Nicholson said.

Bob Steinhaus, founding member of the Grand River Cruisers Car Club, which hosts Cruis'n the Grand weekly in downtown Farmington agrees.

"They are popular because it is Michigan. We have good weather and gorgeous cars."

And there is a difference between cruises and car shows. Cruises are typically without a registration fee for car enthusiasts who enter classic or hot rods cars. A car show comes with a registration fee and can include an awards show.

Regardless whether it's a cruise or a show, spectators are sure to be entertained this summer when they see the true classics - historic cars - as well as revved up hot rods. It isn't unusual, Nicholson said, for a lot of people to buy fairly new cars and modify them, whether with spiffy wheels and hubcaps or redone interiors or any other modifications that suit their fancies.

There are a lot of different levels," Nicholson said. "There is something definitely for every individual." Car enthusiasts can spend as little as a few thousand dollars on purchasing a classic or rod or as much as several hundred thousand dollars. "You really can see such a wide range," Nicholson add-

On a smaller scale, the Grand River

Cruisers Car Club begins its weekly Cruis'n the Grand as early as April. The event began years ago in Farmington and though the cruisers have moved to a variety of places for the gathering, it is now nestled cozily in the parking lot of the Village Commons shopping center on the north side of Grand River, just east of Grove. Car enthusiasts and spectators gather beginning at 5 p.m. every Monday and stay until dusk. The Grand River Cruisers also help raise money for local charities and the needy.



Bellacino's Restaurant parking lot on Grand River again hosts the annual Monday evening gathering of vintage cars. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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BLACK, MARIE

passed away on June 15th 2013. She was raised in Wixom; daughter of the late Thomas and Lois Maheu. Marie is survived by her children: Bev-erly Askins, Debbie (James) Askins, Charlene (John) Peace, and Christina (Paul) King. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 26-great grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren and 2 brothers and 6 sisters. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Charles Black in 2008, 3 grandsons, 1 greatgranddaughter and 2 sisters. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 6:00 to 9:00 and Friday from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral service will be Saturday, June 22nd at 10:00 a.m. at:

PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Memorial contributions requested to the family.

CARLIN, WILLIAM L., III

Age 55. Bill passed away peacefully with his family by his side on June 16, 2013. Beloved husband of Vicki Carlin (nee Aranosian). Loving father of Alexandria Carlin, Tahlene (Dan) Kelley and Melanie Carlin. Dear son of William Carlin Jr. and Ruthmary Manglesdorf. Dear brother of Leslie Roth. Dear brother in law of of Patricia (Jim) Stamboulian and Elizabeth (Armen) Hovannisian. Bill will also be missed by relatives, friends and business associates. Bill was the proud owner of American Diabetic Supply. A Memorial Gathering will take place on Saturday, June 22, 2013 from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm at the Gem Theatre, 333 Madison (Corner of Madison and Brush), Detroit. Parking is behind the Theatre in the Gem Theatre Parking Garage. At 12:00 pm, a spiritual message will be given at he theatre. In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Bill are to Forgotten Harvest, 21800 Greenfield Rd., Oak Park, MI

To send a loving message, please go to Bill's obituary at www.ekfh.net

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DANOWSKI, DENISE Age 57, passed away June 10, 2013. She was born on November 22, 1955, in Detroit. She was a very giving person, and an excellent wife and mother, who will always be remembered for giving big hugs. She is survived by her loving husband Douglas Danowski; children: Antoinette (Chris) Travers, Chad Danowski; her father Henry Sokolowski and 5 sisters and a brother. She was preceded in death by her mother Dorothy Sokolowski. Visitation was held on June 16, Sunday, from 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West

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DAVIO,

JAMES R. Age 64, passed away June 11, 2013. He was born on May 31, 1949, in Detroit, to the late George and Lucille (Morrow) Davio. James is survived by his loving wife Nancy Davio; children: Kyle Davio, Seth Davio; siblings: Patricia Gasparotto, Roy Davio and Carey Davio. He was preceded in death by his son Heath Davio. Visitation was held on June 14, Friday, from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. A Liturgy of the Word Funeral Service was held on June 15, Saturday, at 10:00 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, memorial don -

ations may be made to: www.firstgiving.com/ fundraiser/JamesRDavio



Age 67, passed away June 14, 2013. Interment will be held in Great Lakes National Cemetery,



MELISSA'L.

Age 22, passed away June 11, 2013. She was born on July 1, 1990, in Southfield. She was a very loving and genuine person who was full of life, strong wil-led and a free spirit. She loved music and was very creative, an excellent artist, and had a keen eye for art. Melissa is survived by her loving father Bruce Giffin and step-mother Kathleen Mayo; biological mother Diane Doskoch; and maternal grandparents: Marion and Neil Evans. She is also survived by her aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents: James and LaDonna Giffin. Visitation was held on June 14, Friday, from 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. A funeral service was held on June 15, Saturday, at 11:00 a.m., at Crossroads Community Church, South Lyon.

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KIRKPATRICK, CHARLES B. "CHUCK" Died peacefully at home, in

Bloomfield Village, MI sur-10, 2013. It was his 85th birth-Beloved husband of the late Phyllis and the late Gretchen. Dear father of Tom (Sue), Carol Kirkpatrick Jackman (Ed), David (Lynn) and Don (Katie). Loving grandfather of Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, Katherine Kirkpatrick Bos, Rob Kirkpatrick, Anne Kirkpatrick Breithaupt, Daniel Kirkpatrick, Emily Jackman, William Jackman, Patrick Jackman, Julia Kirkpatrick and William Kirkpatrick. Brother of McKinney Kirkpatrick Julia (Mark). Memorial services were held Monday at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial tributes to the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation, 30400 Telegraph Rd., Suite 150, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48025 or Oakland County Crossroads for Youth, 930 E. Drahner Rd., P.O. Box 9, Oxford, MI 48371.

A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500, view obituary & share memories:

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ROPER. LILLIAN O.

Age 83, passed away June 17, 2013. She was born on January 14, 1930 in Rome, Georgia, daughter of the late Jasper & Ozella Hooker. Following many years of dedicated service, Lillian retired from South Lyon Schools. She is survived by her loving children: Carolyn (Paul) Nagy, James Roper, Phyllis (Harold) Jones, Peggy (Fred Zink) Hanselman, Larry (Janelle) Roper, Ray (Cheryl) Eaves, Denise Brewer, Robert (Penny) Eaves, Rick (Sheree) Roper, Judy Hayward, Tammy (Paul) Smith and Donna (Ron) Eller. She is also survived by her daughter-in-law, Debbie Eaves, grandchildren, 28 greatgrandchildren, and numerous great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Joseph Eaves in 1974 and her second husband, Floyd Roper in 2003, her son Thomas Eaves in 2013 and her grandson Darren Roper. Visitation was held on Tuesday and Wednesday at PHILLIPS FU-NERAL HOME, South Lyon. Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, June 20 at 11:00am at the First Baptist Church of South Lyon, 60820

Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon. Online guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com.





POE NAOMI BEAM

Aged 91 and a 27 year resident of Athens, Tennessee, died peacefully on June 15, 2013 in Athens, Tennessee with family members at her side. Naomi was born July 28, 1921, in Tallmadge, Ohio to Charles and Jenny Beam. Wife of Alfred P. Poe (deceased, 1982), they raised four wonderful children, Sandra Poe Snethen (husband Paul), Charles (wife Carol), William (wife Kem) and Alfred (wife Christine) Poe. Married just pri-or to World War Two, Naomi attended Kent State University and obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Educational Science while her husband served his country. She eventually went on to complete her Master's Degree at Oakland University in Michigan. Naomi and her family were long time Northville, Michigan residents as she was a beloved elementary school teacher at Moraine and Amerman Elementary from 1968 through 1989. She is preceded in death her two younger sisters, Viola Chudnov, Jackie Shreve and is survived by her four children, seven grand children, four great grandchildren and one great grandchild. Naomi will be laid to rest alongside her husband in Rootstown, Ohio. There, family members and friends will attend a private ceremony.

SMALL, JAMES E.

Age 46, June 14, 2013. Visitation Thursday, June 20 3:00-9:00 pm, funeral 7:00 pm at the funeral home. phillipsfuneral.com



SHIRLEY (MAINLAND)

July 16th, 1929~ June 15th, 2013 Age 83 of Milford, formerly of Bloomfield Hills passed away on June 15th, 2013. She now joins her beloved husband of over 50 years, Alfred Robie Wood, Sr., known to his family and friends as "Woody". Shirley is survived by her children, A. Robie Wood (Mary Ellen), Bruce C. Wood, Missy M. Chabot and Laura W. Czarnecky (James); her seven grand children Abby, Hannah and Emma Wood, Robie (Lauren) and Christopher Skinner, Jessica and Jenna Cznarnecky and her very first great grandchild, Jax Robie Skinner. All of whom she loved fiercely, inspired greatly and made laugh uncontrollably. A teacher of many lessons, Shirley's wisdom has touched many lives and brightened many days. A constant source of kindness, enthusiasm, charm and cheer, she will be deeply missed by her family and friends. Services will be held privately. Memorials may be made in her honor to your favorite charity, or by simply opening a door for a stranger, sharing a smile or telling a joke to some-one in need of a good laugh. For further information please

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Brightmoor Christian Church

Location: M5 and 13 Mile Road, Novi Contact: 248-227-4420 or www.brightmoorchurch.org

Celebrate Recovery Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Mondays Details: Worship, teaching or testimony, and open-share recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits, and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through

Church of the Holy Family

fifth grade. Please pre-register.

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road **Contact:** 248-349-8847 or visit holy-

familynovi.org **Mass Schedule**

Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday (Wednesdays ends after June 26); 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)

Holy days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. **Reconciliation:** beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Priests: Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and Rev. Michael Zuelch, associate pastor

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road

Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.

Sunday worship: 11:15 a.m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all

Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com

or visit www.DW3C.org. **Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

Location: 34567 7 Mile Road, Livonia Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org Contact: 248-442-8822 Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m.

and 11 a.m. (10 a.m. only June 30) Adult special needs worship: 9:30

Youth group: Tuesdays at 7:45-9

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"

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

Youth group: 7:45-9 p.m. Tuesdays Rummage Sale: July 18-20

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile **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

First Baptist Church of Northville Location: 217 N. Wing

Contact: 248-348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

First Baptist Church of Novi -Family Intergrated Church

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road **Contact:** 248-349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org

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Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of

Eight Mile Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit dfcna-

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

gram, Youth Worship Service Wednesdays: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$5 per person, \$15 per 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

First Presbyterian **Church of Northville**

Location: 200 E. Main **Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit www. fpcnorthville.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church Location: 205 East Lake Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon

Contact: 248-437-2875 **First United Methodist**

Church of Northville Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, North-

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

Summer Sunday Worship (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 and 10 a.m. Summer Sunday School (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 a.m. - Nursery; 10

a.m. - Nursery - sixth grade
Sunday Worship (September-May): 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.

Sunday School (September-May): 8 a.m. Nursery; 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery sixth grade

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi Contact: 248-349-0565 **Sundays:** 8:45 a.m. Sunday School

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Contact: 248-427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org

Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m. **Sunday School and Nursery Care:** 10 a.m. Worship Service

Alzheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m.

Lakes Baptist Church

second Saturday of month.

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled

Livonia Church of Christ Location: 15431 Merriman, 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 Eight Mile and Nine Mile Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister, 248-348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.

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OUR VIEW

Due respect

Teachers deserve a fair evaluation process

You've probably already noticed that there are a lot of happy children out there running around. And who can blame them, with this being the first full week of summer vacation. We would like to congratulate all of the members of the Class of 2013 for achieving an important milestone, as well as all the local students for completing another successful school year. Enjoy your summer, but don't forget all the important lessons you've learned in the classroom.

We hope you have had an opportunity to take a look at the last couple editions of the *Record*, as we have been documenting a lot of the end of the year activities at our local schools. Among all the joyous graduation and prom photos, however, you may have missed our recent story about Northville Public Schools adopting a new policy that will allow the district to fire teachers who receive an "ineffective" rating.

The policy change was meant to keep the district in line with a state law passed in 2011 by the Michigan Legislature that has proven to be fairly hostile toward the public education system in our state the last couple years. We have watched as state lawmakers have cut public funding (though they did restore a bit of it in their latest budget), expanded charter schools and opened the door to so-called cyber schools. They have also zeroed in on public school teachers, who some lawmakers feel make too much money and are too left-leaning.

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The new Northville policy – and state law – requires annual teacher evaluations to be based largely on student growth, and will be used to determine things like placement, promotion, compensation and retention.

In Northville, a rating of "ineffective" or "minimally effective" could lead to dismissal of both probationary and tenued teachers. Overall, there are four ratings: Highly Effective, Effective, Minimally Effective and Ineffective.

While everybody wants to make sure truly ineffective teachers are not in the classroom, teachers unions have been critical of the law, believing it gives administrators an unfair tool to punish teachers for any number of issues. In Northville, for example, last year (the first year of evaluations) only 50 out of 430 teachers received a highly effective rating, which is a bit curious considering the outstanding test scores achieved by students across the district.

The public must ensure that this evaluation process is fair and transparent, which district officials have said will be the case. Whether we like it or not, test scores have become the primary measuring stick for today's teachers, not only locally but across the nation. Whether this is fair or not probably depends on your point of view. But the fact is there are many factors that impact student performance, including many that are outside of the classroom. Test scores don't tell the whole story.

The bottom line is teachers play a valuable role in our society. Outside of parents, they probably have the most influence over our children. They deserve our respect and support as they attempt to mold their students into productive members of society.

Are there bad teachers out there? Of course there are. Just like there are bad cops, bad fire-fighters, bad mechanics, bad engineers, and so on.

If the policy and state law work as advertised, the bad teachers will be weeded out, and their classrooms will hopefully be filled by other teachers eager to come to work every day and influence our most precious resource – our children. And let's face it, that's what most teachers do. They put their heart and soul into the job, and treat our children as if they were their own during school hours. They deserve an evaluation process that is fair and transparent.



Ridge Wood Elementary School teacher Merilee Zane works with student Winston Richter on squaring away their classroom on the last day of school on June 13. Zane will be retiring this year after 20 years with the school district. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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How have the higher gas prices impacted your daily life?

We asked this question in downtown Northville and the Northville District Library.



"I retired two weeks ago, so I'm driving less. But it's impacting everyone. You can't spend on a lot of other things and you're limited to not driving as much."

George Robinson
Plymouth

"Not a lot. I don't drive that much, but when I do it's organized routes. However, that doesn't mean I'm happy with them."

> Russ Dore` Northville



"I haven't changed much. I still go to the places I need to, like work."

> Paul Anker Northville



"No, go over to Europe and see their prices. We've been spoiled. There have been higher prices over there for years."

Carol Livermore
Northville

LETTERS

Memorable night

I am a committee member with the Northville High School Senior All Night Party for 2013. Our party this year was a huge success due to many dedicated parents and members of the community. Many made very generous donations to ensure the graduating class had a safe and memorable night. Last week, our committee placed a half page ad in the Northville Record and Novi News and through an oversight on my part forgot to mention the following sponsors and

Bronze sponsors: Patti Mullen, Dennis Engerer - Northville Physical Rehabilitation, Daniel J. Webber, and Forever Fit Personal Training LLC.

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It is with sincere apologies that they were not mentioned in the original ad and with deepest gratitude that I mention them here.

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Support Medicaid expansion As the CEOs of three major

As the CEOs of three major health systems in Michigan, we support Gov. Rick Snyder's Healthy Michigan Plan that strives to improve and strengthen our state's Medicaid program and offer health insurance to low-income working adults.

Failing to accept federal support to provide health insurance to an estimated 450,000 working Michigan adults – including many veterans – will have serious consequences to our local economy. Michigan will forgo about \$2.1 billion in economic activity and an estimated 18,000 new jobs generated by the additional federal dollars coming into the state's health care system.

Business leaders across Michigan – including the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Association of Michigan and the Detroit Regional Chamber – are quick to point out that Medicaid reform can help slow the increase in health insurance premiums paid by Michigan employers, by reducing the burden of uncompensated care currently borne by Michigan hospitals. According to some estimates, this cost-shift has imposed a hidden tax of about \$1,000 per family through higher

health insurance premiums. Some have suggested that the state cannot afford to enhance Medicaid. Yet this argument is not supported by several reports. They conclude that, with matching federal dollars, the curbing of cost-shifting, and the resulting healthier work force, Michigan would actually save money by strengthening Medicaid. Adopting the governor's plan would also address the untreated health issues faced by Michiganders who are currently uninsured, putting patients and their families on a healthier

Today's Medicaid program is not perfect. The historical challenges posed by health care provider reimbursement and primary care access will not evaporate overnight, though in a recent report most providers indicated their willingness to take on newly covered patients. Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, University of Michigan Health System and St. John Providence Health System have the resources and willingness to care for Medicaid patients.

By embracing the opportunity

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to enhance Michigan's Medicaid program, we can improve health outcomes and program sustainability while creating efficiencies that will enable us to cover more of our citizens.

Our hospitals and clinical staff have a long history of treating the uninsured and underinsured in Southeast Michigan. While not the easy thing to do it is the right thing to do But we cannot solve the problems of the uninsured and underinsured on our own. Legislators have a unique opportunity to provide additional access to health care services for these vulnerable populations, relieve our businesses of some of the burden of cost-shifting, create new jobs and save our state precious tax

To those who argue we cannot afford to support Gov. Snyder's plan, we say: We cannot afford not to support the Healthy Michigan Plan.

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Media 'knows nothing'

National leadership accepts little responsibility, fatigued over their economic policy adroitly shifting to gun collecting, immigration, and open marriages. Piles of choking debt defended with silence by media and their trustworthiness tied to sinkers. Now our disappearing middle class American is too tired to cry over that steamrolling debt destined to manage the lifetimes of their young. Regulations stalled legitimate manufacturing while fruitless projects patronizing friends of our President brought many expensive green dry holes. Eventually bureaucratic pawns will be blamed and be thrown under the bus. Afterwords, new

assignments and raises in pay. All this pain and agony shown excusing Islam for actions under their label? We Americans ever so sensitive to any arrogant and robotic liberal hacking away at racism or malice, just pick up pieces. American Muslims must feel burdens in hate-filled attacks targeting their adopted homeland citing some expected acceptance by their deity. Even our challenging and confused Justice Department applying words, "workplace violence" to Major Hasan's Fort Hood brutal masIt's puzzling to me America remains friendly to nations who have no interest in America yet readily seek our good will. Dependence upon foreign oil is no excuse. Any benign neglect of sources of evil by good men invites its endless life. Some find the groups their foreign policy but must recast all militant missionaries of hate the enemies of peace for all innocents. Firm isolation and quarantine would accelerate action like a cork in a bottle.

Americas resources are wasted being stuck in a changeless Afghanistan tribal sinkhole. Any restrictions upon foreign elites will bring the screams of unfairness from the useless U.N., the fat educators and liberal media. So what? Such bold actions are very uncomfortable to our State Department always anxious for accommodation, then out to lunch.

The "Fast and Furious" fiasco, the IRS experiment with its very deadly potential, now the wide range of snooping all glossed over by the media. I believe most American media are stuck mirrored in Orwell's character Squealer, depicted as representing Russia's compliant Pravda, in being a total unquestioning enabler of the socialist dictator Napoleon, in Orwell's classic Animal Farm. Benghazi is the worst yet swept aside by them and will linger as a huge black eye for America. Peeling bureaucratic onions appears to expose more unwillingness to take responsibility using the well rehearsed message of Sergent Schultz,"I know nothing.

Jim Nowka Northville

Workers not overpaid

Michigan's prevailing wage law is attracting too much attention these days - and it's an unnecessary distraction from the real issues facing our state. The debate over road funding shouldn't get caught up in the debate over prevailing wage. We speak on behalf of some of the nation's top infrastructure firms headquartered right here in Michigan, representing both union and non-union companies – Ajax Paving Industries, Angelo Iafrate Construction Co., Anlaan Corp., Dan's Excavating Inc., Edw. C. Levy Co., Kamminga & Roodvoets Inc., M & M Excavating Co., Michigan Paving & Materials Co., P.K. Contracting Inc. and Walter Toebe Construction

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B. Thomas Stover president, Walter Toebe Construction Co.

Northville Art House is a hidden gem

By Joan Potter Thomas Guest Columnist

orthville has a hidden gem in its midst - the Northville Art House. Tucked on Cady Street behind the post office and across the street from the library, it can be easily

I know I am biased. As the director, I get to see what a treasure we have in our community on a daily basis. The passion and hard work of the North-

ville Arts Commissioners and other volunteers over many years have created a vibrant cultural center. The mission of the Art House is simple: we want to bring the best of the arts to our community through exhibits, education and our store.



Thomas

Our success is growing. The Art House exhibits are frequently highlighted in the Detroit Free Press "Play" section as one of the "Best of the Best" things to see in the Detroit area. The Detroit News included the Northville Art House in a recent article about ten small galleries that are making a big impact in the metro Detroit art community. Our shows highlight prominent Detroit area artists as well as group shows by our members; juried shows attracting submissions from all over the Mid west; and work by students in the Northville schools.

Art House classes are also gaining great reputations as we attract talented instructors and students of all ages who want to experiment, learn and grow. With cuts to arts education in the schools, we realize we are an important resource for parents and students who want to expand their instruction and we take this responsibility seriously.

In addition, the Art House store is an exciting resource. Full of one-of-akind artisan made items, it's a great place to find a unique gift or piece of art for the home.

We believe it is important for the community to remember that the

organization. We are extremely grateful that the City of Northville allows us the use of our building, but we must rely on memberships, donations, class registrations and sales to stay open. Our biggest fundraiser, however, is right around the corner: the annual "Arts and Acts Festival" to be held June 28 - 30, is essential to our ability to remain a viable, exciting place.

Now in its fourth year, Arts and Acts is one of the most diverse summer festivals in metro Detroit. Unlike traditional "art fairs" Arts and Acts includes not only juried fine-art, but the Reel Michigan Film Festival; the Sandbox Play Festival produced by Tipping Point Theatre; the Short on Words Literary Event sponsored by Dr. William Demray; three days of outstanding music by top metro Detroit acts; Children's Activities including a Fairy Door Scavenger Hunt and a free "Art Opens Doors" mural painting event; and of course, great festival food and drink. Arts and Acts draws over 20,000 people to downtown Northville over three days, and is considered a "must-see" by many visi-

With the exception of the tickets for the Film and Play Festivals which are a nominal fee, Arts and Acts is free. The Art House makes its money through sponsorships and artist booth fees. Yet a well-attended event is key to our mission: not only are we bringing the arts to more people, we are encouraging the growth of the Festival, and thus the Art House, in the

So take time the last weekend in June to visit Arts and Acts. And while downtown, stop by the Art House as well and see why so many of us know we have such a special place in our

For more information about Arts and Acts and the Northville Art House, visit www.northvillearts.org

The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is open Wed-Sat, 1-5 and on Sunday, June 30 from 1-5. The Art House will be closed in

Joan Potter Thomas is director of the Northville Art House. She can be contacted at

Local chiropractor: gardening needn't be a pain in your back

By Dr. Kenneth S. Stopa Jr. **Guest Columnist**

ith spring comes the desire for many of us to venture out into our great backyards to try our hand at landscape improvement. Changes may range from plant-

ing a few annuals in flower boxes to redesigning your entire yard. Whatever your plan, you should know that more cases of back pain are caused by gardening than running or even outdoor sports.

As with any physical activity, it is always best to let your legs and arms do the

work, instead of your back. This will help reduce your chances of causing back pain and injury, strengthen your arms and legs, and make your gardening easier.

Kenneth S.

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Before you start your gardening project, take time to warm up and give your spine the opportunity to be prepared for a workout.

These tips will help you avoid back pain when tackling your garden pro-

» Warm up with a brisk walk or light running to loosen your muscles and increase your musculoskeletal system's flexibility.

» Know your strengths and limitations, and don't ever exert.

» When weeding, get down on your hands and knees rather than bending and twisting at the waist. Don't stand and bend over repeatedly.

» Keep your back straight when you stand up from sitting or crouched posi-

» Lift dirt and debris by letting your arms, legs and thighs carry the load. Keep your back straight and bend your knees. Handle only manageable loads

» Use long-handled tools to keep from stooping while raking, hoeing or digging. Repetitive motion on one side can bring on low-back and shoulder

» Don't work too long in one position, especially one that is awkward or unusual. This can cause muscle imbal-

» Carry objects close to your body, so as not to risk straining your neck

and lower back. » Take frequent breaks, and drink

water to keep hydrated. As always, your best bet to avoid back pain is to exercise regularly, and to maintain good posture throughout

Dr. Kenneth S. Stopa, Jr., B.Sc., D.C., DACBSP, is owner of Main Street Family Chirporactic Center, P.C., located at 109 W. Main Street in downtown Northville. For more information, call 248-735-9800 or visit www.drtsopa.com.

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» Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. private party in Church; 3:15-5:15 p.m.

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Library offering free passes to Michigan State Parks

Spend a lazy day with a good book in the great outdoors compliments of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Michigan Recreation and Park Association and Northville District Library.

The free pass program, formerly known as Park and Read, is now called MI Big Green Gym. Library cardholders can check out a free one-day pass to any state park, state forest or pathway.

The program has been re-branded, with support from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, to promote outdoor fitness.

MI Big Green Gym offers endless opportunities for people to get out, get moving and create a fitness routine that's enjoyable, easily accessible and afford-

Passes allow one vehicle into a state park for one day, and are valid for seven days from check-out. "Whether you are looking for cardiovascular health, rehabilitation or

just getting ready for swimsuit season, these free passes are a great excuse to get up and go, " said Ron Olson, Chief of Parks and Recreation Division of the DNR.

'We are pleased to be able to offer the MI Big Green Gym program to our patrons this summer. Families can enjoy a day of hiking, biking, swimming, or just a peaceful walk in our beautiful state parks," said Julie Herrin, library director. "Our patrons are already taking advantage of the pass program-...who doesn't love a day in the park?'

Passes are valid for seven days from checkout and can be used for one day at any one of Michigan state parks.

Passes are valid for day use only. The program runs through Oct. 1, 2013.

For more information on the program, visit the website at www.northvillelibrary.org and click on MI Big Green Gym on the right side of the web-



Northville District Library volunteer Marie Barr (left) assists in signing up Margaret (right) and Sarah Bennett, both 11, for the library's summer "Dig into Reading" program on June 14. The twins' mom, Ellen, is at center. Sign-up for the summer-long initiative, with its rewards for big readers, usually has around 1,000 book-lovers involved. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF

Summer reading programs kick off at library

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The Northville District Library's summer reading programs are designed to encourage children and teens to avoid the summer slide and keep up their reading skills through the summer. Reading for fun helps kids maintain their reading and comprehension levels. Preschoolers can learn early literacy skills, and adults can model the joy of reading to their children.

The summer reading programs kicked off this month. Adults can register and receive their reading packets now. Registration for the Teen "Beneath the Surface" program began Monday, June 10, and the Youth Summer Reading Program "Dig Into Reading!" began Friday, June 14. Stop in the library and receive reading packets complete with summer activities and

reading logs. Start reading and earn prizes all summer.

"We want to help foster a love of reading for children and teens through our summer library programs and activities," said Julie Herrin, library director. "Our goal is to encourage them to become lifelong library users."

The Youth Summer Reading Program runs through Aug. 17. Teen

Summer Reading ends Aug. 16 and the adult program ends Aug. 31.

For more information, visit the library's website at www.northvillelibrary.org or call (248) 349-3020. Library hours are Monday - Thursday 10 a.m.- 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The library is closed on Sundays in the summer and reopens on Sunday, Sept.8.





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I met up with a friend that I had not seen for some time and she looked terrific, fit, toned, and healthy. She told me about Fitness Together and we talked more about how it worked for her. I decided to call. I needed something that would focus on what I needed, with no distractions and focused on me and my personal goals.

Today I am truly amazed at my personal progress, I have lost 50 pounds and gone from a size 16 to a size 6. I have lost a total of 19 inches and dropped 9% of my body fat; I walk taller, my confidence and self-esteem are back. I look in the mirror and am proud of the new me. The team at Fitness Together are totally committed to my success, the work outs are very challenging but fun. Anyone that is serious about making a change should defiantly consider Fitness Together, you will not be disappointed. I am overjoyed at how well Fitness Together worked for me.

Kelly did:





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"I was at a stage in my life where I was very frustrated with the way I looked and felt and I knew I had to make a change. The only way change was going to happen was for me to make a commitment to me and my health. I finally made a commitment and got started with Fitness Together. The plan set out for me made sense and having the accountability of a fitness coach was exactly what I was looking for.

Today I am proud to say that I have lost a total of 55lbs, 3 pant sizes and dropped 10% body fat. I feel so good about my progress, my strength and energy levels are way up and I no longer have any health issues. If you are serious about changing the way you look and feel, then I strongly recommend Fitness together"



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Northville's Dan Sims makes his way around the track during a meet earlier this year. Sims was steadily one of the best distance runners in the state throughout his junior campaign. BRANDON LANGSTON

Sims not shy in setting lofty personal goals

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

When Dan Sims came into the 2013 track and field season under first-year head coach Brandon Langston, he made it clear from the very start that he was ready to live up to the expectations of his teammates, his coaches and his community.

But that wasn't enough. Sims, said Langston, had his own expectations.

'This year in track, Dan came in ... not only with a lot of outside expectations, but with a lot of personal goals," Langston said. "He wanted to run a 4:18 in the m11e, ne wanted to go back to the state meet in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs and he wanted to

Standout Northville runner could have huge impact in senior season

his track career. 'With the season being over now, we can look back and assess his accomplish-

ments on the track.' The list is an impressive one: Conference champion, state finals qualifier in both the one- and two-mile events, Northville High School record holder in the 3,200 in 9:30 and All-State honors thanks to a 4:18 run in the mile at the state championships.

And Sims isn't done vet.

'It was great to be a part of and share Dan's successes this year, but what is more amazing is that he is

take a step forward in coming back next year and he isn't satisfied nor complacent with his accomplishments so far," Lang-

ston said.

Sims will no doubt be seen running throughout Northville this summer, and, likely, beyond. While the expectations were piled on for his junior campaign, they will no doubt be even higher for his senior year.

Langston said he doesn't think Sims will even notice. He'll be far too determined at reaching his own lofty ersonai goais for the

2013-14 seasons. "Every day Dan goes out, he wants to get better," Langston

said. "That is one thing that sets him apart from other athletes.

"I've coached three different sports in high school, and I know Dan Sims could step in and play any of those sports. Regardless of talent, technique or knowledge, I know Dan could do it because his attitude reflects his character. He is a good kid, a great teammate and a relentless competitor. I have no doubt he will continue to succeed on the track and off the track - and I look forward to watching him set his goal high and achieve even higher.'

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer covering sports for the Northville Record.

Cronin's a Brooks 2013 Inspiring **Coaches finalist**

Northville coach one of 25 being considered for award

> By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Chris Cronin has lived in Michigan for the past 25 years, and for 20 of those he has been helping cross country athletes strive to be the best runners they can be.

Cronin's efforts have never really gone unnoticed. Just ask the girls team he first coached at Northville, which has a whopping nine runners on it. That program has since bloomed to five times that number.

Or the team he coached in his second year at the helm of the boys program. They went on to win the conference title - the first time in school history the Mustangs ever did that in cross country.

And then there are the multitudes of cross country and track and field athletes Cronin has coached throughout the years. Few of them could look back on their seasons and not note how they improved throughout Cronin's tutelage.

But this year, Cronin's efforts are being recognized on a much larger stage than simply in Northville, or even in Michigan. Cronin

What's it take to be considered for the **Brooks award?**

"Our goal with the Inspiring Coaches is to honor inspirational track/XC coaches who not only support their teams with time, encouragement, and dedication, but go above and beyond to build and keep their programs strong, make a lasting difference in the lives of their athletes, and inspire not only their own athletes, but others in their communities to run and be active," the finalist email said, indicating Chris Cronin was nominated as part of an application process that began in February.

recently was informed that he is one of 25 finalists for the Brooks 2013 Inspiring Coaches award.

And for just being a finalist, Cronin will receive \$5,000 in Brooks running shoes, apparel and accessories for his team, \$500 for team expenses and membership to the Brooks Inspire Daily program for next year.

Additionally, a profile about Cronin will be posted on the BrooksRunning.com website as well as on the

See CRONIN, Page B4

Clint Verran takes top place in Kona Run

Several Northville athletes, alumni do well in race

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

The Kona Run, which is the new name the former tice Run adopted start ing this year, was run in Northville June 8 and ended with some spectacular times from the competitors.

Winning the 10-kilometer race was Clint Verran, a 38-year old who raced to the top spot in a time of 33:08, just about three minutes ahead of second-place runner Eric Green, 44, who ran

Coming in third in the 10K was Ďavid DeSteiger, 30, who ran a 35:51, while 21-year-old Colin Riley, a Northville grad, took fourth in 36:12. Finishing in fifth was Jason Richmond, 32, in 36:19, while Northville alumnus Edward Clifton ran to a 36:46 for sixth place.

Taking the top spot for women in the 10K was Katylyn Pizzo, 13, who ran a 42:55 for 18th overall, while Krista Bohnensteihl, 36, ran a 44:18. Third overall for the female competitors was Cayla Eckenroth, 14, who ran a 44:21 while Peggy McQueen, 41, ran a 44:45. Fifth overall was Jessica Shehab, 37, who ran a 44:54.

In the 5-kilometer race, Northville High School was well-represented. The first three athletes across the finish line are current Northville students with Dan Sims, 17, running to first in 16:42, followed by Sean McCullough, 16, taking second in 16:52 and Conor Naughton, 16, running a



Edward Clifton (left) and Colin Riley, Northville High School alumni, ran the Kona Run June 8 and came in sixth and fourth place, respectively, in the 10-kilometer race. LINDA LEEDY

17:03 for third place.

Taking fourth overall was Matthew Degraeve, 18, in 17:08, while 44-year-old Brian Jones ran an 18:20 for

The top female finisher was Northville High School runner Emma Herrmann, 14, who ran to 12th overall in 19:47 while Tessa Fornari, 15, ran a 20:04 for 13th over-

The third-best female competitor was Rachel Hollinger-Janzen, 22, who ran to 35th in 21:36 while 31-year-old Shannon Webster ran a 22:05 for 42nd place.

The top five female runners in the 5K were rounded out with Sarah Muylle, 29,

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Coleman takes her place among all-time best

Junior runner keeps record-setting pace

By Sam Eggleston

For those who follow high school sports in Northville, the name Devon Rupley may ring a

Rupley, who graduated in 2004, was one of the best runners in the history of the Mustangs. Not only did she repeatedly make trips to the state finals in both cross country and track and field, she went on to run for Cornell University following her graduation.

Current Northville runner Rachel Coleman, who will be a senior this fall, knows Rupley's name well. That's because Ru-



Junior Mustang Rachel Coleman concentrates as she makes her way around the track. She set two school records during the Golden Triangle invitational in the mile (5:05.7) and the two-mile (11:11.35) to begin the season and didn't look back. LYNNE MOSTELLER

pley holds the one high school record Coleman has set her sights on but hasn't obtained quite yet. Coleman currently holds the record in the mile

and is part of the 4-by-800 relay team that has the school record (9:16.57) as well.

"The only one she does not

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Catholic Central finishes third in state finals

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Mike Anderson said last week that he thought his team had a good chance of finishing well in the MHSAA Division 1 golf state finals if it shot

Over the two-day tournament, the Shamrocks put together a score of 610 to finish in a tie for third place with Muskegon Mona Shores. Winning the tournament was Battle Creek Lakeview, which turned in a 601 and used a fifth-player tiebreaker to edge Plymouth for the top spot in

the state. Plymouth also shot 601 and took second place.

Anderson said that his team just couldn't find the right strokes to make a run at first place though it had a lot of fun in the process.

'State finals were fun and I was very proud of the boys," he said. "We just couldn't get anything going. Every time we would string some birdies together, it seemed like we would give them right back."

Anderson said there were some disappointed Shamrocks following the finals, but he pointed out

Phil Ritchie shoots fourth-best game in D1

that the teams that finished in the top two were absolutely phenomenal in their performance at the state championship, which was held at Forest Akers Golf Course at Michigan State Univer-

sity.
"We were beat by two very good teams who were able to play well when it mattered most," he said. "I know the guys were disappointed, but we played well all year."

The Shamrocks knew they had to have players step up to lead them in the most demanding

competition of the year, and that player was Phil Ritchie, who had the fourth-best showing out of the entire field. Ritchie shot 75 on the first day of competition and then turned around 72 on the second day to finish at

Next up for the Shamrocks was Glen Piot, who carded an impressive 74 on the first day and shot 77 on day two for 151, while Domenic Mancinelli shot 80 and 75 for 155. Charlie Green capped his senior season with 79 and 78 to combine for 157,

while Corey Szmadzinski shot 79 and 82 at the finals for 161.

The best individual shooter at the state finals was Plymouth's Kyle Rodes, who carded 72 and 71 for 143, which tied him with Alex Kleckner from Lakeland.

Rodes won a threehole playoff with a birdie on the third hole to secure the top individual honors.

Locally, Novi was represented by a lone competitor. Brad Kozinski shot 81 last Friday to open the tournament and carded 79 Saturday to finish with 160.

The Shamrocks take a hit for next season due to graduation, but Anderson said there is no reason why his team can't bounce back with the talent that will be return-

ing.
"We lose six seniors, but are excited about our returning underclassmen," he said. "The guys will be busy over the summer competing in tournaments all over the country in preparation for next season."

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer covering sports for the Northville Record.

State cup runner-up

The Michigan Jaguars FC U10 White boys team placed second in the state in the 6 vs. 6 division. It competed at the 2013 MSYSA Junior State Cup in East Lansing on June 2. Coached by

Karamuco, the team includes Jack Cavazos.



Luke Karfis, Mason White, Josh Gust, Nathan Samluk, Tristan Whalen, Brandon Falk, Aiden Shires, Ethan Rush, Victor Filipovich and Kody Takada. ANGIE SHIRES

Junior State Cup champs

The Michigan Jaguars U12 Green girls team is the 2013 Michigan Junior State Cup champion. The team includes: Coach Trisha Wellock, Dana Simon, Mara Cousino, Crystal Bock, Madison Tolston, Kelsey Adams, Lauren



Rivers Smyth, Callie Rich, Isabella Quane, Adrienne Gilson, Lily Hackman, Claire





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Interlakes champs

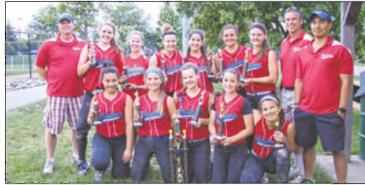
Madness 10 Red won its third championship and kept its streak of seven consecutive finals alive with two last-inning, come-from-behind victories against Michigan Pride and Finesse. Stephanie Schmunk ended both games with walk-off hits, including a two-out, two-strike double in the second extra inning to win



the championship. Allie Page also turned in a gutsy performance, pitching in both the semifinals and the finals. Pictured (from left, standing) are Allie Page, Allison Hale, Stephanie Schmunk, Emma Dompierre, Maggie Murphy, Lauren Franklin, (kneeling) Gaby Cummings, Kayla Errer, Madeline Schornack, Grace Nieto, Cassidy Brendtke and Olivia Vitale. SUBMITTED

Madness 14U

Motor City Madness 98 won the 14U Crank'n Tournament, a Premier Girls Fastpitch Regional Qualifier held June 8-9 at Novi's Powers Park. The team went 7-1 in its first tournament of the summer



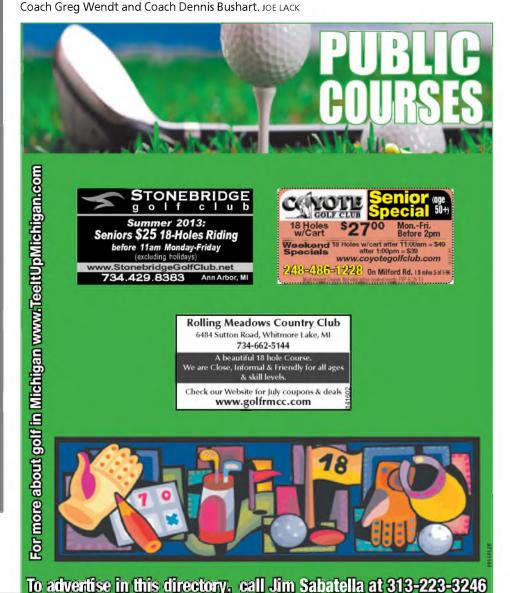
season. It defeated Turnin 2 in the championship game after scoring four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to tie the game and then clinching the win in an eighth-inning international tiebreaker. Pictured (from left, front) are Anna Julien, Lauren Ogurek, Nicole Ireland, Ari Chretien, Sydney San Juan, Coach Adam San Juan; (back) Head Coach Scott Ampe, Kaitlyn Wolschlager, Genny Soltesz, Madyson Ampe, Aziza Afzal, Bailey Stevens, Isabella Buttazzoni and Coach Chris Soltesz. SUBMITTED

Shiawassee Shootout champs

The Livonia City Thunder 12-U travel baseball team took home the Shiawassee Shootout championship in Farmington, roaring through the tournament with a 4-0 record and outscoring its opponents 47-8. The Thunder defeated the LCB Legends 8-5, Oakland Reds



17-3, Berkley Cubs 12-0 and the South Farmington Blues 10-0 in the championship game. The tournament was held April 27-28. Livonia won the first three games, and the championship game was rained out on the final day. It was rescheduled and played June 11. Shown are Andrew Lack, Brian Wendt, Cole Bushart, Shamar Bullard, Kyle Hurley, Justin Reynolds, Tyler Gustitus, Jake Cauzillo, DJ Harding, Allen Woodward, Evan Yokie, Coach Darrell Harding,



Merkle leads loaded All-Area girls team

all-around player who knows the

game. She converted to be a left-

Makenzie Nieto, S.L. East

earned All-District, All-Conference

.427 with 11 doubles and a homer

along the way. She had an on base percentage of .523 with 28 runs

scored, 21 batted in and 14 stolen

"Makenzie had an awesome

season," said coach Steve Richvalsky.

"Our success in the field started with

Makenzie. She was absolutely rock

solid at shortstop. Offensively, Ma-

kenzie is a fantastic hitter, who hits

the ball very, very hard. Her three-

run home run over the centerfield

onship game against Plymouth is an

example of her power. She was our

lead-off hitter and did a great job."

The senior captain earned All-

District honors after posting a .409

average with an on base percentage

of .523. She also swiped 17 bases for

the Central Division champs. Boyer

played both second base and in the

and used it to her advantage as a

slap hitter," said Richvalsky. "She

gave defenses fits trying to figure

absolutely loves to play softball. She

played all-out and gave every ounce

out how to get her out. Celeste

"Celeste has tremendous speed

outfield throughout the year.

Celeste Boyer,

South Lyon East

fence in the conference champi-

and Team MVP honors after batting

really picked up on it."

hander just three years ago and has

The Cougar sophomore shortstop

By Jeff Theisen Staff Writer

The race for the All-Area Softball

Player of the Year featured players putting up mind-boggling numbers throughout the season.

The one that stood out just enough to claim the POY award was Lakeland senior Kelly Merkle.

The third basemán hit a staggering .557 with 68 hits and an astounding 47 runs batted in. Merkle's on base percentage was .631. She made just two errors at the hot corner for a .979 fielding percent-

"She had a fabulous year again," said coach Joe Alsup. "She's was a kid you hope that will happen with all of your kids – that every year they get progressively better. She really put a lot of time and energy into it. She was not only our team captain, but she was truly a leader for us. She came up with big hit after big hit."

First team

Jessie Mehr, South Lyon

While Merkle got the top honor, South Lyon junior Jessie Mehr went toe-to-toe with her in most statistics with a big edge in power numbers. The South Lyon shortstop hit .521 with 49 hits, 24 of which were for extra bases, including seven triples and seven home runs. She batted in 25 runs and struck out just eight

"Incredible leader and athlete," said coach Jaclyn O'Connell. "Jessie not only supports her team with her own performance she also works with the younger players to help develop their skills."

Jessie Brandon, South Lyon

The junior catcher was solid on both sides of the plate. She had just one error on the year for a .993 fielding percentage. Offensively, she hit for .408 with 40 hits and 27 runs batted in with just five strikeouts.

"Jessie works closely with our pitchers to keep them consistent and effective throughout the season," said O'Connell. "She is a very deter-mined leader who has been reliable and consistent all year long.

Seiena Hicks, Lakeiand

An unfortunate injury late in the season helped derail the pitching season of senior Selana Hicks. She tried to pitch through it, but a hand injury just didn't allow her to do the things she was so good at to keep batters off balance at the plate.

Hicks still finished the year with 20 wins, 98 strikeouts and an ERA of 1.43. She bombed the ball at the



Lakeland's Kelly Merkle smacks a single to drive in one of her 47 runs batted in on the year. She is the 2013 Player of the Year. CHRIS WALL

plate as well with a .494 average with 44 hits and 32 RBI. Hicks posted an on base percentage of .573.

"She just pounded the ball this year," said Alsup. "She won a lot of games for us. Unfortunately for her, her finger was bad. We were trying to see if she could make it through the tournament. She just didn't have enough time (for it to heal). She gave it everything she had. She was a big reason why we won our division again this year."

Madison Burgess, Lakeiand

Straight wheels. Burgess is one of the fastest players in the area and her numbers prove it. Batting leadoff, she posted a .512 average with 66 hits, swiped a remarkable 45 bases and found time to bat in 21 runs. She committed just one error in center.

"She was kind of the spark we needed in a lot of games to get going," said Alsup. "She just really came at you strong in all aspects. She was stealing bases, getting on base and defensively was remarkable in center."

Hannah Szajner, Lakeiand

The junior second baseman had a solid all-around game with a .462 average thanks to 43 hits, 17 stolen bases, 17 RBI and an on base percentage of .569. She had a fielding percentage of .922.

"She was a great defensive player for us this year and did very well offensively," said Alsup. "She just made some plays not many kids are making. She's a very, very solid

PLAYER OF THE YEAR Kelly Merkle, Lakeland

ALL-AREA SOFTBALL

FIRST TEAM

Jessie Mehr, South Lyon Jessie Brandon, South Lyon Selena Hicks, Lakeland Madison Burgess, Lakeland Hannah Szajner, Lakeland Makenzie Nieto, South Lyon East Celeste Boyer, South Lyon East Becky Morrin, Milford Rachel Morrin, Milford Melissa Sward, Northville

SECOND TEAM

Maddie Moser, South Lyon Allie Chapekis, Northville Bailee Taylor, South Lyon East Sarah Coutts, South Lyon East Olivia Nelson, South Lyon East Karissa Gawronski, Lakeland Lauren Brouillard, Lakeland Maddie Carr, Milford Emily White, Milford

HONORABLE MENTION Milford - Nicole Wojcik (So), Julia Stevenson (Fr), South Lyon – McKenzie Weyh (Jr), Colleen Graves (So), Lindsay

Brandon (fr) Novi – Miranda Hanby (Sr) Lakeland - Sam Dunnigan, Kendall Johnson

of energy she had. Celeste was one of our captains and was a terrific leader on and off the field.

Becky Morrin, Miiford

The senior catcher threw out 11 of 16 attempted base runners this year. She was equally deadly on the other side of the plate in the leadoff spot with a .398 average with 39 hits and only eight strikeouts.

"Becky is in her second year as a member of the National Honor Society with a 3.7 GPA," said coach Meg Dyer. "She will be persuing a degree in pre-physical therapy while attending Concordia."

Rachel Morrin, Miiford

The senior pitcher/outfielder batted .338 while also delivering a 3.42 ERA from the pitcher's circle. Of her 71 runs allowed, only 40 were earned. Morrin also struck out 85 batters with only 27 walks allowed.

"Rachel has a 3.4 GPA and will be pursuing a degree in the field of special education from the inspiration of working with our Milford TIES students for the past two years," said Dyer.

Meiissa Swart, Northviiie

The sophomore centerfielder batted .390 in the leadoff spot for the Mustangs.

"A leader in the outfield, continues to learn has a great attitude," said coach Jim Ritz.

Second team

Maddie Moser, South Lyon

The junior pitcher had a 2.25 ERA with 64 strikeouts and only 22 walks allowed in 124 innings pitched. She also batted .299 with 26 hits and a .358 on base percentage.

Aiiie Chapekis, Northviiie

The junior captain and three-year varsity catcher showed plenty of versatility by also playing third, short and first base. She posted a .351 batting average with a .412 on base percentage.

Bailee Taylor, South Lyon East

The Cougar outfielder had huge numbers for a freshman. She hit at a .391 clip, knocked out six doubles and nine triples and tied for the team lead with 25 runs batted in.

Sarah Coutts, South Lyon

The junior catcher was going to make contact at the plate. She stuck out just four times in 101 at bats, produced a .381 average with an on base percentage of .469 and tied for the team lead with 25 runs batted

Oiivia Neison, **South Lyon East**

The senior pitcher finished 11-5 with four shutouts. She also batted .293 and lead the team with four home runs. She had an on base percentage of .383.

Karissa Gawronski, Lakeiand The junior swatted out 41 hits for a .446 average with 18 stolen bases.

She had a .495 on base percentage. Lauren Brouiiiard, Lakeiand The junior hit at a .359 clip while

knocking in 21 runs and swiping seven bases.

Maddie Carr, Miiford Milford senior captain and first baseman produced 25 hits (eight for

extra bases) with 13 runs batted in

and 14 runs scored.

Emily White, Milford The sophomore hit .359 while knocking in 19 and scoring 17 runs. She stuck out just eight times in 103 at bats.

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who ran to 44th in 22:16. In the 10-mile run, Matt Fecht, 29, ran to the top spot in 54:08, while Shane Logan, 35, ran a 59:07 for second and Ylli Alla, 20, ran a 59:59 for

Finishing fourth overall was Cory Steuben, 26, who ran the race in 1:00:42, while Jason Hall was fifth in 1:01.10.

The top female 10-mile runner was Danielle Miller, 21, who ran a 1:03:47, which was good for ninth overall,

while Tammy Nowik, 39, ran to 14th in 1:04.5, followed by Alexis Sinclair, 18, who ran a 1:08.12 for 19th place.

Finishing fourth ov for the female 10-milers was Jasmine Laforest, 31, who ran a 1:10:49, while Emily Gibbings, 17, ran a 1:11:18, which was good for 26th overall.

Next year's race is slated for June 7.

More information and complete race finish details can be found at www.konarun.com

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Spring winners

The Rush Nike U-11 Girls Division I winners of the Spring 2013 WSSL league are (from left, back) Alyssa Knoth, Julia Straky, Erica Toupin, Carrie Jefferson, Ellie Thalman, Coach Rodrigo Gonzalez; (front) Madelyn Ebach, Tara Beason, Amelia Nam, Kayla Perkins, Claire Wan and Danea Moriarty. SUBMITTED

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Thursday. July 4, 2013 in observance of Independence Day. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, July 5, 2013.

POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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SOCIAL SECURITY

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

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

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

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

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE **PUBLIC NOTICE** NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

2013 CITY OF NORTHVILLE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES, DUE JULY 1, 2013, WILL BE PAYABLE WITHOUT PENALTY TO THE CITY OF NORTHVILLE FROM JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3, 2013.

Taxes may be paid by mail, addressed to City of Northville, PO Box 674505, Detroit, Michigan, 48267-4505, or in person at the City Clerk's Office, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. The office will be closed Thursday, July 4th, & Friday, July 5th 2013. Tax information, including payment status, will be available online as of July 1, 2013 at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

On September 4th, 2013 a two percent (2%) penalty will be added, plus an additional $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% interest per month beginning October 1st, 2013. All payments received after 4:30 p.m. September 3rd, 2013 regardless of postmark, will be subject to penalty and interest.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on variances requested by the property owner at 412 Randolph, Northville, Michigan, 48167. The applicant requests these variances to construct a new home on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, parcel number 48-002-01-0628-000:

- 1) A 0.3 foot, east side-yard variance from Section 15.01 of the Zoning Ordinance; An eight (8) inch variance for the roof overhang on the west side of the house from Section
- 18.11.9 of the Zoning Ordinance; A 6.6 inch variance for the roof overhang on the east side of the house from Section 18.11.9
- of the Zoning Ordinance; and 4) A nine (9) inch variance for the chimney from Section 18.11.9 of the Zoning Ordinance.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday July 10, 2013, at 7:30 P.M. at City of Northville Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167 248-449-9902. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comment on the proposed variance request. The variance application is available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments regarding the variance request will also be received at the above address.

The City of Northville will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with special needs at the meeting upon seven (7) days' notice by writing or calling the City Clerk at the above address.

Dianne Massa, City Clerk

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COLEMAN

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have is the 800 meter, held by Devon Rupley, who I ran with in high school," said Coleman's track and field coach, Tim Dalton. The record still stands at 2:13.20. "I know Rachel will be looking to knock that one off next year."

Coleman has been a recurring name in the Northville Record sports section since she stepped into the varsity arena as a freshman on the girls cross country team. Under the guidance of coach Nancy Smith, Coleman became a near-immediate impact on the squad.

Since then, she has grown as a distance runner, focusing her

training efforts to not only be one of the best ever at Northville High School, but one of the most competitive runners in the state.

"Rachel took a big step forward this season in growing as a runner," said Dalton. "She became a student of the sport. She is a kid who sets clear goals and does not stop until she reaches them."

Like any athlete, Coleman went through some growing pains. In her freshman and sophomore seasons in both cross country and track, she excelled, but never quite stepped her game up to where it could potentially be. As a junior, that all changed.

"This year, Rachel took her training to the next level while also

doing all the little things," said Dalton, who was also an all-star runner in high school. 'We talk to the kids about how to set yourself apart. Every high school track team is practicing. Not every team is in the weight room, taking ice baths, running on the weekends and doing all the little things. Rachel really showed her dedication in this area this season."

What Coleman brought to her athletic endeavors this season, said Dalton, was the knowledge of what it takes to truly become the best runner she can be - planning and execution.

"Track is more than just running in a circle as fast as you can," he said. "There is a strategy to it and Rachel really started to understand that this season. When you watch Rachel run, you will see her look at her watch at either the 200-meter mark or the 400-meter mark. She knows what pace she wants to be running so

she can tell if she is too fast or too slow. This is something you do not see often in high school sports, but rather in college (and) it shows Rachel's understanding of the sport."

LOCAL SPORTS

Coleman is more than just an amazing runner and brings much of the same focus she displays in athletics to the classroom. That's how she earned the distinction of being named a KLAA Scholar Athlete this season.

As the 2012-13 school year closes and the focus shifts to 2013-14 -Coleman's senior year -Dalton said he knows she'll be prepared to give her very best each and every time she runs for the Mustangs.

"The exciting thing for us is that Rachel returns next year as a senior, and she will only continue to grow and get better as a runner," he said. "It will be pretty special and exciting to watch.'

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CRONIN

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company's Facebook page.

The coach that is selected as the award winner will receive an additional \$5,000 in equipment for their team, \$2,000 in cash for team expenses and a trip for two to the 2014 Brooks PR Invitational.

Inspiring

For those who know Cronin, inspiration is something he excels at and coaching just fits perfectly into his personality. He's not afraid to address poor performances, but he brings a nurturing style to nearly every conversation as it pertains to improving and excelling.

Throughout his career, Cronin has spent 20 years coaching cross country, was the coach for Northville's track teams for eight years, did two years of golf and even a season of basketball.

But his connection to sports goes far beyond that. In his younger days, Cronin played basketball and ran cross country and track at Iowa City High School in Iowa.

'To be honest, I didn't consider myself a runner in high school," he said. "I was a basketball player who ran."

And for a basketball player who ran long distances, Cronin excelled. He went on to run cross country and the 3-, 5- and 10-kilometer track events for Loras College.

"My experience at Loras allowed me to grow considerably as a runner because for the first time, I was fully committed to one sport," he said. "I was around some amazing runners in college, and I was just good enough to be a part of three cross country teams that qualified for the NCAA Division III nationals."

Cronin kept running even after college. He ran road races and marathons and in 2002 he ran his first triathlon. The following year, he upped the ante by running in his first Ironman competition and finished 45th. This September, he will compete in his sixth Iron-

And, like his coaching efforts, his running has been noted. He has earned All-American honors five times in the

Coaching and running

For Cronin, there are many aspects to both running and coaching that are satisfying. In running, part of the thrill is the competition and reaching personal goals, obviously. In coaching, however, Cronin's greatest enjoyment is a bit more unexpected.

"For me personally, there is nothing more satisfying than being able to coach several athletes from the same family," he said. "Becoming part of the cross county family at Northville is a big part of what drives our program. I encourage both athletes and parents to be a part of everything

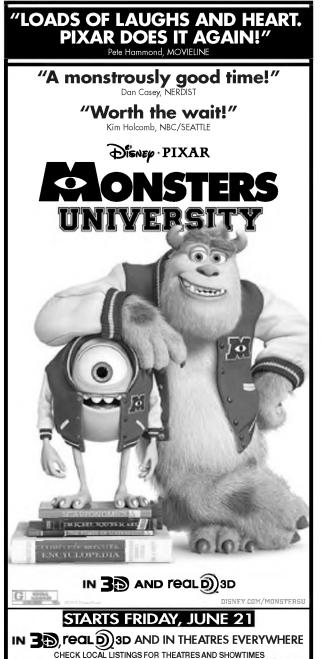
"One example that comes to mind is my work with the Daltons. I was privileged to coach all three Dalton boys (Bill, Tim, and Jack) during their careers. I spent a decade with that family, and they are all like brothers to me now."

For the past 20 years, Cronin's approach to coaching has been to teach, to nurture and to grow not only outstanding athletes, but outstanding programs as well. The foundations he constructed have remained firm to this day and the programs he helped turn into competitors are still churning out top-quality athletes.

With another boys cross country season looming this fall, there can only be more successes and more inspiration on the horizon for Cronin and the athletes he coaches.

As for being nominated as one of the nation's most inspiring coaches and being recognized in 2013? For Cronin, it's an honor. For those who have been coached by him and those who have known him for the past 20 seasons the response is simple: It is well-deserved.

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HKS Architects is one of three businesses that will be open during tours of the Water Wheel Centre on June 29. Pictured in this file photo are Carol Kartje, Steve Jacobson and Bob Piatek inside the historic building that has been retrofitted for business space. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tour historic site, see businesses

Tours of three distinct offices in the former historic Ford Valve Plant, now the Water Wheel Centre on East Main Street at Griswold, will be held from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, June 29, during Northville's Arts & Acts celebration

The Northville Historical Society is partnering with the center to provide tours of HKS Architects, BB&E (consulting engineers and professionals) and Spider9. Principals from each of three firms will share information about their unique work spaces.

Northville Historical Society guides will offer information about the history of the site and guide participants through the Albert Kahn-designed structure. The Ford Valve Plant was the first of Henry Ford's village industries, distinguished by its water wheel. It ceased operation in 1981.

Owned by R&D Development, the facility is an excellent example of adaptive re-use. Tours will begin every 15 minutes and will last approximately one hour. Tours are free, and no reservations are necessary. Entry will be at the door closest to the water wheel. Guides will be on hand in the parking

lot and entrance to provide directions. In addition to the Water Wheel Centre tours, the Northville Historical Society will open the buildings of Mill Race Historical Village, directly across Griswold Street from the former plant, from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, June 29. Docents will be on hand to guide visitors through the village buildings.

New this season at the village is the

exhibit, *Made In Northville*, showcasing Northville's rich manufacturing history. Featured in the exhibit is Northville's Ford Valve Plant.

The exhibit and village are free, though donations are welcome. The Northville Historical Society, which maintains Mill Race Historical Village, is a not-for-profit 501c(3) organization. It is supported by the generosity of its members, public donations and volun-

Piston visits Busch's in charity effort



Local girl supports Lemonade Day

Alexis Roberts, 10, turned lemons into charitable donations at her lemonade stand in front of Busch's in Plymouth/Northville on June 8 as part of Lemonade Day Detroit. This was the second year Alexis partnered with Busch's and store manager Gary Winters. Lemonade Day participants are encouraged to share a little of their profits with a charity of their choosing. Alexis chose Boys Hope Girls Hope, affiliated with the Greg Monroe Foundation, which provides scholarships for underprivileged children in Detroit. Detroit Piston Greg Monroe (pictured with Roberts), his mother, Foundation Director Norma Monroe, and several board members joined the Roberts family at Busch's to help show the foundation's support.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

IAV expanding

The Northville-based IAV Automotive Engineering Inc. is opening a satellite office in Auburn Hills. The new office - located on the first floor at the Concorde Centers on the corners of North Squirrel and Featherstone - will house approximately 40 associates by year's end, and be a key center for supporting customers in Oakland County.

We are continuing to expand not only to be closer to our customers and meeting the growing needs of the industry, but also because we want to invest in the communities in which we work and live," said Andy Ridgway, president of IAV. "IAV's sustained growth and expansion in Michigan has created this exciting opportunity for us. We are excited not only to expand, but to continue growing our company in the area and offering more opportunities for engineers in the region to join our growing and passionate team.

Since opening its new headquarters in Northville in 2009, IAV officials say the company has increased sales by more than 50 percent every year, with revenue doubling from 2010 to 2011 and

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tripling the 2010 figure in 2012. In addition, the number of associates more than doubled from 2011 to the end of 2012, from 74 to 160 employees.

It's expected that in 2013, IAV will quadruple its revenue from the 2010 baseline figure and add an additional 40 associates, some of which are expected to be located in the new office.

IAV will host a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony at the new office in Auburn Hills from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, June 20. Ridgway will attend, as will Auburn Hills Mayor Jim Mc-Donald.

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Cooking top source

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

NFPA is announcing the theme of Fire Prevention Week 2013 to coincide with the opening of the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC). Thousands of firefighters from across the globe will gather for this conference in Indianapolis to train, network

and learn.

"On average, firefighters respond to more than 400 kitchen fires every day,' said Lorraine Carli, vice president of communications for NFPA. "By making kitchen fire safety the theme for 2013

Fire Prevention Week, we can raise the awareness of the leading cause of fires, unattended cooking, and provide life saving safety tips to improve the safety

of everyone in the home.'

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

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

When you fry, grill, or broil food,

stay in the kitchen.

» Maintain a kid- and pet-free zone at least three feet away from the stove. » Turn pot handles away from the

stove's edge.

» Keep a lid and oven mitt nearby when you're cooking to use in case of a grease fire. If you have a grease fire, slide a lid over the pan. Turn off the burner and leave the pan covered until

it is completely cool.

Visit www.firepreventionweek.org for more information and safety tips.

NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week since 1922. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The president of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance each October

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

Robert Meisner

Notice given on recovering ownings

Q: I understand that there is a new rule regarding Notices to Quit to recover property. Can you give me some insight?

A: PA 139 of 2012 allows a seven-day notice to quit to recover possession by summary proceedings from tenants who injure or threaten to injure, or whose guests injure or threaten to injure others and the police were notified. This obviously gives landlords additional leverage to deal with recalcitrant tenants, but obviously, the police must be notified and presumably a police report made. Moreover, PA 140 of 2012 allows a 24-hour notice to quit to recover possession of premises for manufacture, delivery or possession of controlled substances on the premises, without a formal police report, but repeals the requirement that the reports have to be filed by the landlord.

Q: I understand that there is a new rule provision that prohibits various activities at public road ends on a lake or stream. Do you have any information about that since it has been a common prob-

A: PA 56 of 2012 prohibits various activities when a public road ends on a lake or stream unless a record instrument expressly provides otherwise. This covers situations ranging from docking overnight to installing boat hoists or anchors and prescribes civil and criminal penalties for violations. Your association or you should look up the statute with the benefit of good legal advice.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium. It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. Condo Living is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes Amazon.com, and

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Free real estate career seminar

Learn about the Keller Williams \$50,000 income guarantee during the seminar scheduled 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 20, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, in Plymouth. For more information, contact Jim Raines at 734-459-4700 or jimraines@kw.com.

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved. Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Additional parking across the street in back Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation.

Free foreclosure tours

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1478 High Ct

2570 Lahser Rd 654 Overhill Rd **COMMERCE TOWNSHIP** 615 Cranbourne St 8510 Pine Cove Dr 2721 Ravinewood Dr 5777 Strawberry Cir 368 W Beechdale St **FARMINGTON HILLS** 21604 Albion Ave 22941 Ashley St 29645 Belfast St 36512 Bingham Ct 29463 Breezewood 33431 Brittany Dr 25322 Carollton Dr 31280 Country Ridge Cir 26319 Dundalk St 28629 Grayfield Dr 35295 Lone Pine Ln 21923 Ontaga St 32054 Red Člover Rd 30510 Salisbury St 32534 Sanctuary Ct 25223 Skye Dr 28534 Westerleigh Rd 29891 White Hall Dr 28626 Wintergreen Ct \$587,000

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Garage/Moving Sales

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Thursday-Saturday 9am- 5pm.

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Canton Sub Wide Sale Salem Manor (Canton) Haggerty/South of Cherry Hill Thursday, Friday, and Saturday June 20 to 22

CANTON: The Coves of Canton 23 Homes, June 20-22, 9-4. At intersection of Warren/Lilley Rds. go N. on Warren, turn right on Green Meadow Lane. DEARBORN- Historic Spring-

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June 20 - 21, 9am

28018 Hawberry (N of 12 Mile W of Farmington) FARMINGTON HILLS Green Hills Sub. 10 + homes 6/20-6/22, 8-4pm. S. of

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Eight professions with surprising paychecks

Susan Ricker, CareerBuilder Writer

Paychecks can vary based on factors including industry, location and company, though there's generally a standard pay range for every job function. Yet, many people have a preconception of what workers in certain fields earn, such as the assumption that all doctors and lawyers have high incomes. However, not every job earns the high -- or low -- pay you may expect. Here are eight professions with annual wages that may surprise you.

1. Air traffic controller*

2010 median pay: \$108,040

What they do: Air traffic controllers coordinate the movement of air traffic to ensure that planes stay safe distances apart. Why the surprise: While the excitement may be on the planes with the pilots and flight attendants, the big salaries are in the air traffic control towers. Airline and commercial pilots get paid \$92,060 annually, and flight attendants make \$37,740, though the coordination, organization and attention to detail needed by air traffic controllers give them a major pay bump.

2. Announcer

2010 median pay: \$27,010

What they do: Announcers present music, news and sports and may provide commentary or interview guests about these topics or other important events. Some act as a master of ceremonies or DJs at weddings, parties or clubs.

Why the surprise: Celebrity announcers and emcees may have the coveted paychecks, but theirs are usually due in part to their celebrity status. Events and parties often require announcers, no matter the size, and the paycheck tends to get bigger as your talent and notoriety grow.

3. Legislator

2010 median pay: \$19,260

What they do: Legislators are elected officials who develop laws for the federal government or for local or state governments. Why the surprise: Legislators and politicians often have a reputation for being wealthy, though this median pay would suggest otherwise. While each state has its own standard for paying its legislators, many lower salaries are supplemented with a per diem, meaning they are given an allowance for daily expenses.

4. Model

2010 median pay: \$32,920

What they do: Models pose for artists, photographers or customers to help advertise a variety of products, including clothing, cosmetics, food and appliances. Why the surprise: TV and magazines would have us believe otherwise, but working as a model doesn't necessarily come with free travel opportunities and six-figure paychecks per photo shoot. Many models work part time and most experience periods of unemployment. This role requires spending a considerable amount of time on self-promotion by putting together and maintaining portfolios, printing composite cards and traveling to meet potential

5. Multimedia artist and animator

2010 median pay: \$58,510

What they do: Multimedia artists and animators create animation and visual effects for television, movies, video games and other media. They create two- and three-dimensional models and animation. Why the surprise: Multimedia artists are most often hired by the motion picture and video industries, followed by software publishers, computer systems design and related services and advertising, public relations and related services industries. While these industries may be known for big budgets, the Hollywoodworthy salaries usually go to on-camera stars. Also, the pay may be a surprise considering that 59 percent of multimedia artists and animators are selfemployed.

6. Pharmacist

2010 median pay: \$111,570

What they do: Pharmacists dispense prescription medications to patients and offer advice on their safe use. Why the surprise: Education levels often make a big difference in job responsibilities and paychecks. Pharmacists require a doctoral degree and can make six-figures, while pharmacy technicians, who help licensed pharmacists dispense prescription medication, require a high school diploma or equivalent and make \$28,400.

7. Political scientist

2010 median pay: \$107,420

What they do: Political scientists study the origin, development and operation of political systems. They research political ideas and analyze the structure and operation of governments, policies, political trends and related issues. Many people with a political science background become professors and teachers. Why the surprise: While the subject matter may differ, sociologists, who study society and social behavior by examining the groups, cultures, organizations, social institutions and processes that people develop, also often become professors and teachers. Yet they don't see the six-figure paycheck of political scientists, making a notably lower \$72,360 a year.

8. Technical writer

2010 median pay: \$63,280

What they do: Technical

writers, also called technical communicators, produce instruction manuals and other supporting documents to communicate complex and technical information more easily. They also develop, gather and disseminate technical information among customers, designers and manufacturers. Why the surprise: When it comes to salaries for writing jobs, technical writers are at the top of the food chain, earning almost \$10,000 more than other writers and almost twice as much as reporters. Editors earn a median pay of \$51,470, writers and authors make \$55,420, and reporters, correspondents and broadcast news analysts make \$36,000.

*All median annual pay figures and job descriptions are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook.

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