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Friends of the Rouge invites homeowners to attend a free rain garden workshop from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Aug. 20 at Northville Township Hall, located at 44405 Six Mile Road.

Attendees will learn how rain gardens help protect water quality in local rivers and how to create a rain garden of their own. Rain gardens are an easy and attractive approach to restoring urban rivers across the nation. Retaining rain water where it falls helps reduce surges in flow during rainy weather, which reduces streambank erosion and sediment from washing into the stream and preserves fish and other aquatic life.

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Ahead of schedule

Demolition of former prison creates possibilities

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The demolition of the former Scott Correctional Facility has been completed ahead of schedule and now Northville Township is looking forward to establishing a vision for the future gateway into the community.

The old prison buildings and barbed wire fence that were at the corner of Five Mile and Beck roads are gone, and all that's left is some ground-up brick and masonry work. The demolition work was done by the Adamo Group, Inc., which agreed to pay Northville Town-

ship \$1 for the demolition work in exchange for salvage value of the the former prison buildings. The contract agreement stated Adamo had until winter to complete the work.

The agreement with Adamo saved the township a lot of money in demolition costs, according to Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix

"John Adamo and his construction crew are to be complimented for their completion of the project substantially ahead of time," said Nix.

The property is 40 acres and

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Demolition of the Scott Correctional Facility was completed ahead of schedule on a \$1 contract the Adamo group agreed with Northville Township. From left are Northville Township Manager Chip Snider, Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth) John Adamo Jr. and Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix.

High school mural to add some international flavor

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Northville High School students will have a really good view of the world this coming year with the addition of an 80-foot mural, which is set to be installed inside the school before September.

Local artist and director Dan Hackett was commissioned by Northville Public Schools to undertake the project, which will include scenes from around the world. He said the goal was to add some visuals to help enhance the school's International Baccalaureate program.

"It was created to add some international feel within the high school," said Hackett, who has a daughter attending NHS.

He started in May on the 20 landscapes that are two feet by four feet. These will be strung together in a line on a round kiosk on the ceiling. The landscapes are of 20 different countries, including scenes from Japan, Germany, Lebanon, India and Russia, to name just a few.

"I didn't fully realize at first how big of a project this really was, so I started right away to get a handle on it," he said.

Popping with color

In the past two weeks, he finished his work. Each section took a lot of time, with the quickest

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Local artist Dan Hackett stands among the paintings he did this summer as part of the Northville High School art mural project, which is meant to bring some international feel to the school.

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Outing to aid scholarship in honor of Vietnam casualty

Alumni event honors golfer from class of 1966

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Robert Regenhardt is remembered as a gentle, fun-loving guy who was thought of fondly by most everyone who knew him. So it was a tragedy for his family and friends when they heard his life was cut short during the Vietnam War.

Regenhardt was in the U.S. Army when he was killed in 1969 during hostile ground action.

"We were all unhappy when Bob was called to Vietnam, but he was one of many from here that had to go. He wasn't there long, when we got the terrible news," friend Rick Talbott said. "This was a rude reminder of



A Northville alumni golf outing is being held Aug. 17 to raise funds for a scholarship in memory of Robert Regenhardt, a Northville resident who died in the Vietnam War.

reality and mortality, the loss of innocence that we never really had to experience before."

And those who knew Regenhardt best don't want to forget him. So in his memory, they

have planned a golf outing in an effort to raise funds for a scholarship in Regenhardt's name.

While at Northville High School, Regenhardt played on the golf team, so it's fitting that this event be held in his honor. He was a member of the Class of 1966 at NHS.

All the net proceeds will go toward developing a scholarship for a deserving Northville High School student for tuition at Schoolcraft College. A plaque will also be donated to the Northville VFW with the names of the outing winners.

The golf outing is at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17. It's taking place at the Majestic Golf Course, located at 9600 Crouse Road in Hartland. The entry deadline is Aug. 10.

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is considered to be a prime piece of land that could provide an even better and attractive gateway into the community. This has been a group effort between Northville Township, the state and Adamo.

Nix said this couldn't have been done without state Rep. Kurt Heise's help, who sponsored Public Act 85 of 2012 that facilitated its sale to Northville Township last year. As for Heise, he said this is what can happen when government works efficiently and together.

"The demolition of Scott Correctional Facility is a positive step forward for Northville Township and the surrounding communities," said Heise. "That is why I sponsored the bill a few years back that facilitated Northville's purchase of the property from the state. This is a prime piece of property in Northville Township and they are the best entity to control what happens next."

The property is situated in the Five Mile corridor and the plan is to develop even more with research, technology and business uses that will help build regional development and an increase in tax base.

"This project represents a tremendous opportunity for the township, and I look forward to working with the board of trustees to develop the appropriate uses for the property," said Nix.

The vision and planning process for its future will begin this fall.

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Members of the Northville Township Board of Trustees, here with Rep. Kurt Heise (third from left), are looking forward to planning the future of the former Scott Correctional Facility now that it has been demolished and clear. Pictured at the cleared site are (from left) Trustee Marv Gans, Clerk Sue Hillebrand, Heise, Supervisor Robert Nix, Treasurer Marjorie Banner, Trustee Fred Shadko, Trustee Symantha Heath, and Trustee Mindy Herrmann.

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Dinner and golf for a foursome \$360, while for a single golfer it's \$90. If unable to attend, contributions can be made as well.

Check are payable to Dan Bongiovanni, Northville Alumni Golf Outing, and can be mailed to P.O. Box 935 Goodhart, MI 49737.

For more information, call (734) 904-2662 or visit <http://northvillehsalumnigolfouting.com/images/golf%20info-sign%20up%20sheet.pdf>.

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one being done in eight hours. The idea was to make the paintings "pop" with different colors.

Hackett gave school officials a list of countries and then got some feedback. From there, he searched for images that best represented a certain place. One challenge was finding a way to have them work together and connect somehow. There were some "do-overs."

In his early years, Hackett was a painting and printmaking graduate student at Wayne State before getting a job as an art director at Don-



These are some the paintings that will appear as part of the mural to be installed inside Northville High School.

er Advertising. He was made executive creative

director and a partner at a very young age, but

eventually left the agency to become an independent film director.

"After 15 years of directing, I was prodded by my daughter with a gift of new brushes and paints," he said. "I finally returned to painting."

Some of his work is on the walls at Table 5 in downtown Northville.

The school mural will be unveiled before school begins and it's expected there will be a ceremony.

It's his hope that this mural will start conversations among students. To see more of his work, go to www.dan-hackett.com.

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Food for thought

Author to share knowledge of Detroit's food history

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Author Bill Loomis was able to combine two strong interests of his in *Detroit's Delectable Past*, published last year.

"I have always loved Detroit history and I love cooking," said Loomis, 60, of Ann Arbor. He'll speak and sign copies of his book at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, at the Northville District Library. You can call 248-349-3020 to sign up or visit the library on Main in downtown Northville to register.

"I have family that lives in Northville," said Loomis, a freelance writer who grew up in Detroit and Farmington Hills. He graduated from North Farmington High School in 1971 and earned a bachelor's degree in comparative literature from the University of Michigan. He also did graduate work in business at Eastern Michigan University.

He has taught evening cooking classes in the Ann Arbor schools.

"It kind of combined my two most loved things," he said of his book, which came out about a year ago.

He agreed that even 100 years ago, Detroiters ate things we'd find gross: "Oh, yeah. Absolutely." He's read newspaper recipe columns from the past for research.

"They have their Martha Stewart of the day," said Loomis, who also had a stint at WTVS-TV (Channel 56), where he was a producer on the Dennis Wholey talk show.

He notes some recipes would start with killing the animal and all were made from scratch. People back then didn't waste food, eating brains, hearts, "all kinds of things we wouldn't consider today," Loomis said.

Early Detroit settlers ate biscuits and gravy, infrequently having meat. "They worked such long hours," he said. "They were constantly hungry. Dieting wasn't really done early on."

The start of cold cereal after the Civil War began the concept of dieting. Earlier, food was focused heavily on nursing invalids back to health. Fannie Farmer and others had cookbooks focused on that.

"They ate a variety of foods we would never consider," such as tongue sandwiches at children's parties.

"They didn't have fresh vegetables all the time" in cold climes. Loomis noted a few root-type vegetables, such as turnips, were available in winter.

1701-1920

His book covers 1701 up to 1920. He didn't focus on companies like Vernors and Faygo as much has already been written on them.

Loomis, who is married with four grown kids and a grandchild, is pleased to see growth of farmers markets and interest in local food.

"It's a great thing, people getting back to their food roots and understanding where food comes from," he said.

He likes his local farmers market in Ann Arbor's Kerrytown. Lately, Loomis has been at Detroit's Eastern Market, too. He's writing a new book on the contemporary food scene in Detroit, including entrepreneurs trying to make it. It's scheduled for winter 2014 publication and has a working title of *Detroit Food*. Its publisher is also

doing similar titles in other big cities.

In Northville, he'll show slides and discuss wedding celebrations in early French Detroit. Homemakers of years ago had to battle flies and even rats. Loomis will share common recipes from the past.

He's looking forward to hearing library visitors' stories. "They're always interesting, those stories. I like listening to them," he said.

'Hunger for history'

He gets a mix of ages and backgrounds at his presentations, noting their "hunger for history." He says that's probably because food often connects people.

"They took hours and hours making dishes, sometimes days," years ago. Today, we sacrifice some family time, but also have greater convenience. The work of cooking was strenuous and some women even died cooking on hearths, Loomis said. Many bought wood-burning stoves for convenience and economy.

"Detroit was a very big stove center for many years," he said.

Jeannine Davidson is head of adult services for the Northville District Library. She's read and owns *Detroit's Delectable Past* and is looking forward to the Aug. 15 program.

"We always bring in programs that are fun, that are of interest to our patrons," she said.

"Northville is a community that loves history and loves its food."

Local residents take pride in their region and its history, Davidson has found.

She noted colonial settlers ate stuffed eels. "Stuffed eels are not my thing," Davidson said. "That was considered a gourmet dish."

How low can she go?



Emily Choganacki, 11, tries her hand at some limbo during a Tunes on Tuesday event last month at Northville Town Square. The weekly concerts, put on by the Northville DDA, will continue through the end of August. The concerts run from 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Tuesday. Stephanie Jay, known for getting a crowd dancing, will perform on Aug. 13, followed by Zippity 2 Dad – a family music duo, that provides fun, energetic, and educational entertainment – will perform Aug. 20. For more information about the concerts, visit www.downtownnorthville.com/1/163/tunes_on_tuesday.asp. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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Bringing students together

Northville, Detroit kids join fight against hunger

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

The Kids Against Hunger food packs have become an important tradition in Northville and last month's event was so well attended by local kids that it had to be moved to a bigger venue.

On July 26, more than 200 kids from Northville and Detroit got together at Northville High School to pack food for starving children throughout the world, including right here in metro Detroit. Kids Against Hunger is an international, volunteer-driven organization dedicated to providing food to malnourished and starving children.

The event was supposed to be held at Hillside Middle School, but more kids than expected signed up to help, which wasn't a bad thing.

"I think this shows there is a deep feeling among the younger generation to help their fellow man," said Mike Burrell of Kids Against Hunger. "This is about bridging gaps to solve problems by working together, and this food pack event demonstrates that."

This effort has been coordinated in Northville by a partnership between such groups as Bridgepointe, the Northville

Kiwanis and Conrad Charitable Foundation as well as Northville Youth Assistance and Gleaners Food Bank. Since 2005, more than 5,500 Northville and Detroit students have worked together to pack more than 750,000 meals and Michigan school children have assembled more than three million meals.

For Northville High School junior Alex Cheboor, the event was chance to make a difference.

"I think it's important to help out where you can. I like to do things like this because it helps people and is also fun, as well as other stuff like donating blood because it feels good to help those who need it," he said.

The students worked together on an assembly line to measure, weigh and seal 13.8-ounce bags of nutritious rice-soy casserole mix that can each feed six adults or 12 children. One-third of the food from each packing event goes to local food banks to help those in need in the community, one third goes to feed the starving in Third World countries, and one third goes to help those in the U.S. and worldwide struck by natural disaster.

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Samantha Cantie (left) and Emma Cemalovic, who are both 14, team up together to pack bags of food during the Kids Against Hunger project at Northville High. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Phi Beta Kapa

The Detroit Association of Phi Beta Kappa recognized the following 2013 graduating seniors from Northville High School for their academic excellence: Nathan Albanelli, Tina Al-Kherasan, Akbar Arsiwala, Tristen Asmann, Hannah Avdoulos, Colin Bailey, Kallie Bergers, Samuel Boyea, Kendra Brenner, Kyle Brenner, Therese Breuch, Emily Bush, Aurelia Busse, Emily Butler, Megan Carroll, James Castellano, Lily Chen, Andrew Chen, Christine Cho, George

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Lego League

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Cost to participate is \$80 per student. For more information, visit <http://goo.gl/kkE3Vn>, or contact Troy Stacer at troy.stacer@gmail.com or 248-924-2324.

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Special Services, at 248-344-8443.

'Back-to-School' readiness

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JumpStart! is a series of workshops offered the week before classes begin for the fall and winter semesters. The workshop reviews the math topic and study skills that students need to be successful in their upcoming math and science classes. It also serves as a refresher to students wishing to place into higher level courses (up to two levels higher in some cases).

The workshops are designed for advanced high school and college level students. Participants can choose sessions ranging from Math Survival Skills to Graphing Calculator to specific math and science refreshers. For complete workshop descriptions and more information, visit the college's website at www.schoolcraft.edu/LAC.

State fair boosts urban farming with scholarships

The future of urban farming in Detroit and other Michigan cities has just received a big boost in the form of educational scholarships aimed at rewarding the efforts of students who are participating in revitalization.

The Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair announced that, in collaboration with the Detroit Shriners and the Metropolitan Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau, the fair will award \$10,000 in educational scholarship funds to deserving youth in cities across the state.

The Urban Youth Farming Scholarship Program is aimed at increasing involvement and awareness of youth agriculture programs, and to promote farming, agriculture, and livestock management within the state of Michigan.

"We feel this is one of the most important initiatives that the revival of the State Fair at the Suburban Collection Showplace can contribute at this time, to inspire and encourage the next generation to continue the legacy of the great agri-



cultural industry in our state," said Blair Bowman, manager of The Michigan State Fair, A Private Entity, LLC and operator of the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair.

"This commitment of \$10,000 in scholarship resources, dedicated to help recognize and reward youth participation in urban agriculture, is an investment in our future," Bowman continued.

"Our next challenge is to quickly spread the word that this program has been launched and connect with those youngsters who qualify for consideration."


The Detroit Shriners Organization and Metro Detroit CVB have each contributed \$5,000 to the 2013 Urban Youth Farming Scholarship Program.

"We are very enthusiastic about this important initiative to encourage and empower urban youngsters to learn agricultural practices," said Craig Stigelman, chairman of the Detroit Shrine Circus and executive committee member of the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair.

Through this urban garden scholarship program, young farmers will learn how to plant, cultivate, harvest and prepare fresh and nutritional produce, grown in their own neighborhoods. In addition to the Urban Youth Farming Initiative Scholarship Program, the fair has also added additional youth scholarship opportunities by launching a new gold ribbon program for youngsters who have participated in other local and county fairs.

Young agriculture enthusiasts are invited to enter a variety of competitions at the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair, and winners within their respective divisions will be awarded financial scholarships, along with other prizes.

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City, clerical staff reach agreement

Council votes 5-0 to approve 3½ year contract

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

City of Northville clerical staff has a new contract that maintains their current wage freeze for another five months. However, they will see a modest increase come 2014.

The Northville City Council by a 5-0 vote on Monday approved a new 3 ½ year contract with MAPE, which represents this employee group.

According to City Manager Patrick Sullivan, it extends the wage freeze, which has been in place since 2010. However, he added it will “provide a modest wage increase (two percent, one percent, and another one percent) over the next three calendar years

which is offset by significant health-care savings.”

Under the modified agreement, the city will phase in higher employee contributions for health care, which would increase to 20 percent of costs for the Blue Care Network Plan (HMO) Plan, and 35 percent for the Community Blue (PPO) Plan, by 2016. It will also implement a high deductible/Health Savings Account (HSA) Plan with the employees sharing the cost of both premiums and HSA contributions.

According to Sullivan, the new contract allows the city to switch insurance carriers if substantially equal coverage can be provided for the same out of pocket cost to the employees.

He said the health care contribution

changes will net the city a “great deal of savings.”

The contract also incorporates “Right to Work” language and a re-opener in July, 2016 to bargain the subject of retiree contributions toward health care.

Like the other city contracts agreed to in the past year, Sullivan reiterated that if the city were to implement the same insurance plan, and wage increases with the other union and non-union employee groups, the net cost for the next three calendar years is projected to be \$325,000 less than keeping the existing health care plan with no wage increases.

The last negotiated contract between the city and MAPE was set to expire in 2011, but due to the challenging financial position in 2010, all four collective bargaining units in the City, including

MAPE, agreed prior to it expiring to forgo a wage increase that was scheduled to take effect in July of 2010, and extend the contracts with a wage freeze until June 30, 2013. This was among other concessions at the time.

“In order to meet the challenges of rising health care and legacy costs, the city and MAPE have been meeting in order to reach an agreement that would provide a modest wage increase, and significant healthcare savings,” said Sullivan in his report to council. “The new agreement accomplishes that by incorporating many of the provision negotiated with AFSCME (Public Works employees) in the contract extension which Council ratified in March.”

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A machine operator for the Adamo Group, inc. brings down the powerhouse last week at the former Michigan Psychiatric Hospital property. FRED SHADKO

Township removes dangerous powerhouse

By **Kurt Kuban**
Staff Writer

Northville Township has taken another big step towards seeing the vision for the former Michigan Psychiatric Hospital property come to fruition.

Over the course of the last week and a half, a contractor has removed a large powerhouse from the former hospital property on Seven Mile. The contractor, Adamo Group, Inc., is the same firm that just completed the demolition of the former Scott Correctional Facility at Five Mile and Beck. Both properties were once owned by the State of Michigan, but are now in the hands of the township.

Township officials spent about \$400,000 to demolish the old powerhouse, which was found to contain large amounts of the cancer-causing asbestos. Much of the money came from a federal grant, but the township board did allocate some money – about \$288,000 – from the general fund budget to complete the work.

Northville Township Manager Chip Snider said it took Adamo less than two weeks to complete the job, which they began July 26. He said the asbestos was carefully removed according to EPA guidelines.

“It’s done,” Snider said. “We supplied water to the site to keep the

dust and debris down on the site. We followed the guidelines to the letter.”

The township had planned on taking the structure down last summer, but when contractors began the work they found much more asbestos than they had estimated when they looked inside the boiler units. The cancer-causing asbestos was discovered in every crack of the bricks. It was then, according to Northville Township’s Public Services Director Tom Casari, that more testing was needed and it was determined more abatement would be necessary, raising the cost higher than a \$200,000 federal brownfield grant would pay for.

The township board decided earlier this year that they would spend township money to cover the rest of the abatement because of the danger the building posed to the public.

“This is an important matter for our residents,” Supervisor Robert Nix said at the time.

Nix and Snider both said the township will continue to look to acquire more grants to remove the remaining dozen or so buildings at the site, which is currently off limits to the public due to the dangers on the property.

Snider said they are already targeting a couple of the smaller buildings on the site for demolition if

grants can be secured. However, he said the large, nine-story building that most people see driving by is a much larger nut to crack. He said it could be several years before the township can come up with the money for that project.

The property, along with the privately-owned commercial land at the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty where the University of Michigan medical facility is now rising, is part of a brownfield zone, which will allow the township to capture tax dollars as the value of the commercial land increases.

Once all the buildings are down, the township can begin implementing aspects of a master plan residents developed more than a year ago for the 330 acres owned by the township. The plan includes many recreational uses for the property.

While that day is still far on the horizon, Snider said getting the powerhouse down is still a significant victory.

“It was the last of the hazardous buildings at the site, and it was a major eyesore for the subdivision to the south (Links of Northville),” he said. “We’re definitely happy with the project.”

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City hires firm for Hutton Street sewer project

By **Lonnie Huhman**
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The City of Northville has selected a reliable engineering firm that will help manage its Hutton Street Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project.

This project “is being undertaken to remove an obstruction in an existing sanitary sewer line, to repair or relocate the sewer, and to replace the Hutton Street roadway between E. Dunlap and Rayson streets,” said Public Works Director Jim Gallogly.

“The primary purpose of this project is to resolve that issue, so the line flows freely,” said Gallogly.

The obstruction appears to be in the vicinity of the Randolph Drain, according to Gallogly, and it is possible that the culvert structure carrying the drain under Hutton is the obstruction. This will be investigated as part of the engineering work.

The City Council approved by a 5-0 vote Gallogly’s recommendation to select Vitins Engineering of Canton to undertake the engineering aspect of the project, which includes preliminary design, final design, and construction engineering services. The contract is for \$21, 650 and it is six percent of the total project budget of \$320,000.

One part of the final design will be to extend the sidewalk on the east side of the street southward to the Ford Field entrance.

“This firm has designed numerous projects in the Detroit metro area including three for the City of Northville (Marquis Parking Lot, Northville Square Parking Lot, and Center Street Resurfacing project),” Gallogly said in his recommendation report. “City staff believes that Vitins Engineering is capable of undertaking this project for the city.”

This was the lowest bid submitted to Northville. The highest came from Rowe Professional Services Company in the amount of \$78,800.

Council member Nancy Darga expressed concern this project might not address a big issue on Hutton, which is the slope failure happening near Ford Field. She wants the project to look at addressing this.

Gallogly said the slope issues are minor compared to the age of the road, which is more than 25 years old. However, he and officials from the engineering firm said they could possibly look further into this issue through a soil boring analysis. The project will include a soil erosion control plan.

The construction of this project is proposed to be undertaken during 2014.

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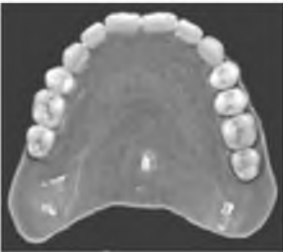
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Motorcyclists who choose not to wear a helmet are required to have two years of riding experience and safety classes.

Study: Payments higher after helmet law

Fatalities steady, but insurance claims rising

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff writer

It may be too early to determine any correlation or impact from the 15-month old state helmet choice law on crashes and injuries, but it appears insurance claims and associated costs have increased.

“Right now we only have one year of data,” said Lt. Gary Megge of the Michigan State Police Traffic Services Section. “We are speaking in general terms, we don’t have a lot of data.”

In April 2012, Michigan’s longstanding law requiring helmets for all motorcyclists was scrapped for leaner rules that allow riders 21 years and older to legally ride without a helmet if they carry at least \$20,000 in medical pay-

ments insurance coverage and have at least two years of riding experience and special safety training.

Today, only 19 states require all riders to wear helmets, while 28 require helmets for some motorcyclists. Illinois, Iowa and New Hampshire don’t have helmet laws.

The move was taken in an effort to boost tourism for Michigan. Advocate organizations, such as ABATE of Michigan, maintains that Michigan was losing a lot of potential tourism dollars because out-of-state motorcyclists avoided the state because of the strict helmet law.

“The new law has

increased Michigan travel,” said Vince Consiglio, ABATE president.

At a motorcycle tour in Muskegon, Consiglio said, it was evident that attendance was up 30 percent and participants witnessed license plates from 25 states.

Despite any potential increase in tourism, the Highway Loss Data Institute (HLDI) conducted a study of the new helmet law on insurance losses. Researchers compared losses under medical payments and collision coverage during the 2010 and 2011 riding season with the 2012 riding season.

HLDI’s study showed that overall medical payments were 50 percent higher than expected for Michigan after the law changed in April 2012. HLDI researchers qualified that result by adding that some of the increase may reflect an increased crash risk because collision claim frequency on its own increased about 12 percent.

The research group made it very clear that the increase in medical payment overall losses stems from a definite 36 percent increase in the severity of claims. Following the change in the law, motorcyclists who chose to ride without a helmet increased their medical payments policy limits to the required \$20,000 minimum.

Yet even with the change in policy limits, HLDI found that medical payments claim severity is estimated to have increased — just in 15 months — by 22 percent. HLDI said the results are “consistent with (the) expectation

that crashes after the law change resulted in more severe injuries as a result of less helmet use.”

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation, which advocates safe motorcycling, holds fast to its belief that helmets work, just as different types of helmets work in sports and other professions, including construction, football and the military.

As far as increased insurance costs, Consiglio points out that in Michigan motorcyclists pay into the state’s catastrophic fund, while many other states, including those in HLDI’s study, don’t even have catastrophic funds.

“We are covered when a car or truck hits us,” he said.

In 2012, Megge said, the state had 112 motorcycle fatalities. In 2011, the total was 109. Curiously, in 2008, 125 fatal motorcycle accidents were reported. In 2009, there were 103 fatalities. Based on these statistics, it is difficult to determine the impact — yet — of the helmet law.

“It appears we don’t have hard numbers. The fatalities are comparable,” Megge said. “The injuries are up over 2011 but down from 2008.”

The only factor Megge said he believes affected 2008 statistics is that gas prices that year reached an all-time high, sending more auto drivers to save gasoline by riding motorcycles.

“We strongly encourage motorcycle safety and training,” Consiglio said. “I think this (new) law came out as good as it can be.”

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Environmental worries prompt push

State Dems call for fracking legislation

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

State Dems don’t dispute that gas and oil drilling can help Michigan’s economy, but they want increased accountability and transparency to protect the public health and the state’s waterways from the effects of “fracking” — using water to hydraulically fracture underground rock.

Democratic state Reps. Vicki Barnett of Farmington Hills, Jim Townsend of Royal Oak and Ellen Cogen Lipton of Huntington Woods are among the legislators across the state who have introduced a series of eight bills to ensure that the some 930 chemicals used in the process are publicly disclosed.

“It is a growing practice in Michigan and we need to regulate it,” Barnett said at a Thursday morning press conference in Heritage Park, Farmington Hills.

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REP. VICKI BARNETT
Farmington Hills

Already current and pending drilling permits throughout Michigan estimate water usage for fracking operations at 500 million gallons. One unnamed drilling company has proposed 500 new sites in Michigan with an estimated Great Lakes water usage of four billion gallons, according to the legislators.

The bills call for giving municipalities and residents the opportunity to request a public hearing before a fracking permit is issued to allow public comment in the process.

The bills also would:

» Allow units of government to control fracking operations in communities

» Create a public-private advisory committee to study the effects of fracking and to make recommendations

» Increase the setback distance of fracking operations from residential areas, as well as schools, hospitals, day care centers and public parks.

“We should all play by the same rules,” Townsend said, maintaining there is no oversight of drilling companies and their processes in Michigan. “They are able to do this without proper accountability.”

Controversial

The controversial technique, also known as hydraulic fracturing, is used by the energy industry to extract oil and gas from rock by injecting high-pressure mixtures of water, sand or gravel and chemicals. The practice has been used for decades but has been expanded to horizontally drilled wells that use millions of gallons of water, according to Michigan Clean Water Action.

By Friday, the Michigan Oil & Gas Association, which has 1,000 members and represents independent oil companies, major oil companies, and the exploration arms of various utility

companies, issued a statement:

“Michigan has been and continues to be a leader when it comes to producing clean natural gas from our state’s own resources, while maintaining an outstanding track record of keeping the environment and communities clean and safe. At the same time, Michigan energy production is vital to our state’s economy — supporting some 30,000 Michigan jobs and contributing about \$3 billion to the state’s economy,” according to the MOGS statement.

“As we look at the legislative proposal announced today — or others that could come forward — our goal is to make sure this winning track record for Michigan-made energy, Michigan jobs and Michigan’s environment continues. Importantly for Michigan, the package does not call

for an all-out nonsensical, and job killing ban, as some activists are advocating,” according to MOGS.

“Michigan producers have used hydraulic fracturing for six decades. While it already is a proven safe technology, improvements are continually being made that result in our ability to even more effectively produce the natural gas that 80 percent of Michigan homeowners use in ways that fulfill our responsibility to safeguard Michigan’s environment,” MOGS continued.

But the amount of water used in fracking — considering that Michigan is home to one-fifth of the world’s fresh water supply — is a significant concern, Barnett said.

Some four billion gallons of water will be used in proposed new wells in Michigan. “That’s enough to drain Kent Lake twice,” said Barnett, displaying a gallon jug of water.

Among concerns expressed by legislators is the potential for the water — used in fracking — and the chemicals used in the process to leach into the fresh water supply. “It is a cocktail that cannot be recycled,” Barnett said. “With our low water levels what more do we need to talk about?”

But the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality claims that fracking is not a problem and there have not been any environmental disasters associated with the process.

“Oil and gas companies are subject to the same requirements as other users of large volumes of water — they must first evaluate the potential effects of the withdrawal using a computer program Michigan regulators designed to track and measure water use and protect local aquifers,” according to

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From left, Oakland Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash, state Rep. Jim Townsend, Mary Brady of Michigan Clean Water Action and state Rep. Vicki Barnett show residents drilling operations in Oakland County.



Fred Shadko chases his dog Skip around the Cady Street Dog Park recently. Shadko, a Northville Township trustee and local historian, has been a strong proponent of Northville's dog parks. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Where the dogs roam free

Northville's canine residents have two parks to call their own.

On any given day, you can see plenty of four-legged pooches and their loving owners congregating at the corner of Cady and Wing streets in downtown, and also over at Community Park in Northville Township.

The Northville Dog Park located downtown behind the Northville Art House covers more than a half acre on land the city used as a DPW yard for many years. There is a lot more land – four acres – to roam at the dog park over at Community Park located at Five Mile just west of Beck.

Both facilities are operated through Northville Parks and Recreation.

There is a membership fee to use the parks (Northville residents pay \$40 to use both parks or \$29 for the individual parks). To become a member, one must first attend a mandatory education session so everyone knows the rules and knows how to be a responsible dog park user.

For more information, visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org/ParksAndFacilities/DogPark.htm.



Emma – the puppy of Marianne Webster (in back) – gets in close to greet a photographer's lens during a July 23 visit to the Northville Dog Park located downtown.

FRACKING

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the DEQ.

While the bills have been introduced and the Democrats plan and expect to work with their Republican counterparts, Townsend said it could be some time before the legislation is passed.

The next step in the legislative process is to set up committee hearings, followed by discussion and a vote by the state House and then the

Senate.

Fifteen Oakland County communities, including Southfield and West Bloomfield, have enacted bans or moratoriums on the fracking process, Townsend said.

Oakland County Water Commissioner Jim Nash of Farmington Hills told residents Thursday that he has held six town halls around Oakland to discuss fracking. "They were all well-attended. Everybody is concerned about potential sites."

Understand issues

One of the sites targeted for drilling, Indian Springs Metropark on White Lake Road, would be conducted in a wooded wetland. "People need to know what is being tracked into their communities. I am asking the state to do this. We need more local control. We need people to understand the issues."

While Democrats across the state hosted press conferences Thursday, the Michigan Department of Environ-

mental Quality states on its website that fracking and the use of horizontal drilling has not and does not affect water quality.

But legislators and Nash said that water used in the fracking process — of which 1 percent of the composition is chemicals — may not be used again. "If we have an accident in one of the streams, it could be disastrous," Nash said.

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Back to school drive

The Eagles #2504, located at 113 S. Center Street in Northville, is hosting its Back to School Drive on Aug. 17. There will be a mostaccioli dinner for \$5 between 5-7 p.m. In addition, there will be entertainment by Brian Bosman Extraordinary beginning at 8 p.m.

All attendees are asked to bring a school supply donation (book bags, black, and blue pens, #2 pencils, notebooks, washable marker sets, pocket folders, three-ring binders, protractors, compass, pencil sharpeners, colored pencils, 64-set crayons, pencil pouches and boxes, erasers, wide-ruled loose leaf paper, college-ruled loose leaf paper, glue sticks, highlighters, calculators, dictionary with thesaurus, flash drives, scissors, and black/white composition books).

There will be \$5 basket raffle, and all attendees

will receive a \$2 drink ticket with a donation from the school supply list. Proceeds to go towards the Capuchin Soup Kitchen (cskde-troit.org). For more information, call 248-349-2479.

Emergency food

The next distribution of emergency food by Plymouth Community United Way is scheduled Thursday, Aug. 15. The Emergency Food Assistance Program provides low-income Plymouth and Northville residents with canned, non-perishable and perishable items. All recipients must pre-register at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth.

This is a supplemental food program that may be used in addition to other assistance programs. Bridge Card holders automatically qualify, but need to pre-register.

Recipients not currently on governmental assistance (food stamps, ADC and general) must provide documentation including proof of income and residency before receiving food on distribution days.

Distributions continue the third Thursday of each month from 9:30 -11 a.m. at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth.

For information and to register, call 734-453-6879, ext. 7, or send email to randi.williams@pcuw.org.

Police golf outing

The Northville Township Police Officers Association Benevolent Fund will hold its 13th annual golf outing on Sept. 16 at Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 W. Eight Mile Road. The event begins at 8 a.m. with breakfast and registration, followed by a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

Cost of the event is

\$250 per golfer, and includes breakfast, greens fees, cart, dinner, three-hour open bar and golf shirt. Proceeds from the golf outing will benefit the Police Benevolent Fund.

Organizers are still looking for sponsors for the event. There are a number of sponsorship opportunities available. For more information, contact Mike Jackman, golf committee chairperson, at 248-449-5198.

Emperor's New Clothes

The historical Marquis Theatre will present "Emperor's New Clothes" in August and September. It is the classic tale of an emperor and his magical, invisible suit. Enjoy a live performance full of fun and entertainment, dancing and singing that will appeal to both children and adults.

Dates for the show are at 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays

(Aug. 10, 17, 24, 31 and Sept. 7, 14, and 21); 2:30 p.m. on Sundays (Sept. 1, 8, 15, and 22); and 10:30 a.m. Monday-Friday (Aug. 5-9, Aug. 12-16).

Tickets for all performances are \$9 each. Concessions will be available. Group rates and reserved seating for groups of 20 or more available. Special week-day school performance dates and rates also available. Birthday parties and Scout days available. No children under the age of three.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 East Main, in downtown Northville. For more information call 248-349-8110 or visit www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross will hold a number of upcoming local blood drives.

» Oak Pointe Church, 1-6:45 p.m., Friday, Aug. 16, 50200 West 10 Mile,

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» First United Methodist Church, 7 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 18, 777 West Eight Mile, Northville.

Donors can contact Diane at 313-549-7052 or Diane.Risko@red-cross.org to set up an appointment.

Remember, the need for blood increases during the summer. All blood types are needed, but type O negative and B negative are in high demand.

Art House exhibit

The Northville Art House, located at 215 W. Cady in downtown Northville, is running a new exhibit, "Collaboration and Continuum: The Carnival Photographs of Bill Rauhauser and Carlos Diaz", through Aug. 30.

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Some 18 children attended the Kidz Kamp last week at Northville's Mill Race Village. The two-day camp put on by New Hope Center for Grief Support and paid for with a grant from the Hitachi Foundation, is designed for children, between the ages of 4 and 12, who are in some stage of grief. The children shared their stories, and participated in a number of activities, including decorating yellow pillows (in the photo), which will be donated to Botsford Hospital to be given out to children patients. "The kids had a wonderful time," said Kathryn L. Koehler, New Hope's communications and events manager, who noted there were plenty of laughter and tears at the camp.

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All charged up about new plug-in vehicle

Local man among first to buy electric Tesla auto

By Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

Len Budzen rolls down the driveway of his Highland Township home at the wheel of his brand-new, cherry-red Tesla Model S.

The battery-powered car has no combustion engine, hence no engine noise. It is silent.

"I can sneak out at night and no one will know," said Budzen with an impish boy-with-a-new-toy grin sneaking across his face.

And then: "Do you want to go fast?" He's happy to demonstrate what the car can accomplish, and he does.

Budzen and his wife, Jo, took delivery of the car last month.

The Tesla Model S, introduced as a prototype in 2009 with U.S. deliveries beginning in June 2012, is a full-sized electric four-door hatch-back sports sedan produced by Tesla Motors.

The car's claim to fame is its long range; it can travel 160, 230 or 300 miles, depending on the buyer's chosen battery option; unlike cars such as the Chevrolet Volt, the Tesla has no backup gasoline engine.

The car's performance has gained a lot of attention in the automobile industry since its release.

High ratings

In fact, in a report published last month, *Consumer Reports* said the Tesla Model S is the best car it has tested since 2007, achieving its highest score.

The magazine said the electric sedan achieved a score of 99 out of 100, outperforming every other model this year in every category — from



Len and Jo Budzen stand next to their new Tesla Model S electric car. PHOTOS BY HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



The license plate says it all.

performance to interior quality.

High points, according to *Consumer Reports*:

- » **Acceleration:** The Model S leaps from 0 to 60 miles per hour in 5.6 seconds, on par with top sports cars. Yet it is the quietest car that the magazine has tested since the Lexus.
- » **Handling:** *Consumer Reports'* engineers compared its "pinpoint handling" to that of a Porsche.
- » **Interior:** The "beautifully-crafted interior calls to mind an Audi."
- » **Practicality:** The test car's ability to go 200 miles on a single charge gave it a level of practicality not seen in other electric cars, which are typically limited to 75 or 80 miles a charge.
- » **Thrifty:** The test car achieved the equivalent of 84 miles a gallon of gas. At \$9 in electricity for a full charge, it is like buying gas at \$1.20 a gallon.

All those features, plus the 17-inch touch screen that integrates media, navigation, communications, cabin controls and vehicle data sold the Budzens on the car.

Personal interest

But for Len Budzen, the interest is personal, too. He, after all, helped pioneer electric vehicles.

It all began in 1969, Budzen said, when he joined the Copper Development Association.

His job, along with two others, was to explore and expand the use of copper and copper alloys in the U.S., as well as to work toward future developments.

Reading the newspaper one day, he came across a small article about a Detroit man who was importing French-made Renaults and converting them to electric vehicles.

After visiting with the man featured in the story, Budzen enthusiastically reported back to his boss.

"He told me I had too much for lunch and I should go home and lie down," Budzen said.

But one thing led to another and before long Budzen found himself heading up a group charged with building a prototype to examine the

possibilities of an electric car.

"We found a Cobra chassis in Pennsylvania and had it shipped up," he said. "We used that as the frame at the bottom; the battery was about 4,500 pounds total, so it was heavy."

Once the work was done and the car was built, Budzen and his group took it on the road. And on television.

In winter 1970, Budzen, then CDA's electric products market development manager, along with his Copper Electric Car, were featured on Garry Moore's *To Tell the Truth* show.

Everywhere he went with the car, people were fascinated.

"We took it to Washington, D.C., and all the politicians wanted to have their picture taken in it," he said. "Everywhere I stopped, I was mobbed with people who

wanted to know more about it."

After that, Budzen went on to other things — none of the automakers were taking the concept seriously at that time — but he always maintained an interest in electric vehicles. Over the years, in fact, he and Jo owned four Toyota Prius hybrid vehicles.

A memorable trip to Denver

Then, about two years ago, when Budzen stopped to check out the Tesla Roadster in a showroom at a mall in Denver, he spotted a photo of the Model S on the wall and ended up in a conversation with the technician.

He liked what he heard. And, for a fully refundable \$5,000 deposit, he could put his name on the list. The cars, the technician told him, would roll out in about

two years.

So he called Jo.

"She said, 'Honey, it's probably the last car you'll ever order, so go for it.'"

Budzen's name was placed at number 4,498 on the list. That was in 2011. He almost forgot about it.

The car arrives

Then, last month, finally, a call from the delivery driver.

Twenty minutes later, an enclosed van — coming from a Tesla distribution center in Columbus — drove up to the couple's home.

Ever since, Budzen's been hearing similar words to those he heard back in the '70s.

"Where ever I go, people stop me and want to know about it," he said, adding that he's still learning about the car and having a good time doing so.

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ASH, PATRICIA ANN

Age 77, of Livonia, passed away 07/27/13. Full obit and online condolences at: www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



GROENING, EVELYN J.

A long time resident of Milford and devoted member of Christ Lutheran Church, died at her home on July 27, 2013. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, James, in 2010 and is survived by her daughters, Lynette J. Groening, Gloria J. Wilson (William), Trina J. Kleckner (Jeffrey); her son, Terence A. Groening (Carol Chan) and grandchildren, Alex, Dana and Hope Wilson, Justin and Randy Kleckner, and Jonas, Walter and Azalea Groening. Funeral Services were held at Christ Lutheran Church, Milford, on Thursday, August 1st, 2013.

For further information please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford, at 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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HOWARTH, JENNIE S.

Age 90, passed away August 2, 2013. She was born on May 5, 1923, in Ironwood, MI, daughter of the late John & Helmi Wieneri. Jennie was united in marriage to Floyd Howarth, for 64 years, prior to his death in 2008. She is survived by her loving daughter, Renee (Paul) Putz, her granddaughter, Jennifer Martinez, her great-granddaughter, Grace Martinez, her sister Sylvia Allison and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Floyd and her two sons, George and Ronald. Visitation was held on Tuesday, August 6, from 4:00pm-8:00pm at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, August 7, at 11:00am at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 330 E. Liberty St., South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or to the Immanuel Lutheran Church. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

NIELSEN, DENNIS S.

Age 74, of Northville passed away 07/29/2013. Full obituary and online condolences at: www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

PARSLEY, ROBERT MICHAEL "MIKE"

Age 64 and a resident of Milford, died at his home in the care of his family on August 4, 2013 after being diagnosed with cancer a month ago. He leaves Patty, his beloved wife of over thirty-two years; his daughter, Amy (Jeff) Smith of Commerce Twp.; grandchildren, Ryan, Ashlyn, Justin and Jake, mother, Billie Josephine Parsley; sisters, Marsha Lee and Tami (Kenny) Baldwin; brothers-in-laws and sisters-in-law, Steve (Shelly) Johnson, Carol Line, Linda (Steve) Brynaert, Mary Johnson and many nieces, nephews and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Harold Parsley and his brother, Stephen Patrick Parsley. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Thursday, August 8, at 7PM. Friends may visit from 12 Noon until the time of service.

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PERRY, BRANDON THOMAS

Age 18 of Milford, died on July 30, 2013. He leaves his parents, Charles and Diane Perry; his brothers, Ian (Anne) Perry and Isaac (Andrea) Perry; nephews and nieces, Colten, Oliver, Charlotte, Oscar, Lincoln and Layla; grandparents, Lillian Schuyler and C. Gale Perry and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and many, many dear friends. He was preceded in death by grandparents, Virginia Perry and Leonard Schuyler. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on Sunday, August 4, 2013. Memorials may be made in his name to the Henry Ford Maplegrove Center in West Bloomfield. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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SIEVER, CHARLES (CHUCK) E.

Passed away on July 29, 2013 with his wife by his side at their home. He battled cancer for 12 years and put up a great fight. He was preceded in death by his parents Tilden and Celia Siever, his first wife Beverly of 49 years, and his sister Mechel Downs of Michigan. He is survived by his wife Sible Siever; his eldest daughter Carrie Farnum & her husband Russell of Highland, MI and their children: Russell Farnum, Mallory Deel and her husband Donnie, Mitchell Farnum, and great-granddaughter Maya Deel; his youngest daughter Cassandra Spiker and her husband Don of Mint Hill, NC and their children: Donnie Spiker and his wife Erin, Daneille, Dalton and Delaney; his wife's children Danny Hicks and Rhonda of Matthews, NC, Teresa Eagle and her husband Dwayne and their children: Amanda and Christopher. Chuck joined the Navy and he served with Seabees until 1958. He retired after 25 years of service with Ford Motor Company. He was a loving father, step-father, grandfather and recent great-grandfather. He was such a great man and will be greatly missed by his family and friends. The family will receive friends Thursday August, 1 at 10 am at St Lukes Catholic Church (13700 Lawyers Rd. Mint Hill, NC). Mass will follow immediately after. In lieu of flowers please send donations to The American Cancer Society.



WARD, JOHN C.

Age 90 of Grand Rapids, passed away Sunday, August 4, 2013. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy (Delaney). Mr. Ward was born and raised in Grand Rapids, the son of Florence (Cowan) and John P. Ward. John attended Ottawa Hills High School and The University of Michigan. He owned and successfully operated Ward Brokerage Company for over 30 years. He is survived by his daughters, Kathleen of Minneapolis, MN and Janet of South Lyon, MI; sons, Brian of Gales Ferry, CT and Timothy and Jessica of Grand Rapids; his dearly loved grandchildren, Brendan, Ian, Marty, Jack and Claire; he also leaves his brother, Richard and sister-in-law, Phyllis Ward of Grand Rapids. John was an avid Wolverine fan, loved the Detroit Lions and Tigers and any team that his children or grandchildren participated in. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He enjoyed sailing, aviation, traveling in his RV across the country, reading newspapers, feeding the birds and music from the swing era. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, August 7 at 11:00 AM at St. Paul the Apostle Church, 2750 Burton Street SE, Grand Rapids, Msgr. Ernest P. Schneider, presiding with visitation one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to the Florence Cowan Scholarship, Grand Valley State University, P.O. Box 2005, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49501-2005.

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WOJTEWICZ, THOMAS K.

Age 46, of Whitmore Lake, formerly of Belleville, passed away July 28, 2013. He was born on July 6, 1967 in Garden City, son of George & Patricia Wojtowicz. Thomas was an avid fisherman. He loved to camp and spend time outdoors. He could often be found combing the ground with his metal detector or at home on his computer trading on the stock market. The most important thing in his life was his loving family. He is survived by his beloved wife, Janet of 10 years, his sons, Ricky and Jeremy Tomlin and his step-daughter, Crystal Porter, his father, George Wojtowicz and his mother, Patricia Wojtowicz, his siblings: Reggie (Todd) Goldman and Greg (Andrea) Wojtowicz, his nieces and nephews: Danielle, Gregory, Benjamin and Grace, his father-in-law, Dan Hammell, his mother-in-law, Rose Hammell, his brothers-in-law and his sisters-in-law: Ken (Susan) Hammell, Mary (Larry) Waske, Tom (Cathy) Connors, Kathy Dobek, Paul Hammell and Theresa (John) Chapoton. He is also survived by his best buddy, Tasha Marie. Thomas was preceded in death by his step-son, Michael Jones. A memorial service will be held on Monday, August 5 at 3:00pm with the family receiving friends beginning at 11:00am at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon.

Online guestbook at
www.phillipsfuneral.com

ZAYTI, INGEBORG C.

A longtime resident of Northville passed away July 29, 2013. She was born December 9, 1939 in Bad Harzburg, Germany; daughter of Georg and Meta Schmidt. She was united in marriage to Julius Zayti; they were married for many years until his death in 1988. Since 1978 she was the owner and operator of the Marquis Theatre in Northville, prior to running the theatre she ran the Marquis Boutique which was a high-end dress/gown shop in Northville. She was in the Peace Corps for 4 years; serving 3 years in Africa and 1 year in India. Miss Inge was the producer and founder of the Marquis Theatre summer camps. She dedicated herself to providing professional instruction, as well as a fun and creative atmosphere for the many talented children. Her involvement in the community was extensive. She won many awards throughout the years including the "Woman of the Year" award given by Wayne County. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She is survived by her children Mark (Tonia) Zayti and Christina C. Zayti; her brother Peter Schmidt; and her grandchildren Justin Zayti-Rush; Auston, Preston, and Jayla Zayti; and Luke and Lance Lindsey-Zayti. She was preceded in death by her parents, her son Jeff Zayti, and her brother Honey Schmidt. A funeral service was held last Saturday August 3, 2013 at The Marquis Theatre in Northville. Please continue to support live theatre by donating in memory of Miss Inge to The Marquis Theatre, 135 East Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

NOVI / NORTHVILLE RELIGION CALENDAR

BRIGHTMOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, 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 fifth grade. Preregister.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road**Contact:** 248-349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org

Mass Schedule

Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)**Holy days:** 9 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**Reconciliation:** beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment**Priests:** the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Michael Zuelch, associate pastor

CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile**Contact:** 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.**Sunday worship:** 11:15 a.m.**Bible study classes:** 10 a.m. for all ages**Details:** Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

DESTINY WORSHIP CENTER

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville**Contact:** DestinyW3C@gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia**Web:** www.emmanuel-livonia.org**Contact:** 248-442-8822**Sunday worship:** 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Aug. 11 at 10 a.m. only followed by potluck fellowship**Adult special needs worship:** 9:30 a.m.**Youth group:** Tuesdays at 7:45-9 p.m.**Children's Summer Sunday Church:** 9:30 a.m. Sundays; for children entering kindergarten through third grade**Youth group:** 7:45-9 p.m. Tuesdays**Women's Coffee Break Bible Study:** 10-11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 12 -- Does God believe in US?

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 p.m.**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.**Ladies Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays**Men's Bible Study:** 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI - FAMILY INTEGRATED CHURCH

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile**Contact:** 248-349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchof-novi.org**Family Bible Hour:** 9:45 a.m.**Family Worship:** 11 a.m.**Bible Study:** 6 p.m.**Family Movie Night:** 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile**Contact:** 248-348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org**Sunday Schedule:** 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Café is open from 9:15-11 a.m. Refreshments at 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service**Wednesday schedule:** 6:30 p.m. Bible Study**Thursday schedule:** 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study

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 E. 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, Northville**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 and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile**Contact:** 248-427-1175 or hollycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org**Sunday Worship:** 7:45 and 10 a.m.**Sunday School and Nursery Care:** 10 a.m. Worship service**Alzheimer's Support Group:** 10 a.m. second Saturday of month.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile (east of Haggerty), Farmington Hills

LAKES BAPTIST CHURCH

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

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:** the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister, 248-348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.**Church School:** 10-11 a.m.**Fellowship Hour:** 11 a.m.**Merry Widows Luncheon:** 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month**Pilgrim Fellowship:** 6 p.m. Sundays

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

Location: 41355 Six Mile**Contact:** 248-348-9030**Sundays:** 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in multipurpose gymnasium; 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)**Wednesday Family Night:** 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

NOVI-NORTHVILLE CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE

Details: Events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year -- children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.**Contact:** Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile**Contact:** 248-349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com**Facebook:** https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433**Sunday Worship:** 9:45 a.m.**Healing Service and Holy Communion:** 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month**Peace Vigil:** noon, first Sunday of every month in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

OAK POINTE CHURCH

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi**Contact:** 248-912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org**Worship Services:** 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday**ReNew Life Group Ministries:** 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday**Details:** Overseen by TrueNorth Christian Counseling, offering a variety of support and relational groups: Divorce Care; Grief Share; Life Disrupted (Doing Well At Being Sick); Restarting; Setting Boundaries with Teen & Adult Children; Single and Single Again; Men's Integrity; Cross Current; Her Story-Partner Care; Growing Seasons (for children); and two new groups are Caretakers and Knitted Together (Adoption/Foster Care) Workshops.**Contact:** 248-912-0043; www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups/renew/index.html.**Women's Life Groups Ministries:** 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday**Men's Life Groups Ministries:** 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office.

ORCHARD GROVE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake**Web:** www.orchardgrove.org**Contact:** Amanda Rehm at 248-926-6584 or amanda.rehm@orchardgrove.org.

OUR SAVIOUR APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

ORCHARD GROVE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake**Contact:** 248-926-6584; www.orchardgrove.org

ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Location: 23455 Novi Road**Contact:** pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665**Preschool/Kids Choir:** 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday**Details:** For ages 3-6; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth**Contact:** 734-453-0326, Ext. 221

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville**Contact:** 248-349-2621 or olvnorthville.org**Saturday Worship:** 5 p.m.**Sunday Worship:** 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

OUR SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth**Contact:** pastor Bill Burke at 734-927-0891**Wednesday Bible Study:** 7 p.m.

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Highlights of the weekend include:

» More than 200 costumed American Indian, French, British and American re-enactors representing the years 1700-96.

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For more information, contact Kensington Metropark at 810-227-8910. A vehicle entry permit is required, which is \$5 daily. Annual passes are available.

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Upcoming events include:

» Drop-In Movie & Munchies for Kids

Noon, Thursday, Aug. 8
Details: Bring your lunch to the library and watch Disney/Pixar's BRAVE about Merida, a skilled archer and headstrong young lady, who embarks upon a heroic journey to undo a beastly curse before it is too late. All ages. Kids ages 4 and younger must attend with caregiver, and caregivers of others attending must remain in the library. Due to space limitations, we cannot accommo-

LIBRARY LINES

date special groups.

» Drop-In Computer Tutoring

10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Aug. 10

Details: Free one-on-one help with e-mail, internet searches and more. Up to one hour with a volunteer. Just drop-in.

» Between the Lines Book Discussion

7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12
Details: Enjoy a lively discussion of A Jane Austen Education: How Six Novels Taught Love, Friendship and the Things That Really Matter by William Deresiewicz.

» Youth Summer Reading Program Finale Party

2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14
Details: Celebrate the end of the Dig Into Reading! Youth Summer Reading Pro-

gram with a fascinating show by Cirque Amongus. Complimentary refreshments served after the show. No ticket required, everyone is welcome. Due to space limitations, we cannot accommodate special groups.

» Teen Summer Reading Final Party

1-3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16
Details: Celebrate the end of the Beneath the Surface Teen Summer Reading Program with snacks, book swap and assorted games. Bonus door prizes. Final check-in for prizes and chances to win the Grand Prize drawing at 2 p.m.



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OUR VIEWS

Protecting our water resources begins at home

Anyone taking a drive past Newburgh Lake in Wayne County's Edward Hines Park this summer has probably noticed much of the lake's surface is covered by a green mat of algae.

The algae makes it tough to maneuver canoes and kayaks, is an obstacle to fishing, sucks the oxygen out of the water and probably isn't what Wayne County officials had envisioned when they invested nearly \$12 million on a restoration project back in 1998 to clean up the lake.

The reality is the lake, which is located in Livonia along Hines Drive, is actually doing pretty good despite the algae. Fish populations are relatively healthy (and much healthier than they were prior to the restoration project) and it remains a great place to see birds and other wildlife that thrive along its banks.

Yet it stands as an example of the impact people can have on a watershed, especially urban watersheds like the Rouge River, which has been impounded to create Newburgh Lake and other small lakes in the area.

The algae in Newburgh Lake is due to non-point source pollution – essentially soil erosion and the fertilizer that runs off lawns in upstream areas like Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Westland and even as far away as Novi and Salem Township. It may be hard to believe that somebody applying too much fertilizer on a lawn in Novi could have a negative impact on a lake in southern Livonia, but water (and everything it carries with it) moves downstream through rivers and streams and ultimately collects in impoundments like Newburgh Lake.

Also, excessive storm water runoff, especially after heavy rains, causes soil erosion. This sediment, which in Michigan contains phosphorus that causes algae blooms, also collects in impoundments and lakes.

And you don't have to live along a river or stream to contribute to the problem. In fact, the storm drains that dot most suburban streets are really the headwaters of a watershed. Everything that gets swept into or flushed down a storm drain eventually makes its way into local waterways.

That's why it is important for homeowners and other property owners to take certain steps that can have a huge impact on keeping waterways healthy. Here are just a few of the precautions people can take to help:

- » Make sure you or your lawn service provider use only phosphorus-free lawn fertilizers.
- » When applying fertilizers, keep them on the lawn and off paved surfaces, where they will be swept into storm drains. If you do get fertilizer on paved surfaces, sweep it up.
- » Use native Michigan plants when possible; they soak up more storm water than turf lawns and help control erosion.
- » Build rain gardens with native plants or install rain barrels to help keep storm water on your property, rather than have it go directly into storm drains. This helps prevent stream bank erosion.
- » Keep pet wastes, leaves and debris out of street gutters and storm drains.
- » If you are still on a septic system, have it inspected and pumped at least every three to five years.
- » Purchase household detergents and cleaners that are low in phosphorous to reduce the amount of nutrients discharged into our lakes, streams and coastal waters.
- » Clean vehicles at a car wash rather than in the driveway or street, where soaps and cleaners will be make their way into storm drains.

All of this non-point source pollution has a negative impact on drinking water supplies, recreation, fisheries and wildlife.

Everyone, whether they realize it or not, has an impact on the health of local waterways. Everyone lives upstream to some body of water. We live in a state that in many ways is defined by its magnificent water resources. As such, we have an obligation to protect and preserve them for future generations. And it starts at home.



Newburgh Lake is filling up with weed and algae growth, as this photo can attest. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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LETTERS

Wrecking ball ethic

Why is it every time I turn around another authentic, irreplaceable Northville homestead is summarily erased, in order to make room for “Victorian” reproductions that – bafflingly – seem to elicit greater regard than the originals they displace? By the time this process is complete, Northville will no longer be Northville, but a collection of modern structures that merely evoke the past, absent visceral ties to the Northville that used to value preservation over contrived charm.

Homebuyers, builders, and city fathers have colluded to remake Northville from an historic town into an Epcot-like facsimile of an historic town. I concede that some new houses have replaced veritable dumps. But often, old buildings, which could have been showpieces of rejuvenation had the will existed to preserve them, simply fail to meet the square-footage requirements of either architect or client, both of whom are out to impress.

The result is, money, egos, and ostentatiousness are morphing this town into something its past denizens would be challenged to recognize were they able to behold it in the present. Why not do away with the historic commission and the district it oversees? That way no structure past its prime would be exempt from the wrecking ball ethic that currently orders affairs in Northville.

Northville once viewed its past as a legacy, not a liability. Am I the only one who rues the direction in which we appear to be headed?

Ken Kilpatrick
Northville

Armed with Skittles

In Florida, if you are a black teenager walking home in the rain from the 7-Eleven armed with a bag of Skittles and an iced tea, and someone doesn't like the way you look, they can stalk you, pick a fight, and when the fight doesn't go their way, guess what they get to do to you?

Steve Lawrence
Northville Township

Why the complaints?

According to U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, the one-year delay of President Obama's implementation of the employers mandate concerning the Affordable Health Care Act, is prime evidence of the program's failure. Quite an observation for a freshman U.S. rep whose primary claim to fame comes from being a Milford reindeer farmer and winning disgraced Thaddeus McCotter's seat.

Rep. Bontivolio was not even in Congress when the AHCA was passed yet he assumes the standing of being critical of President Obama for the delay.

This is even more astounding when it was the Chamber of

Commerce and other business organizations who urged President Obama to delay the employer mandate as it was just too complicated for business to implement. As former President Clinton said of the GOP when campaigning for President Obama, “it takes real brass for the GOP to criticize President Obama when he does what the GOP asks of him.”

I guess the “Tea Baggers” who backed Bentivolio gave him the sanction to criticize the AHCA. Strange that these guys never propose an alternative to universal health coverage. They just gripe about President Obama's Congressional-approved and Supreme Court-backed plan. Wonder why this is?

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

Obama hurts middle class

The president talks a lot about the middle class. The truth is he doesn't give a hoot about you because you're not a guaranteed vote.

His sweet spot is the working poor and those dependent on government, a voting coalition he's envisioned since 1998 being built right now.

Higher taxes and a \$488 billion increase in regulatory costs since 2009 has forced businesses to hike prices, cut hours, freeze wages or put off hiring.

His war on coal and push for expensive renewables will further burden the middle class with higher electric rates.

The president has doubled food stamp rolls by expanding eligibility well beyond those people the program was designed to help. Obamacare will soon expand Medicaid.

The middle class will never again prosper until middle class employers are allowed to prosper. That will never happen with policies that favor redistribution over wealth creation.

The middle class is not yet part of the president's working poor but he's working on it.

Jack Belisle
South Lyon

Prepare now

We need to take action to prepare our communities for the impacts of climate change by investing in renewable energy, energy efficiency and the growth and rebuilding our basic infrastructure systems.

The basic systems that provide us with drinking and wastewater, energy transmission, transit and rail, communications, pipelines, roads and bridges are in need of critical repair.

A report released earlier this year by the Natural Resources Defense Council found that U.S. taxpayers paid nearly \$100 billion last year in efforts to clean up after extreme weather events – that is approximately \$1,100 per taxpayer. We no longer have a choice in preparing for climate change, the only question is whether we take

action now or wait until later when the costs for our communities will be greater.

We need to work together to create a comprehensive plan on the federal, state and local levels on how we can prepare for climate change and how we will ensure our basic infrastructure systems are prepared for its impacts. It is past time for us to get serious about preparing our communities.

Theresa Bullock
Southfield

Do the math

You are one of Michigan's 450,000 uninsured or underinsured residents. You wake up to a nagging sore throat, throbbing headache, and blurred vision.

Option A: Go to hospital emergency services department. According to data from the National Institutes of Health, be prepared to have charges of up to \$2,000 weighed against you.

Option B – Under the Affordable Care Act (also known as Obamacare) with your selected coverage, designated primary care physician, experience more rapid service and a reasonable co-payment.

Do the math. If half of the aforementioned uninsured or underinsured Michigan residents annually utilize the emergency services department, just once, the cost is \$45 million. Imagine if those 225,000 residents accessed emergency services three times annually.

Your Michigan senator can address and rectify this ill-balanced approach by voting “yes” on House Bill 4714. This will annually save Michigan's operating budget up to \$200 million.

House Bill 4714, supported by Gov. Rick Snyder, the Michigan House, business firms, corporations, associations, health care academics, insurers, health care providers, and the Michigan Primary Care Consortium realize the Affordable Care Act is the right approach with cost and quality care. In addition, if Michigan is to remain competitive with other states, access to affordable and quality care is a must.

The Consortium stands prepared through the Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) approach to serve these 450,000 Michigan residents along with Michigan's 9.4 million other residents. PCMH is a team based approach in delivering quality and responsive care (www.mipcc.org).

Time is of the utmost. Immediately contact your Michigan senator and tell them to support House Bill 4714.

You can determine your senator by visiting www.senate.michigan.gov or calling 517-373-2400.

Dr. Craig Magnatta D.O.
Dr. Jeffery D. Brasie, M.A.
Michigan Primary Care Consortium

GUEST COLUMN

Pretending to succeed is a failed strategy

No, I did not predict the demise of Detroit 60 years ago.

Yet, in 2004 when I was state superintendent of public instruction, I did say the funding model for our schools and far too many of our municipalities were unsustainable. (See Structural Funding Problems Facing Michigan Schools in the 21st Century: www.michigan.gov/documents/michiganschoolfunding_110803_7.pdf).

Did the governor, legislature, state Board of Education and other local policy makers and educational leaders listen?

Nope. Collectively, for the most part they acted like Rip Van Winkle, waking only long enough to kick the can further down the road.

And like Detroit, they, too, are running out of both the road and the can.

My report foreshadowed what is now true today. Fifty-five school districts are in substantial financial deficits. Two, Inkster and Buena Vista, are being dissolved and the sitting state superintendent is now calling for collapsing the 550 plus local school districts into 83 county-wide districts.

Solutions take time

Problems left alone do not solve themselves. Cleaning up historic messes takes time. Yet as we all know, the first step in



Tom Watkins

problem solving is admitting you have a problem. Denial is a potent enemy of sensible change.

Even today in dealing with the unsustainable nature of our schools and many local units of government, the response in far too many cases is to pretend, deny, and continue to spend.

We need to get serious about the scope of the problem. Only when the magnitude of the problem is revealed and accepted can leaders persuade citizens to take action on necessary sacrifices needed to fix it.

Think General Motors, Chrysler and the city of Detroit.

Stein's Law

If there's an obvious rule in economics, it is Stein's Law (named after Herb Stein, former chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers): “If something cannot go on forever, it will stop.”

The Economist magazine put it this way in a recent article entitled: *The Unsteady States of America: It is not just Detroit*. “American cities and states must promise less or face disaster ... Public employees should retire later. States should accelerate the shift to defined-contribution pension

schemes, where what you get out depends on what you put in. These are the norm in the private sector. Benefits already accrued should be honored, but future accruals should be curtailed, where legally possible. The earlier you grapple with the problem, the easier it will be to fix. Nebraska, which stopped offering final-salary pensions to new hires in 1967, is sitting pretty.”

Other than the federal government, who reverts to printing money, there are only three ways to balance a budget:

- 1) Increase revenue
- 2) Reduce expenditures
- 3) A combination of the above.

Pretending has a way of catching up with everyone. If you have a hole in your roof, pretending to fix it has never kept the rain out.

Look across Michigan and America – the fiscal roofs on far too many schools, cities, counties, and states are leaking.

Hey, Rip: Wake up! GM, Chrysler, Inkster, Buena Vista and now Detroit are the canary in the coal mine.

That is far too many canaries to ignore.

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Verdict on Boy Scout Jamboree: big and wild

The 2013 National Boy Scout Jamboree was on the mind of every Boy Scout these last couple of months, as the event that occurs once every four years ended Wednesday, July 26. The topic trended on Twitter and Boy Scout merchandise sales soared. Especially exciting, the 2013 Jamboree was the first held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia, which is to now become the permanent home of all Boy Scout Jamborees. Before now, all Jamborees were held at different sites, with Ft. A.P. Hill in Virginia having been the site since 1981.

The theme of the 2013 Jamboree was “Go Big, Get Wild” and the Boy Scouts of America (or “BSA” for short) did everything they could to emphasize this idea. The Jamboree site was packed full of high-adventure activities, including BMX biking, paddle boarding and kayaking. In addition, the Summit Bechtel Reserve featured the world’s largest artificial rock wall, world’s longest zip line and world’s largest skate park for the 40,000 attending Boy and Venture Scouts to enjoy.

More for environmental reasons than enjoyment, the Boy Scouts of America also sought to increase their sustainability at this most recent Jamboree through various means. These included “ambient showers,” which utilized unheated water in order to be usable in the camp’s “gray water” system. This system used water collected from the showers and sinks in restrooms camp-wide in the toilets of those same restrooms and then used the water collected from those to be sprayed on trees and other foliage. The camp also used lumber and rocks collected from the site and staff



Anthony Volk

from the immediate surrounding area. In order to permanently reinforce the ideals of this Jamboree on youth Boy Scouts, the BSA also launched the Sustainability merit badge, an award given following the completion of certain requirements related to the topic of sustainability and required for the rank of Eagle Scout.

Adventure and sustainability

This combination of high adventure and sustainable practices on paper seemed to be a perfect relationship. However, as the Jamboree opened July 15, a major issue was realized by all in attendance. The Summit Bechtel Reserve is based in the Appalachian Mountains, and as a result the entire property is packed with steep hills and challenging terrain. Since most activities cannot be placed on a steep hill, they were spaced out so that they could be placed in some of the more level areas of the site. Because of this, Scouts were forced to walk two to three hours from their campsite to one high adventure. This problem only increased as rain during the later part of the Jamboree forced many activities to be canceled, causing Scouts to only be able to participate in two or three of the high-adventure activities available to them throughout the entire Jamboree.

An additional issue during the Jamboree actually arose three years prior. In October 2010, the BSA broke ground at the Summit Bechtel Reserve and

they did not stop working until the day of participants’ arrival to the camp. This time around, the BSA improved the site by leaps and bounds, transforming a forest in the heart of Appalachia into a Boy Scout Jamboree site and future high-adventure base. However, the BSA had to fit a 10-year project into just three years, which was evident in the fact that the visitors’ center at the site was still unfinished when participants began to arrive. Also, roads throughout the site were not yet paved and some areas were simply dirt where sod had yet to be placed.

However, this sod was problematic, especially throughout the latter half of the Jamboree. The sod was taken from the area, fulfilling the BSA’s vision of sustainability. However, the West Virginia soil did not effectively drain water and the seemingly endless rain of the Jamboree caused the sod throughout the Jamboree site into a great big mud pit. Any gear dropped by Scouts into this mud hole would be essentially lost forever, for there was no way of cleaning off the thick Appalachian mud.

High spirits

Altogether, though, these issues did not greatly affect the spirit or morale of Scouts as they enjoyed their 10 days at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Scouts at the Jamboree made the most of their time, traveling to many of the high-adventure activities scattered throughout the site, patch trading and enjoying the exhibits and arena shows presented in the Summit Center area. They also braved the rain and storms like champions, being “rigidly flexible” and bending their plans to the will of Mother Nature. The Scouts in Troop D101, the contingent troop from this area,

had nothing negative to say. Most interviewed said that the Jamboree was “awesome” or “great” and one even said that it was “more than he expected.”

Also interesting about the 2013 Jamboree was the increased OA Jamboree staff. Since the 1950s, the Order of the Arrow, the honor society of Boy Scouting based on Scouts’ willingness to serve their fellow Scout, has sent a “Service Corps” to the Jamboree to do any service required of them. However, this Jamboree was different in that the Order also sent three other types of staffers: trek guides, who helped lead Scouts on a mandatory trek to the top of Garden Ground Mountain (the highest point on the Summit property);

Day of Service volunteers, who helped Scouts on a required day of service to the surrounding area; and Indian Village program area volunteers, who taught traditional Native American dances to Scouts as they participated in activities atop Garden Ground Mountain. This sharp increase in Order of the Arrow staff demonstrates the new push of the Order toward increased service to the BSA and toward different types of service. As a part of the OA trek guide staff, I was able to truly appreciate both the good and the bad of the Jamboree.

The 2013 Jamboree may have had its issues with unfinished construction projects, poor weather, long walks and diffi-

cult terrain. However, the Jamboree participants still fell in love with the new focus on high adventure and activities for everyone. All participants interviewed had nothing but positive feedback and comments and they simply glossed over issues like rainstorms and half-finished buildings. Therefore, though the 2013 Jamboree lacked some planning and testing, this deficit was filled by the enjoyment and lessons imparted upon participants.

Anthony Volk, 16, is a member of the Boy Scout Troop 755 out of Northville, which is one of the largest troops in the United States. He is the troop’s new SPL (senior patrol leader). He attended the Jamboree as OA (Order of the Arrow) trek guide.

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Butterflies aren't showing up for Michigan summer

By Kristen Jordan Shamus
Gannett News Service

There aren't many among the lantana, the butterfly bushes or the milkweed plants in Joe Derek's Farmington Hills yard.

Butterflies are strikingly absent this year from his naturally landscaped property off 10 Mile, where he grows two acres of native plants known to draw the fluttering beauties.

"Normally, at this time of year, I'd see hundreds," said Derek, former naturalist for the city of Farmington Hills. "In my life, I've never seen a season where we're not seeing butterflies really of any kind."

They're missing from Diane Pruden's yard in Milford, too.

"It's just horrible," said Pruden, a monarch conservationist for the nonprofit group Monarch Watch. "I've got plants that should be covered with eggs and caterpillars right now and there are just none to be seen."

Butterfly enthusiasts say there's a dearth of butterflies in Michigan this year. Official data are still being collected by monitoring groups around the state, but anecdotally, at least, the outlook is grim.

Holli Ward, executive director of the Michigan Butterflies Project based in Jenison, near Grand Rapids, said she has seen disappointingly few monarchs this year, the type she studies most.

"We go out and are looking, looking, inspecting thoroughly," she said. "On a good day, we're looking at hundreds of milkweed stalks — every week, twice a week since early June. We have not seen a single egg or caterpillar."

Her group examines milkweed because it is the only plant monarchs use to lay their eggs; it's also a food source in their early days as caterpillars.

Still hopeful

Ward is hopeful it'll get better later into the season, but she has her doubts.

"This year's cooler, wetter spring really didn't help," Ward said. "Couple that with last year's extremely hot, extremely dry weather and it's a terrible situation for monarchs."

Besides the weather, part of the problem is development of prairies and grasslands, farming practices that have all but eliminated milkweed and other native plants



The American Painted Lady butterfly drinks some nectar. JOE DEREK

from corn and soybean fields through the heartland, and suburban landscaping with nonnative plants. Combined, these factors have wiped out huge swaths of habitat that used to lure and feed these delicate insects.

Widespread use of pesticides — especially large-scale spraying for mosquitoes and gypsy moths — also kills caterpillars. Rampant use of herbicides in landscaping also contributes to the problem, destroying many native plants the butterflies need to survive.

Without enough of the right plants, the number of butterflies gracing the nation's gardens will continue to decline, says Jeffrey Glassberg, president of the North Amer-

ican Butterfly Association.

"Every single day, the number of butterflies decreases in North America," Glassberg said. "Every time someone takes a meadow and turns it into a parking lot, they are removing large numbers of butterflies from North America. And that happens, of course, every single day."

Michigan Butterfly Network

Although many enthusiasts are concerned about the lack of butterflies this year, Ashley Anne Wick, biological research director at the Kalamazoo Nature Center who heads up the Michigan Butterfly Network, says it's still too soon to sound the alarm

bells.

"One year is not enough to really say anything definitely," Wick said. "I would come from a more hopeful standpoint that they'll rebound as long as people keep providing havens for them, nectar sources, host plants and planting native species on their lots."

"That's why we're starting the Michigan Butterfly Network to monitor these changes and catch the species on decline before they become endangered. That way, we can see what habitat management changes we can make before the population declines too drastically."

Now in its first full year, the Michigan Butterfly Network is a pro-

gram of the Kalamazoo Nature Center and is spreading beyond the western part of the state with the aim of taking a statewide butterfly census six times a year.

Among the vital changes that need to take place to help these fragile creatures rebound, experts agree, is introducing more butterfly-friendly native plants to neighborhoods, parks and even front porches.

"It's going to take a lot of work," Ward said. "There are some amazing strong advocates out there who work really hard, but it's going to take more than the advocates. Until people start seeing this in the mainstream media, and understanding what's happening, why that is and what they can do to help, there's little hope."

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CC introduces Play Like a Champion Today

Program fits into qualities Shamrocks already teach

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Aaron Babicz took a trip to the University of Notre Dame over the summer and returned back to his position as the athletic director of Detroit Catholic Central with a new mission -- implement the Play Like a Champion program immediately.

The program, which he learned about during a three-day course at Notre Dame, focuses on developing traits of

leadership and character within a coaching staff and student athletes while giving them a chance to take ownership in the program.

"It is a way to keep your kids in the zone, 24/7, and reminds us all that sports should be about fun and accountability," said Babicz.

Catholic Central actually implemented two programs. The Play Like a Champion Today program is focused on players and coaches and another program, Parent Like a

Champion Today, which was held for more than 200 Shamrock families.

"The coaches and parents loved this program," Babicz said. "We were already doing many of the things that the program brought to CC, but it also gave both a fresh perspective on how the school, coaches and parents all work together for the great good of our young men."

The program's goal is meant to help keep everyone -- parents, players and coaches -- on the same page and even closer as an athletic community than the Shamrocks already are.

"It gives us a faith-based template to make sure we are supporting each other and our guys," Babicz said. "We want everyone to enjoy the experience that is CC athletics, and this was a new way for us to express that we care enough to get better together and improve."

Babicz said the program fits well within the CC faith and athletic focus, and he said having the University of Notre Dame involved just makes it "even more special."

Having the new program in place helped bring some charge into the athletics family

prior to the start of fall sports, Babicz said.

"It just seemed to recharge everyone's batteries a little and show both the coaches and the parents why we pride ourselves on being a family before anything else," he said. "State championships and victories are great, but this was a win for everyone involved. As a leader, you try to empower those around you, and this program definitely helped achieve that goal."

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

Rain doesn't deter local Road Runners

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The rain held off just long enough for the 2013 Road Runner Classic 8K to sound the starting gun, and then it came down with little regard to the runners participating in the race.

You couldn't tell by the times turned in by Andrew Porinsky and Sarah Kettel, who won the overall men's and women's races, respectively.

Porinsky, who hails from Dexter and is 28 years old, ran a time of 27:56 over the eight-kilometer course at Maybury State Park. Kettel, who is 15 and from Brighton, ran a 33:11 (6:41 mile) to win the women's race.

Winners in other age brackets include: Shawn Wehrly of Royal Oak (44 years old, 32:56) and Erin Larusso of Ypsilanti (43, 33:35) in the master's division, while Carter Reeds of South Lyon (14, 37:50) and Charissa Johnson of Plymouth (12, 50:59) won the 14-and-under division. Winning the 15-to-19 division were Edward Clifton of Northville (18, 28:40) and Elizabeth Matovski of South Lyon (18, 37:56) while Bennett Prudhomme of South Lyon (23, 28:21) and Emily Davis of Lapeer (22, 38:56) won the 20-to-24 division.

In the 24-to-29 division, Alex Williams of Caro (29, 32:04) and Cassie Williams of Caro (27, 37:19) took first place, as did Kevin Pline of Plymouth (33, 29:40) and Kristin Keppsel of Plymouth (31, 37:40) in the 30-to-34 division. South Lyon's Joshua Scheels (38, 31:29) and Maggie Gelwix of Ypsilanti (37, 39:51) won the 35-to-39 division while Leonardo Brito of Ann Arbor (43, 34:02) and Karen Kovtun of Northville (40, 39:20) won the 40-to-44 race.

Northville's Thomas Lee (48, 37:53) and Troy's Nina Burnett (48, 39:15) won



See RUNNERS, Page B3 Edward Clifton (left) and Jason Lerner just after the race. LINDA LEEDY

State law compliments MHSAA concussion policies

Athletes suspected of having concussion must be removed from competition

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

A new law in Michigan that went into effect June 30 will better protect student and youth athletes from concussions and will require education for coaches, volunteers and parents involved in sports.

For the local school districts, this won't change much in the way athletics and concussions are approached. The Michigan High School Athletics Association has had the same policies in place since 2010.

However, the law does protect youth athletes outside of MHSAA-sponsored sports and activities. The new laws require all levels of schools and youth sports organizations to educate, train and collect forms for non-MHSAA activities including physical education classes, intramural and out-of-season camps or clinics.

The MHSAA policies will still remain in effect.

Coach Matt Ladach, of the Northville High School football program, said the rules regarding concussions are essential.

"I wouldn't be able to sleep at night knowing that my own lack of judgment contributed to a player being injured even further," he said. "Wins and losses aren't worth the risk

See CONCUSSION, Page B3

Martial arts school scores hat trick at international tournaments

Students earn 98 awards at Detroit Metropolitan

The Family Self Defense Center recently had great success at three of Isshinryu Karate's biggest tournament, earning wins in kata, weapons, and sparring categories competing against students from the U.S., Canada, Europe, Asia, and Australia.

At the KIAI Grand National held on June 15 in Beverly Hills, Mich., 30 students from the FSDC received 61 awards including 24 first place national championships, six grand championship berths and one grand championship win.

At the Isshinryu World Karate Association Tournament held July 12-13 in Akron, Ohio, 32 students from the FSDC received 29 awards with 13 first place world champions,

and one black belt grand championship berth. The dojo (school) was also selected as one of the "Top Three Most Supportive" dojos in the world. Grand Master Kichiro Shimabuku, current head of World Isshinryu Karate and son of Isshinryu founder Tatsuo Shimabuku, came from Okinawa, Japan to oversee the competition which hosted more than 500 competitors.

Fifteen students from the FSDC received 20 awards with three first place national championships, and two grand championship berths at the Isshinryu Hall of Fame Nationals held July 26-27 in Gatlinburg, Tenn. The school, Sensei, and students received 14 national top five award nominations and two national awards were achieved. This the eighth year the FSDC has been nominated as one of the

top five Isshinryu schools in the country.

In addition to the international tournaments, the FSDC competed in the annual Detroit Metropolitan Open in May. Forty-seven students earned 98 awards which included 32 first place tournament winners, 11 grand championship berths, and one tournament grand champion.

The FSDC has been offering classes through the City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services for six years. During the past three years, students and instructors have earned more than 1,000 trophies. Classes in Isshinryu Karate and Samurai Sport Sword are offered throughout the year.

For more information, call the Novi Parks Office at 248-347-0400 or visit cityofnovi.org or karatebyfsdc.com.



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2012 KLAA GIRLS FALL SEASON

KLAA well represented at fall State Finals

By Jeff Theisen
Staff Writer

The Kensington Lakes Activities Association boasts some of the best girls sports in the state, both team and individually.

The following is the first of a three-part series focusing on how the KLAA fared not only during the season but also in the the state playoffs in the 2012-13 season.

The series will go in order of how the school year goes, starting with the fall season of 2012, followed by winter and finish with the spring season. The series will also be broken up with stories for boys and girls separate so the stories aren't overbearingly long.

All records are taken from the site www.klaastanding-s.com, so if something is a little off, please don't shoot the messenger.

Golf

The most dominant sport in the fall season for the girls came on the links. Plymouth was the class of the league and proved to be the class of the state. But Plymouth was one of three KLAA teams in the top six at the Division 1 State Finals.

Plymouth took the overall team title with a two-day total of 659 to win by 11 strokes at Forest Akers East at Michigan State. Brighton claimed fifth place with Northville next in sixth.

Individually, Plymouth's Kelsey Murphy took the overall title with a two-day total of 148 (73-75). Brighton's Hannah Pietila was five-strokes back in fourth place overall.

In Division 2, South Lyon placed fifth as a team, and Milford's Gabby Brackrog was



Novi's Kara Berg dives into the pool at the start of the 200 meter freestyle on Sept. 20, 2012. FILE PHOTOS

seventh individually.

Swimming

Swim and dive has been dominated on the state level by a few teams for many years. However, the depth of the KLAA couldn't be argued as six teams finished in the top 13 teams at state.

The Division 1 swimming finals in Holland got another heavy dose of KLAA teams in the top 12. South Lyon led the way in fifth place, followed by Novi in eighth and Salem, Northville, Hartland and Plymouth claiming the 10th-13th spots.

The league had too many All-State swimmers to list, but some of the major highlights included a 1-2 finish in the 200 freestyle by sophomore Mad-

die Write from Kettering winning with Plymouth junior Sarah Dombkowski in second; five of the top eight finishers in the 200 IM were from the KLAA, Dombkowski went on to win the 500 free and Northville's Catherine Cui claimed a title in the 100 breaststroke.

Volleyball

In recent years, the KLAA has been a steady force with multiple regional winners and representatives at the State Finals. The league didn't have the big numbers in the regional finals and beyond, but it was still represented in Battle Creek for the final four.

It was Northville carrying to the torch for the league to the State Finals, finishing in the semifinals as part of the

final four. Livonia Stevenson reached the regionals finals as the next best playoff run in the KLAA.

Cross country

The top-flight talent was also missing for the league in cross country. But even in what could be considered a down year in the KLAA, the league still put three teams in the top eight at the State Finals. Northville led the way in fifth, followed by Brighton in seventh and Salem in eighth.

Individually, Salem's Kayla Kavulich led the way in 11th place overall. Also earning All-State honors (top 30) was Waterford Mott's Daya Wagh in 29th.

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While trying to make a play near the net, Novi's Morgan Statetzny crashes into the Ann Arbor Greenhills School netminder during the teams' Sept. 24, 2012 game.



Wildcat Jackie Mullins runs during the 2012 season.

USSSA state champs



Madness 10 Red went 6-0 at the USSSA State Championships July 12-14 in Canton, outscoring their opponents 65-16. In typical fashion, they had to come from behind in the last inning to win the semi-finals 7-5 over Devils Fastpitch. Then they faced Finesse, for the third time in a championship game this year, and beat them 10-2. The girls are 11-for-11 in making tournament finals, and this is their sixth championship of the year. Shown (l to r, standing) are Allison Hale, Stephanie Schmunk, Olivia Vitale, Maggie Murphy, Allie Page, Emma Dompliere, Lauren Franklin; (kneeling) Gabby Cummings, Cassidy Brendtke, Grace Nieto, Kayla Errer and Madeline Schornack.

WINTER

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won division and conference titles before earning third place at the Division 1 state meet.

The league had a bevy of all-state honors, but some of the highlights included a title by Stevenson's Nick Arakelian in the 500 free, with Lakeland's Will Walker third; a runner-up finish by the Livonia Stevenson medley relay team; Arakelian finishing runner-up in the 200 individual medley, with teammate John Ferrara fifth; Ferrara claiming runner-up in the 100 backstroke; and the Stevenson 400 free relay also finishing runner-up.

Bowling

Another state title for a KLAA team.

The Salem Rocks qualified third to reach bracket play at the Division 1 state finals. The Rocks beat Roseville by six pins in the first round before winning in the semifinals and closing out the run with another win.

Score were Jimmy Bowling/Nolan Rudis 155, Tyler Snyder 204, Brandon Allison 188, Steven Cadwell 213 and Kevin Williams 207.

Individually, four bowlers from the KLAA reached the top 16 to

advance to bracket play. Only Howell's Jack Herndell reached the quarterfinals, where his run came to an end.

In Division 2, It was the Jeremy Dinsmore show from South Lyon East. He captured a regional title before qualifying fourth at state. Dinsmore knocked off South Lyon's Tyler Marcus in the second round to reach the final four, where the run came to an end with a two-game total of 409-389.

Dinsmore also helped lead the Cougars to the semifinals in team competition in Division 2.

Skiing

Skiing is not yet a sport where the KLAA has its own competition, but the MHSAA sponsors the sport.

In Division 1, South Lyon, Grand Blanc and Brighton claimed seventh through ninth at the state finals.

Individually, Lakeland's Taylor Janssen had a monster day on the hill by winning the giant slalom and finishing fourth in the slalom. Walled Lake Northern's John Merchant finished runner-up in the slalom by a slim .03 (1:04.29-1:04.32) for his two runs. Novi's Bastien Dupessey claimed 15th in the giant slalom.

CONCUSSION

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of having such a burden weigh on one's conscience for the rest of their life."

The new state law requires all coaches, employees, volunteers and other adults involved in youth athletics to complete a concussion awareness online training program. In addition, schools must provide educational materials on the signs and symptoms and consequences of concussions

to each youth athlete and their parents and guardians and obtain a signed statement acknowledging receipt of the information to be kept on record.

In addition, the law requires immediate removal of an athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion from participation in an athletic event. The athlete must then obtain written clearance from a health professional before they can return to physical activity.

Concussions are a serious injury and, according to the U.S. Cen-

ters for Disease Control, account for almost 10 percent of all sports injuries. Every year, approximately 137,000 high school athletes suffer concussions and an estimated 40 percent return to play before they are fully healed, which makes them more susceptible to re-injury. Studies from recent research have drawn the conclusion that multiple concussions can lead to depression, chronic headaches, early-onset dementia or adult-onset attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Concussions result from a blow to the head and affects brain function and systems include any of the following: Headache, unconsciousness, memory loss, nausea or vomiting, mental confusion, blurred vision, balance problems, sensitivity to noise or light and behavior or personality change. If an athlete receives a concussion, they should seek medical attention right away.

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RUNNERS

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the 45-to-49 division, while Lez Hunt of Canton (52, 33:32) and Tami Bealter of Canton (52, 37:14) won the 50-to-54 race. In the 55-to-59 race, Aaron Pratt of Saline (59, 34:53) and Woodhaven's Valerie Kudla (59, 1:13:00) took first and John Tarkowski of Northville (60, 33:13) and Ann Chlebnik of Goodrich (60, 1:02:56) won the 60-to-64 race.

Robert Chlebnik of Goodrich (65, 1:15:38) and Linda Scorof of Garden City (66, 48:06) won the 65-to-69 race, while Ann Arbor's Art Kitze (74, 1:00:26) and Marily Pobanz of Ann Arbor (70, 1:03:38) won the 70-and-up race.

Northville standouts included Jordyn McCaslin (12, 59:41), who was second in the 14-and-

under division, and Jason Lerner (19, 30:58), who was second in the 15-to-19 division. David Auwers (24, 35:53) was second in the 20-to-24 division, while Emily Petersen (22, 44:47) took seventh in the 20-to-24 division. In the 30-to-34 division, Kaoru Kawashima (33, 37:39) and William Hanes (32, 47:46) took third and seventh, respectively.

In the female 30-to-34, Carrie Burdzinski (30, 43:32), Julie Hutchinson (34, 47:26) and Susie Roble (31, 47:58) took fourth, seventh and eighth, respectively. Kristy Howard (57, 40:40) took second in the 35-to-39 division while Kelly Nyquist (37, 46:13) was seventh. In the 40-to-44 race, Rachel Laponsey (44, 39:26) and Lisa Zulcosky (44, 44:42) took second and fourth. In the 45-to-49 race, Dan Molnar (45, 38:17), Daniel Limer (49, 40:01), Tim

Gallagher (48, 41:26), David Hutchinson (46, 44:35) and John Zulcosky (46, 44:43) took second, fourth, sixth, 10th and 11th respectively. In the 50-to-54 race, Terry Whitfield (51, 44:21) ran to seventh and Rose Lerner (54, 46:49) ran to third.

In the 55-to-59 division, Tom Taylor (58, 36:12), Dave Auwers (59, 40:17) and Robert Goodsell (55, 58:44) ran to second, third and eighth, respectively.

Kristin Fiscus, of Novi (23, 51:03), took ninth in the 20-to-24 division while fellow Novi resident Ornela Zekavica (44, 44:45) took fifth in the 40-to-44 race. Novi's Venkatesh Kannan (45, 47:45) took 12th in the 45-to-49 race and Andrea Schultz (50, 1:03:32) ran to seventh in the 50-to-54 division.

Fred Schultz (55, 1:03:32) ran to 10th overall in the 55-to-59 race.

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Gearing up with the latest in fitness technology

Are all of your friends and co-workers sporting new bracelets? They may actually be activity trackers that allow users to better understand their health.

In July I joined the fitness tech craze after Verizon loaned me a JawBone Up™. The Jawbone Up is much more than a pedometer that sits comfortably on your wrist. It tracks sleep patterns, activity trends and syncs with the Jawbone Mobile App so owners can plug in other details such as caloric intakes.

It took very little effort to integrate the JawBone Up™ into my life. I downloaded the app, charged the device using the USB port on my computer. That's all it took to start, and syncing daily activities with the phone was even easier. The JawBone Up has a RCA adapter that plugs into your smart-



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phone's headphone jack.

By pairing the devices through the headphone jack about twice a day, the JawBone can download your steps and sleep patterns right to your phone. From there owners can trend their patterns over days, months or weeks.

So how does a small, hypoallergenic rubber band with a computer chip understand your sleep patterns and step workouts? With what JawBone calls cutting-edge movement tracking technology. This technology understands when your body is at rest and when it is at motion. The result is big data that can help owners under-

stand and adjust their lifestyles to be more healthy.

The JawBone Up is available in small, medium and large and in a multitude of colors including black for those who don't want to have a bright bracelet on. It retails for a \$129 at Verizon Wireless.

Although pedometers have been around for ages, they aren't exactly in competition with the JawBone. JawBone is an advanced fitness gadget for a connected person on-the-go. Devices such as the JawBone Up have become increasingly popular over the years thanks in part to Fit Bit which has been leading the personal fitness tracking industry.

Arguably, FitBit's best device is the FitBit Flex, another wristband that tracks activity and sleep. It is \$99 and also has LED lights to show your daily progress in terms of activity. It

even has a silent alarm to wake you up in the morning – so no more showing up late to work because of the AM/PM thing or having your phone turned to silent.

FitBit also sells a wireless step tracker for \$99 and a Wireless Activity Tracker for \$59. However, if you are serious about become more healthy, or staying with a routine, the best bet is the Fit Bit Flex (or the JawBone Up).

Another very solid fitness tracking device is the Nike FuelBand. The FuelBand tracks daily activities from your wrist and syncs with the Nike+ FuelBand app. Nike's app also has social media functions built in so you can track fitness goals and share with friends who are also in the program.

At \$149, the FuelBand is the most expensive of the bunch

but it also has some more advanced technology like extra LED lights and a built in watch. It comes in black and white.

For more serious adventures, Nike also offers the Nike+ SportsWatch and GPS for \$169. It tracks your runs and remembers your best times which is beneficial for coaches and athletes.

Lastly, Nike has sports bands, digital flexible wrist watches that sell for \$59. They don't track sleep but can measure heart rate, pace, calories burned and they are water resistant. The sport bands are essentially everything you can track on your tread mill, in a mobile format.

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Little entrepreneur top earner in lemonade sale



Alexis Roberts, 10, of Northville, was the top earner in this year's Lemonade Day contest sponsored by Huntington Bank. This is the second year Alexis had an agreement with Busch's Plymouth/Northville Manager Gary Winters to sell lemonade in front of the store for Lemonade Day Detroit – this year on June 8. She earned \$1,263. Alexis has partnered with the Greg K. Monroe Foundation, run by Detroit Piston Greg Monroe, who paid her a visit and greeted visitors. Alexis also donated a portion of her profits to Boys Hope Girls Hope of Detroit. Alexis exceeded her 2012 earnings by \$500, making her the top earner. Here she is pictured with her grandfather Emmett Moten and mother Alicia Roberts at the Lemonade Day Detroit Awards Ceremony July 30 at Huntington Bank, where she was given a \$150 in Visa gift cards.

BRIEFS

Book signing

The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro, voted Northville's top bookstore, will welcome crime novelist Patricia Bellomo from 4-5:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24. Bellomo will be signing copies of her latest thriller, *Louie Morelli's Mistress*.

For avid readers who have not yet read any of Bellomo's books in the Louie Morelli series, *Louie Morelli's Mistress* is a good one to start with. As Bellomo says, "You don't need to read my books in order, but I'd recommend starting with *Louie Morelli's Mistress*. Chronologically, it takes place before *Stella di Mare* and *Louie Morelli's Daughter*. It also adds a mysterious twist and is set in New Orleans, as opposed to South Florida."

Bellomo refers to her books as mob thrillers, and the novels have a definite appeal for fans of mob books and movies. Her debut novel and Miami Beach thriller, *Stella di Mare*, was released in 2010, followed by *Louie Morelli's Daughter* in 2011. Bellomo's books are contemporary and are generally set in South Florida.

Marelene Siersema, host of *Amazing Women: Brains, Beauty, and Style* on Voice America World Talk Radio, recently asked Bellomo why a "nice lady" like her was writing about mobsters and mayhem, and Bellomo replied, "I have a naughty imagination."

For more information about Patricia Bellomo and her upcoming appearance at The Next



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Chapter Bookstore & Bistro, visit the author's website and blog at www.patriciabellomo.com. Bellomo's books are available at The Next Chapter Bookstore, 141 E. Main, Northville.

Hartzell joins Digital Roots

Digital Roots, a social CRM firm based in Northville, has hired Wendy Hartzell as chief information and operating officer.

Hartzell was formerly CIO, global sales, marketing and communications at CSC, a global leader in providing technology enabled solutions. She has led multiple digital marketing and CRM implementations at large enterprises in industries spanning automotive to IT services.

"As Digital Roots continues to expand and experience rapid client growth, we are honored to have Wendy Hartzell continue her storied career at Digital Roots," said Digital Roots CEO and founder Jay Wolcott. "Her successful career experience in both marketing and IT will be key in helping our company take the next step in driving client satisfaction through innovative social media and CRM solutions."

Hartzell will be focused on enabling the growth and expansion of Digital Roots by establishing processes and procedures for overall operations, including account management and IT operations as well as establishing a strategic direction around alliance operations. A key function of this role



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will be supporting the innovative culture already underway at Digital Roots.

"I am excited to be part of something truly innovative and cutting edge," Hartzell said of joining the executive team at Digital Roots. "It is exciting to think of the endless possibilities for Digital Roots, a firm that is truly changing the game of social CRM management."

Hartzell holds a B.A., public relations and marketing, from the University of Toledo and an M.B.A. from the University of Detroit Mercy. She boasts more than 15 years of experience in leveraging technology to deliver solutions that meet diverse challenges, such as driving multi-million-dollar revenue growth, expanding market share and improving brand visibility both internally and externally in highly competitive international markets.

Digital Roots help brands establish and solidify roots in a digital world. Solutions available through Digital Roots enable brands to manage relationships, enhance their reputation, improve revenue and retain customers. The company currently services 25 brands, 80 percent of which are Fortune 500. For more information, visit digitalroots.com.

New chairman appointed to St. John Providence board

Jim Giordano of Livonia became board chairman of the St. John Providence Health System Board of Trustees on July 1. He takes over his role as board chairman from Leslie Murphy, whose tenure ended in June after six years as board chair and seven years of service.

In 2011, Giordano was appointed to the St. John Providence Health System Board of Trustees and has served as chair for the Finance committee. He also serves on the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) board of directors where he provides insight on how technology can benefit public health programs impacting Michigan citizens.

Giordano is president and chief executive officer of CareTech Solutions Inc., an information technology (IT) and web products and services provider for more than

200 U.S. hospitals and health systems. Since



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being named to this position in 2003, Giordano has more than doubled the size of the business from a four-state IT outsourcing service to a full-scale information technology partner for hospitals with clients in more than 30 states.

Giordano joined CareTech Solutions in 1999 as vice president and chief financial officer. Before joining CareTech, he spent 13 years with Electronic Data Systems Corporation (EDS), where he was responsible for the financial aspects of the EDS spin-off from General Motors (GM), as well as controller for the EDS Saturn account at GM. Prior to that, he held manage-

ment and leadership positions with Wang Laboratories and Unisys. He earned an MBA from the University of Detroit-Mercy and a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and Managerial Economics from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

St. John Providence Health System is one of the largest providers of inpatient care in southeast Michigan and one of the largest employers in metro Detroit. St. John Providence Health System provides comprehensive prevention, primary care and advanced treatment programs with more than 125 medical centers and five hospitals spanning five counties.

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Survey: Young home buyers becoming more optimistic

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Ryan Banar, 32, of Livonia isn't in the home buying market. "Not at this time," said Banar, who sings professionally, including with the Michigan Opera Theatre and at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia. "I'm not willing to take that venture at the moment. Sometime in the future I would like to. You can definitely get over your head quickly with a home."

Banar, who also works part time as a barista at Starbucks in downtown Northville, would like central air conditioning and at least two-three bedrooms when he does buy a home. "A basement is always nice," he said. "I have taste above my means, so that's my problem."

Millennials are more confident than any other age group that their recent home purchase was a good financial investment, according to a study released recently. The inaugural 2013 *National Association of Realtors Home Buyer and Seller Generational Trends* evaluated the generational differences of recent home buyers and sellers and found that while eight out of 10 recent buyers considered their home purchase a good investment, the number was even higher, 85 percent, for younger buyers under the age of 32.

"I would say yes," said Elizabeth Mach, 27, of Novi, in agreeing with that assessment. She married Joe Mach, 28, June 29 in a ceremony at Detroit Catholic Central High School, where he teaches and coaches. She's a teacher at Our Lady of Victory School in Northville.

"It is exciting to think about," she said of owning a home down the road, adding they've looked some online. "We were trying to spread out the stress of house hunting" and wedding plans.

"We're thinking the next year, hopefully," she said of buying. "The most important thing to both of us is location." They'll look at the neighborhood and its future. Both want to be close to work and their parents.

The national survey shows many young adults value owning a home. "Home ownership is an investment in your future, and is how many younger American families begin to accumulate wealth," said Paul Bishop, NAR vice president of research. "The oldest of the Millennial generation are now entering the years in which people typically buy a first home, and despite the recent downturn, home ownership still matters to them. The sheer size of the Millennial generation, the largest in history after baby boomers, is expected to give a powerful boost to long-run housing demand, though in the short-term mortgage accessibility and stu-



Newlyweds Elizabeth and Joe Mach of Novi will look for a home once things have settled down. Both are teachers, he at Catholic Central High School in Novi and she at Our Lady of Victory in Northville.

dent debt repayment remain challenges."

The study found that the largest group of recent buyers was Generation X Americans, those born between 1965 and 1979, who comprised 31 percent of recent purchases, followed closely by Millennials, sometimes called Generation Y, those born between 1980 and 2000, at 28 percent. Percentages of recent home purchases among prior generations was significantly lower; 18 percent were Younger Boomers, those born between 1955 and 1964; 14 percent were Older Boomers, Americans born between 1946 and 1954; and 10 percent were from the Silent Generation, those born between 1925 and 1945.

The median age of Millennial home buyers was 28, their median income was \$66,200 and they typically bought a 1,700-square-foot home costing \$165,000. The typical Gen X buyer was 39 years old, had a median income of \$93,100, and purchased a 2,100-square foot home costing \$235,000.

The previous living arrangement of recent buyers varied greatly across the generations; among Millennials, 65 percent rented an apartment or house and 22 percent lived with their parents, relatives or friends; more than half of all baby boomer and Silent Generation buyers owned their previous residence.

The study found that older generations of home buyers prefer more recently built homes. Millennials typically bought homes built around 1986, nearly a decade older than the homes

typically bought by the Silent Generation.

Younger buyers had a tendency to stay closer to their previous residence, often staying within 10 miles, whereas older buyers moved longer distances, typically more than 20 miles from their previous home.

Younger buyers were more likely to buy in an urban or central city area than older buyers; 21 percent of Millennials bought a home in an urban location compared to only 13 percent of Older Boomer and Silent Generation buyers.

The reason for buying a home also varies across the generations; younger buyers most often cited the desire to own a home of their own whereas older buyers wanted to be closer to family and friends. When it comes to factors influencing neighborhood choice, younger generations cited convenience to jobs, affordability of homes, and quality of the school district. Older generations placed higher importance on convenience to family and friends and healthcare facilities.

When it comes to a home's green features, younger buyers placed higher importance on commuting costs than older generations who placed higher importance on a home's energy efficient features and living in an environmentally friendly community.

Millennials tended to make more compromises with their home purchase than any other generation. Millennials most often conceded on the price and size of the home, lot size, distance from job and style of home; whereas nearly half of Older Boomer and Silent Generation buyers made no compromises on their recent home purchase.

As the age of recent buyers increases so does the rate of owning more than one home; among Millennials, 8 percent own more than one home, which could include either a vacation home or investment property; compared to 21 percent of Gen X-ers, 28 percent of Younger Boomers, and 27 percent of Older Boomers, and 26 percent of the Silent Generation.

Home buyers of all ages often begin the home buying process by looking online for properties for sales; however, the frequency of use of the internet to search for homes decreases as age increases. Ninety percent of Millennials frequently used the Internet to search for homes compared to less than half of Silent Generation buyers. Younger generations of buyers were also more likely to find the home they purchased through the Internet; older buyers most often learned about the home they purchased from their real estate agent.

The NAR website contributed to this report.

Get legal opinion on booze liability

Q: We are thinking about having alcohol served at our clubhouse for a private party by one of the residents. Is there anything we should do?

A: Yes. You should double-check to see whether you or the proprietor of the event has a proper license, if necessary, adequate insurance to cover the situation, and an indemnification agreement indemnifying the association from any liability caused because of the party. You should also get a legal opinion from counsel as to whether or not there are any additional requirements to allow the undertaking of the event including a review of the condominium or community association documents.

Q: We are building a house and our builder is giving us a purchase agreement and building contract which requires that we arbitrate. We have gone to a lawyer who says that this is a common practice. What do you think?

A: It all depends upon the builder, but I would not voluntarily agree to arbitrate any dispute you have with the builder because arbitration is not necessarily less expensive and is generally to the benefit of the developer/builder since he does not want to go in front of a jury.

People buying condominiums should also be concerned about signing any purchase agreement where all disputes are to be arbitrated which might have an adverse impact on the condominium association's ability to pursue the developer in court for construction defects.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Real Estate Careers

A free Real Estate Career Seminar will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, at Keller-Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth.

Learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee. For information, call Mary Beth Kaljian at 734-459-4700 or mb@marybethk.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. Thursdays 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 or additional information.

Free foreclosure tours

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

Seminar on Tuesdays, Thursdays

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 2 p.m., held at various locations.

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5480.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. Any questions or concerns, call Wayne Koehler at 313-277-4168.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 1-5, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BINGHAM FARMS	
24101 W 14 Mile Rd	\$425,000
BIRMINGHAM	
352 Baldwin Rd	\$483,000
691 Harmon St	\$380,000
1275 Humphrey Ave	\$169,000
393 N Old Woodward Ave	\$323,000
1791 Pine St	\$351,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
3240 E Breckenridge Ln	\$340,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
4506 Brightmore Rd	\$650,000
5068 Echo Rd	\$385,000
516 Hupp Cross Rd	\$587,000
1248 Indian Mound Trl	\$675,000
170 N Berkshire Rd	\$380,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

2325 Brigantine	\$230,000
5055 Carinas Way Ct	\$248,000
5091 Carinas Way Ct	\$334,000
4161 Heatherwood Dr	\$354,000

FARMINGTON

32050 Grand River Ave Unit 5	\$32,000
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FARMINGTON HILLS

29667 Bradmoor Ct	\$376,000
38862 Country Cir	\$70,000
20861 Deerfield	\$400,000
22225 Gill Rd	\$160,000
29205 Greening St	\$110,000
34726 Pickford Dr	\$240,000
22020 River Ridge Trl	\$174,000
28057 S Harwich Dr	\$205,000
30560 Springland St	\$265,000

FRANKLIN

31130 Sunset Dr	\$250,000
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LATHRUP VILLAGE

27645 California Ave W	\$129,000
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27416 Goldengate Dr W	\$53,000
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27416 Goldengate Dr W	\$133,000
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MILFORD

2476 Shagbark	\$300,000
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NORTHVILLE

49450 Deer Run	\$380,000
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45587 Addington Ln	\$420,000
22439 Alton Ct	\$296,000
43328 Ashbury Dr	\$340,000
24167 Brentwood Ct	\$425,000
27538 Cromwell Rd	\$262,000
27602 Cromwell Rd	\$278,000
27618 Cromwell Rd	\$266,000
50960 Glades Ct W	\$50,000
22682 Heatherwoode	\$254,000
25754 Lochmoor Ln	\$355,000
51123 Luke Ln	\$257,000
1127 South Lake Dr Unit 110	\$38,000

26550 Taft Rd	\$70,000
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40612 Village Oaks	\$230,000
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28218 Wolcott Dr	\$158,000
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SOUTH LYON

23546 Bristlecone Ct	\$406,000
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52199 Copperwood Dr S	\$355,000
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52235 Copperwood Dr S	\$402,000
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58539 Dolly Rd	\$23,000
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54895 Grenelcfe Cir W	\$411,000
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976 Oak Creek Dr	\$134,000
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53503 10 Mile Rd	\$565,000
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23601 Winterberry Ct	\$422,000
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SOUTHFIELD

27465 Berkshire Dr	\$125,000
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28222 E Larkmoor Dr	\$57,000
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28030 Glasgow St	\$80,000
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20106 MIDWAY AVE	\$29,000
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20270 Midway Ave	\$60,000
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15801 Providence Dr # 10f	\$50,000
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30276 Southfield Rd # A212	\$36,000
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27680 Spring Arbor Dr	\$57,000
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15999 W 11 Mile Rd # 15	\$16,000
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17221 W 12 Mile Rd	\$54,000
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WHITE LAKE

8172 Trenton Dr	\$295,000
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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 22-26, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

45959 Baywood Blvd	\$235,000
5987 Beaufort Dr	\$171,000
50210 Black Horse Ln	\$313,000
40438 Blytheheld Ln	\$121,000
2083 Briarfield St	\$190,000
602 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$162,000
50424 Coolidge St	\$278,000
1841 Delancy Cir	\$415,000
7021 Fox Path	\$230,000
41615 Glade Rd	\$150,000
51158 Gold Ridge Ln	\$310,000
43302 Hanford Rd	\$150,000
1542 Lasalle Rd	\$460,000
562 McKinley Cir	\$270,000
45463 Muirfield Dr	\$340,000
41341 N Maplewood Dr	\$123,000
2027 Preserve Cir E	\$162,000
45234 Prestbury Rd	\$163,000
7081 Royal Villa Ct	\$383,000
1948 S Cavalier Dr	\$180,000
45588 S Stonewood Rd	\$185,000

46712 Spinning Wheel Dr	\$245,000
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43568 W Arbor Way Dr	\$66,000
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GARDEN CITY

6611 Burnly St	\$70,000
29050 Dawson St	\$60,000
28835 Krauter St	\$23,000
32610 Maplewood St	\$35,000
1317 Ralph St	\$75,000
28614 Sheridan St	\$29,000

LIVONIA

36024 Ann Arbor Trl	\$50,000
14915 Auburndale St	\$119,000
15255 Blue Skies St	\$155,000
36540 Bobrich St	\$240,000
9048 Danzig St	\$121,000
14572 Fairway St	\$157,000
16944 Farmington Rd	\$133,000
31730 Fonville St	\$111,000
31370 Grandon St	\$129,000
34177 Grove Dr	\$160,000
33047 Hampshire Rd	\$235,000
9996 Hartel Ct	\$30,000
32848 Hees St	\$136,000
15021 Heyer St	\$205,000
14940 Hix St	\$156,000
28025 Long St	\$90,000
27617 Lyndon St	\$125,000
19439 Merriman Rd	\$105,000
18537 Milburn St	\$79,000

37554 N Laurel Park Dr	\$128,000
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37633 Newburgh Park Cir	\$150,000
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14169 Park St	\$132,000
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19830 Parkville St	\$120,000
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29305 Perth St	\$118,000
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31710 Perth St	\$145,000
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19418 Rensellor St	\$41,000
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20265 Rensellor St	\$43,000
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9820 Seltzer St	\$108,000
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8915 Sunbury St	\$85,000
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14139 Sunset St	\$112,000
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31801 W Chicago St	\$175,000
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NORTHVILLE

17081 Algonquin Dr	\$343,000
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17140 Cameron Dr	\$282,000
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41101 Croydon Ct	\$220,000
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19747 Hayes Ct	\$70,000
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18756 Marble Head Dr	\$681,000
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49490 N Glacier	\$255,000
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44943 Oak Forest Dr	\$670,000
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19022 Oak Leaf Ln	\$1,170,000
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755 Randolph St	\$115,000
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900 Spring Dr	\$368,000
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PLYMOUTH

9405 Corinne St	\$130,000
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12305 Deer Creek Cir	\$360,000
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1112 Hartsough St	\$140,000
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51131 Northview	\$263,000
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44409 Oregon Trl	\$145,000
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780 Parkview Dr	\$150,000
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730 Penniman Ave	\$245,000
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14155 Terrace Ct	\$210,000
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12556 Wendover Ct	\$295,000
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657 Wing St	\$330,000
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REDFORD

16598 Brady	\$28,000
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19305 Lexington	\$60,000
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9991 Lucerne	\$56,000
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13960 Norborne	\$85,000
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15554 Norborne	\$34,000
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9152 Salem	\$61,000
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9168 Salem	\$57,000
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14218 Winston	\$85,000
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15823 Woodworth	\$23,000
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WESTLAND

36044 Abbey Dr	\$130,000
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36056 Abbey Dr	\$126,000
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