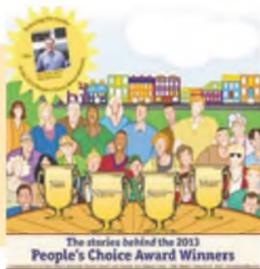


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### Hazardous waste

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Proof of Wayne County residency will be required. For more information, call Wayne County's Resource Recovery Coordinator at 734-326-3936 or go to the Wayne County website at [www.waynecounty.com](http://www.waynecounty.com).

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## No opposition for council, mayor

Write-in candidates have until Oct. 25 to file

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

There are three spots on the Northville City Council up for election in November. At this point there are only three candidates.

The deadline for candidate filing was Tuesday, Aug. 13. Current Mayor Chris Johnson,



Johnson

for election on Nov. 5 are mayor with a two-year term and two council seats with four-year terms.

A write-in candidate would have to file by Oct. 25 through a

Council member/Mayor Pro Tem Jim Allen and newcomer Sam Ekong all met the requirements to be on the ballot in the general election.

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declaration of intent form, which is available at the Northville City Clerk's office or online.

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Ekong

Ekong is a first timer and, with no opponents, he is expected to take over for current Council member Michele Fecht, who is not running for re-election. He

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Northville native Kim Brink, shown here at Michigan International Speedway on Aug. 18 in Brooklyn, is playing a big role in growing the popular sport.

## Northville native thriving in male-dominated NASCAR

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Kim Brink has found her place in the male-dominated sport of NASCAR stock racing, playing a key role in further developing its growing fan base.

"I didn't expect to be here, but it's a perfect fit for me," said Brink, who grew up in Northville and still lives here with her family.

Brink, 46, came home last weekend as the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race came to the Michigan International Speedway on Aug. 18. After more than 10 years with General Motors, Brink is now playing a big role in taking that already popular sport and bringing it to an even bigger audience.

As NASCAR's vice president of marketing, Brink is an active member of an executive leadership team overseeing the Industry Action Plan (IAP), which is an effort to ensure the sport is economically successful, engaging and exciting to current and new fans, and the gold standard for premium intellectual property and brand platforms.

She plays a pivotal role in developing strategies to grow the fan base, specifically the youth and Hispanic audience, as well as the next-generation of NASCAR fans.

"This is a loyal fan base that we hope to see grow," she said. "We want to reach different audiences to show them what we have."

### Northville roots

Brink's work experience dates back to operating a register at her grandparent's Livonia business, Sutherland Fish and Chips. After getting a dual degree from Wayne State University, she went on to a decade of award-winning work at General Motors helping build the Cadillac and Chevrolet brands.

She was the executive director of advertising and sales promotions for Cadillac, and led a number of award-winning campaigns and promotions including the introduction of the CTS and Escalade models, as well as the groundbreaking Led Zeppelin "Breakthrough" campaign.

When the position with NASCAR opened up in

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## The way we cover Northville is evolving fast

I started reading a newspaper from cover to cover at about age 10. My older brother Roy was a prep football star and my mom got out the scissors every time he made the paper. Dad coached football, so it was just about religion in our house. By the time our grid-iron hero graduated from high school, that scrapbook was three inches thick and full of memories. I didn't know it at the time, but my mother's devotion to poring over those pages forged a connection to community newspapers that still resonates with me today.

Our mission of informing and enhancing the lives of readers has been constant, but just about everything else has changed. The biggest difference between then and now is how fast news travels. Papers still arrive at the house and our readers – some with scissors in hand – still want to know who is getting married, which family welcomed a baby into the house and what business is opening down the road.

But our readers also want to know what is going on as news develops, and we are evolving to meet the challenge. In case you haven't noticed, we have even changed the name of our company to *Observer & Eccentric Media* to better reflect not only what we do, but our commitment to the future of community journalism.

The name of the your hometown paper hasn't changed, but the way our journalists cover the news certainly has. We are committed to breaking news online and engaging readers as stories unfold through social media. When a beloved prep football star died unexpectedly, Sports Editor Ed Wright reached out to the community, wrote a compelling account of what happened and had it online at our website, [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com), within hours. A link to the story was posted on our Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/OEHometown](http://www.facebook.com/OEHometown) and within two days, thousands of people had



Larry Ruehlen

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## A loving send off

Northville resident Carol Parker (right) hugs friend LaJean Nagrant in Novi on Aug. 16 as she begins her 60 mile journey as a participant of the Susan G. Komen Michigan 3-Day event, which raised money to fight breast cancer. The annual event, which drew thousands of participants and supporters, made its way through downtown Northville on Saturday morning. For a story and more photos, please see page 2A. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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# A 60-mile path to a cure



Barry Blauer, of Huntington Woods, dyed his beard pink and joins the procession of walkers along Novi's Grand River Ave. as the 3-Day Walk begins on Aug. 16. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Local walkers take on battle against breast cancer

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

The 1,000 walkers who made the three-day, 60-mile trek in the annual Susan G. Komen Michigan 3-Day to beat breast cancer drew a lot of praise and love from supporters along the route.

But one woman who came in for a large batch of support, as well as providing her own dose of inspiration, traveled the entire 60-mile course without ever setting foot on the path.

JoAnn Thomas of Sterling Heights, a one-year breast cancer survivor, spent the entire walk in a wheelchair, the victim of a broken foot suffered just two weeks before the event. Even more impressively, her boyfriend Frank Wood-



Michigan 3-Day walkers find extra energy from the large crowds lining Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

ward pushed Thomas the entire 60 miles in her wheelchair.

"I wanted to walk last year, but my oncologist wouldn't allow it," said Thomas, who said she immediately began focusing on this year's walk. "Then this (pointing to the large cast on her leg) happened. I was devastated."

Woodward, who said he and Thomas have been dating for some six months, saw the disappointment in his partner's eyes and the answer was simple.

"I couldn't let her miss out on this," he said.

Participants in the annual walk began their three-day journey early Friday morning at Sub-



The 3-Day Walk begins on Aug. 16 around 7:30 a.m. in Novi as breast cancer fighters stroll along Grand River Avenue west of Beck. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

urban Collection Showplace in Novi. They spent Friday walking through Novi, New Hudson, Milford and Wixom.

On Saturday, they walked 22.3 miles, again starting from Suburban Collection Showplace, but then heading towards Northville and Plymouth.

There were cheering stations set up in both downtown Northville and downtown Plymouth, and both were packed with supporters, who cheered on the walkers.

Sunday morning saw the walkers bussed to the Livonia Recreation Center, where they started a 16-mile route through the quiet neighborhoods of Livonia and Dearborn Heights, and ultimately to Ford Motor Company headquarters in Dearborn, where there was a closing ceremony.

Rhonda Miller of Canton, in her first time walking, found the event to be inspirational. Miller walked in honor of her best friend, three-year survivor Amy Siebert, to

raise money "so they can find a cure so younger kids don't have to go through" breast cancer.

Miller was moved to tears by the support shown as the walkers made their way along Ann Arbor Trail through downtown Plymouth, where thousands of supporters lined the streets to offer hugs, water and other support.

"It's just overwhelming," Miller said Saturday. "They're cheering and I didn't really do anything. All the women who fight (cancer) did something. It's so emotional, it's an amazing event."

Nearly everyone walking the route was doing so in honor of someone or in memory of loved ones who've passed away.

Luckily for Alicia Paulina of Milford, her honoree is still battling. Her sister, Angela Horvath of Gregory, is a one-year survivor who couldn't make the walk. So Paulina made it for her.

"I want to support her and all of these other women," said Paulina, who made the walk for the first time. "She's my sister. You do anything for your family."

Not all of the support for the event comes in the form of walkers. Nearly as many volunteers, crew, safety and medical folks are on hand, supporting the walk in various ways.

Lisa Kubany of Westland parked her car at the entrance to one of the pit stops along the route Friday. Walkers stopped by to sign their names in a show of solidarity.

"I'm doing this out of pure love and hope that one day we will never have to fight this disease again," Kubany said. "I lost a good friend's mother to this disease and my mother-in-law is now a five-year survivor. So I do this out of love and hope."

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Northville's Kim Brink is Vice President of marketing for NASCAR.

## NASCAR

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2011, she jumped at the opportunity.

"With my auto experience I thought I could offer a lot of new ideas," she said.

And she has.

### Achievements

Brink recently led a ground-breaking new advertising campaign for NASCAR starting off the 2013 season with a focus on showing the raw emotion and excitement of the sport. As part of this, Brink made a nontrad-

tional NASCAR move by shifting away from working with smaller creative agencies and led the selection of the globally acclaimed advertising agency Ogilvy and Mather to service the company's advertising and marketing needs.

"Even with a huge fan base, many people don't know about NASCAR," she said. "There are a lot of surprises once you get to know it better. For me one of the biggest surprises was the high level of talent and professionalism that is exhibited by the drivers on down."

Brink has been recognized across the industry

for her work and accomplishments, including being recognized in 2012 by *SportsBusiness Journal* and *SportsBusiness Daily* in their class of "Game Changers: Women in Sports Business."

As for her roots, she will always be grateful to be from Northville.

"I love Northville," she said. "The family atmosphere, good people and great location have played a big role in my life."

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read the story before it hit newsstands.

Photographer Bill Bresler was shooting video a short time after a major fire broke out in Westland. Our digital readers knew that a serious situation was unfolding and we reported that a firefighter was missing long before other outlets had a sense of what was going on. Again, thousands of our readers were aware of the news as it occurred and many mourned the loss of the firefighter on our Facebook page.

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is a member of the Northville Democratic Club and is a member-at-large in the recently formed 11th District of the Michigan Democratic Party.

Ekong said there are a number of issues he is concerned about, but he will be taking some time to formulate his campaign before addressing them publicly.

"There are a lot of reasons I'm running, but I need to sit down and get them all down on paper and then I'll be ready to discuss them," said Ekong, who has been a resident of Northville for about 10 years.

Absentee ballots should be available on Sept. 22. Absentee voter ballot applications for the November 5 General Election will be available on the city website as of Aug. 22.

The last day to vote by absentee ballot through

mail is Nov. 2 or at City Hall on Nov. 4.

The polling locations have changed a bit this year. The Community Center at 303 W. Main Street is the new polling location for Precinct 1 (Wayne County residents) while Precinct 2 voters (Oakland County residents) will still be at Amerman Elementary School at 847 N. Center Street.

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# New special ed director brings experience, passion

Nadine Harris spent last 14 years working in Muskegon County

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Northville Public School's newly hired Special Services Director Nadine Harris brings some valuable experience to this important role within the district.

She was officially hired last week by the Northville Board of Education on a two-year contract at a total annual salary of \$121,000. Previously, she was with the North Service Unit in Muskegon County where she served as the director of special education for 14 years.

"I am looking forward to joining the Northville educational team and supporting Northville students and families," Harris said. "The school



Harris

district is known for its high standards and high student achievement, and has been a pioneer in 'Response to Intervention' as a way to help struggling students and support best practices for all students district-wide."

She added, "The fact that the district's special education population is consistently below state averages is a testament to the commitment of all stakeholders to support struggling students prior to looking at special education services or programs."

## Experience

According to NPS Human Resources director Dave Rodgers, Harris had been responsible for the planning and coordination of all special education services for five local school districts, working closely with the superintendents, district administrators, teachers and ancillary staff in each of the districts, as well as intermediate school district administration and staff.

She also served as a supervisor of special education for the North Service Unit for 10 years before being promoted to director. Prior to joining the North Service Unit, Harris held a variety of positions in the field of special education, including a number of years as an early childhood special education teacher.

Former NPS Special

*"I am looking forward to joining the Northville educational team and supporting Northville students and families."*

**NADINE HARRIS**  
Special Services Director

Services Director Bill Brown left for an opportunity in Lenawee County. The district did not expect to find someone so soon, but officials believe they found the right person for the job.

"Nadine comes to us with great depth of knowledge and experience as a leader, a special education director and an educator," said Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher. "We are fortunate to have Nadine leading our special education programs and continuing to deepen our work in intervention and support for all students. Her experience, great enthusiasm for her work, and insight will enable us to build on these already

strong programs."

## New Duties

Harris assumed her role on Aug. 19 and will be responsible for the Northville's preschool and K-12 special education programs, working in partnership with the district's special education teachers, learning consultants, building principals and the Office of Instructional Services. She also will oversee the district's special education center program at Cooke School.

According to Gallagher, while at the North Service Unit, Harris oversaw \$9.2 million in special education budgets and was responsible for writing and administering Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) grants of \$1.9 million. She also co-chaired the county-wide vocational redesign team, and collaboratively developed a preschool screening model between special education, the Michigan Department of Education Great Start

Readiness Program and Head Start.

In addition, she designed professional development opportunities for itinerant and instructional staff and supported a Response to Intervention and Multi-tiered System of Support framework throughout the five districts.

Harris has a Bachelor of Arts in behavioral disabilities from the University of Wisconsin, and a Master of Arts in educational leadership from Florida Atlantic University. She has her director approval from Grand Valley State University and is a member of the Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education.

"My philosophy in education is to focus on the student, teach relentlessly, coach for success, and acknowledge the gifts and talents possessed by each individual student," said Harris looking forward.

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## Northville teachers have a new contract

### Two-year agreement restores step increases

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

After accepting some wage freezes and taking unpaid furlough days in their last contract, Northville Public Schools teachers have ratified a new contract that is a partial restoration of those concessions.

It all came together last week with both the Northville Board of Education and Northville Education Association agreeing to a two-year contract that will continue the unpaid furlough days but restores wage increases through the step process and percentage jumps.

#### Negotiations

NEA president and Meads Mill Middle School teacher Nick Nugent said it was a tough negotiation process, but it is an agreement that a majority of NEA members voted yes on.

"We're willing to work with everyone in order to provide a quality education to all students," said Nugent. "This was a tough one, but we can't go back and our district can't have a fund balance of three percent."

School Board President Ken Roth said the board is appreciative that the teachers continue to do what is in the best interest of district students.

"Despite more than a decade of challenging economic times, Northville Public Schools has continued to offer outstanding educational experiences for all students due in large part to the collective efforts and sacrifice of our talented teachers and staff at all levels," Roth said.

Roth continued, "As a result of this shared sacrifice, the district's financial position has improved markedly over the past two years. This agreement reflects a true collaboration, balancing the desire to increase pay for employees who accepted significant concessions two years ago against the harsh reality of flat and uncertain revenues from the state and unpredictable employee retirement costs."

#### Contract details

According to NPS Human Resources Director Dave Rodgers, the contract runs through 2015 and also includes changes in the district's health care plan, an adoption of an extended time model for teacher professional development and collaborative work, and improvements in the new teacher mentoring program. The district maintains its self-insured status for health care.

Rodgers said eligible teachers will receive a full step wage increase in the first year of the contract. Those not eligible for a step will receive a 1-percent "off schedule" wage increase in the first year of the contract.

It was the extended time model that was a point of discussion during negotiations. Nugent said it came down to this, but the school board and administration assured the teachers this new facet will be a productive addition.

"We hope they are meaningful about that," said Nugent.

In an effort to provide additional time for staff development and collaborative work, without impacting student and teacher instructional time, NEA members have agreed under the contract to work an additional 75 minutes one day a week during designated weeks.

As part of this extended time model, the district will eliminate six one-hour professional development sessions and three hours of previously required online professional development. Overall, this change results in more than 21 additional hours for staff collaboration and professional development time for teachers to delve more in-depth into areas including technology integration, International Baccalaureate and school improvement initiatives.

Another new aspect is tying wage increases into the district's fund balance.

In the second year of the contract, Rodgers said those employees eligible for step raises will receive a full step increase and those not eligible for a step raise will receive a 1-percent "off schedule" wage increase if the Board of Education's adopted general fund budget for the 2014-15 school year projects a balance at or exceeding 10.5 percent of budget.

If the district's projected general fund balance falls below 10.5 percent for 2014-15, step eligible teachers will receive a half-step wage increase and those not eligible for a step raise will receive a 0.5 percent "off schedule" wage increase.

The new contract also stipulates future increases will be linked to the district's Performance Evaluation System. Employees who were rated as "ineffective" in 2012-13 are not eligible for steps or the 1-percent increase in 2013-14.

The contract goes on to state any teacher who is rated less than effective for two consecutive years (2013-14 and 2014-15) will not be eligible for any wage increases, steps, or adjustments based on degree status that may be provided going forward to 2015-16.

The agreement with the teachers' union allows employees to finish the balance of 2013 on their current health care plan with increased contributions. Effective in January 2014, Rodgers said employees may select from one of three Blue Cross plans which include both High Deductible Health Plans (HDHP) with a Health Savings Account and an option which is not an HDHP.

There are also some calendar changes that will reflect a move of the end of the semester teacher work day/furlough day to coincide with the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and the four student early release days that were part of the previous contract have been discontinued with the addition of the extended time model. It includes language regarding planning for an additional two to eight minutes that may need to be added to the school day beginning in the 2014-15 school year.

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Detroit Catholic Central World History teacher Dave Wilson begins the second full day of classes for students on Aug. 15. All students, except seniors, are expected to bring and utilize iPads to all of their classes as they're being incorporated into CC's curriculum. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## CC school year starts with new program

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Many schools don't start until after Labor Day, but for Detroit Catholic Central students the school year is well under way — and there's a lot to look forward to this year.

"The year has started off really good, but it will get a bit more difficult soon enough" said senior Daniel Collins. "We are excited, especially the seniors. The football season is always a great time of the year."

CC started on Aug. 14, and with the new year comes a new way of doing things in the classroom called Bring Your Own Device. Freshman, sophomore and junior students for 2013-2014 school year are required to purchase an Apple iPad device for school use while seniors are

exempt from the requirement.

"We've been busy working trying to make sure the transition goes as smoothly as possible. As with all new things, undoubtedly there will be some bumps along the way," said CC Admissions/Public Relations Director Dan Waterstradt.

These will eventually replace the traditional text books as all materials go online. CC selected iPads because they have the greatest compatibility with book publishers from among all of the devices available. There are nearly 1,100 students at the Novi school.

Even though he is not required to have one, Collins said many of the students like the idea.

"It's an exciting new way of learning. I think many of us and teachers

are really looking forward to seeing how this will work," he said.

The first all-school mass was celebrated on Aug. 15, which was the Feast of the Assumption. Waterstradt said they were honored to have Bishop Ronald Fabbro, from the Diocese of London, Ontario, present the mass.

Looking forward, the next big event is CC's homecoming week and Boys' Bowl, which is a yearly football match up between the Shamrocks and another catholic school. This year it's against De La Salle. This will definitely be a big week for the seniors.

"We can't wait. It's always a fun week" said Collins, a varsity football player.

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### SYNOPSIS AUGUST 15, 2013 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, August 15, 2013  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

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

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas:
  - Approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items: - approved
    - Minutes - Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of July 18, 2013
    - Northville Youth Assistance Report - August 1, 2013
    - Minutes - Planning Commission Meeting of June 25, 2013
    - Memo dated August 6, 2013 - Informational Technology Services Partnership Agreement
  - Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:
    - Diane Jefferson - re-appoint to Beautification Commission - approved
    - Richard Allen - re-appoint to Historic District Commission - approved
    - Resolution - The Senior Alliance (TSA) - approved
    - Debra Johnson - appoint to Historic District Commission - approved
  - Public Hearing: None
  - Brief Public Comments: None
  - New Business:
    - Western Township Utilities Authority Annual Budget - approved
    - Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Improvements - Payment #2 - approved
    - Authorization to National to dispose of hazardous material - approved
    - 7 Mile Rd. Property, National Environmental Group - Pmt. #2 - approved
    - Thayer's Corner Park Security System - approved
    - Montcaret - Tentative Preliminary Plat - approved
    - Financed Building - Agreement of purchase of Sale - approved
  - Unfinished Business: None
  - Ordinances: None
  - Check Registry: In the amount of \$1,660,933.09 - approved
  - Board Communication & Reports from Supervisor Nix, Clerk Hillebrand, Treasurer Banner, Trustee Gans, Trustee Heath, Trustee Shadko, Manager Snider
  - Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees: Resident offered ideas for Community Park.
  - ADJOURN: There being no further business: the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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

This is a synopsis of the meeting. A draft of the unapproved minutes will be available after August 27, 2013

Publish: August 22, 2013

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**POLICE BRIEFS**

**Marijuana possession**

An expired license plate led to the arrest of a 19-year-old Redford man for marijuana possession.

On Aug. 19, a Northville city police officer spotted the expired tag on the man's license plate as they were both driving at Seven Mile Road and S. Main Street. Upon making contact with the man the officer reported smelling marijuana inside the vehicle, but the driver said he had none and that earlier his friend may have had some while in the car. After he did not consent to a search the police said they would have the K-9 unit come out to sniff the outside.

The man then told police he had a small amount of marijuana and a glass pipe.

**Purse stolen**

A Northville woman had her purse stolen from her locked vehicle.

On Aug. 17, the woman told Northville city police that her vehicle had been broken into by an unknown person. It was parked in the overflow lot at the Lexington Condos just off of Taft Road. Police said the front passenger window was broken. The suspect probably reached in and grabbed the purse as well as a school bag, which was under a sweatshirt on the seat.

**Felony arrest warrant**

Northville police nabbed a man with a felony arrest warrant out on him from Garden City.

During a check of the city parking lot at Cady Street, an officer spotted the man and ran his plate. The search came back that the owner of the car had an outstanding warrant for fraud. After circling the lot, the police could not find the man, but later spotted him parked in the alley east of The Sport's Den.

# Civic Concern has critical need for food donations

Fruit and canned tuna in high demand

Northville Civic Concern is looking for help in filling its empty shelves.

According to Director Marlene Kunz, the local food pantry does not have enough food available for the August and September distribution dates.

"This is definitely a critical situation. Our client numbers are increasing as our donations are decreasing. We currently service over 170 Northville households, many with school age children," she said.

You can help by bringing non-expired canned or boxed food to Northville Civic Concern's office located in the Highland Lakes Shopping Plaza on Seven Mile Road between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on any Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

During other hours, items can be dropped off at Cassel's Restaurant or World Wide Alterations also located in Highland Lakes Shopping Plaza. If you are in the downtown area, food donations are accepted at Genitti's Restaurant, The UPS Store, Great Harvest Bread Company, and Northville City Hall.

"We are in desperate need of fruit and canned tuna," Kunz said.

Meijer, located at Eight Mile and Haggerty, has designated Northville Civic Concern as the local food pantry in its current Simply Give



This group of boys organized a food drive supporting Northville Civic Concern in the Northville Colony Estates subdivision. Nicklaus Detmer wanted to help people in need, and some of his friends gave him a helping hand. Pictured (from left) are Alex Detmer, Nathan Kulp, Zachary Detmer, Nikko Czarnecki, Nick Detmer, and Andrew Creighton.

campaign. You can make a \$10 donation at their registers. Look for the informational displays near the checkout area.

In addition, the group Garden Gatherers is collecting fresh vegetables for Civic Concern every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon, through Sept. 28. Bring your vegetables to the south parking lot on Cady Street behind First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street in downtown Northville. For additional information please call 734-765-9622.

For more information about Civic Concern and how you can help, call 248-344-1033 on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.



Northville Civic Concern volunteer and client Dwight Wild stocks the shelves at the food pantry on Aug. 14. There's much more room than normal for additional cans of food - as summer's usually a slower giving time than usual - and the need doesn't stop. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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## Big hearts and some elbow grease

To earn their Girl Scout Silver Award, the 2nd highest award in Girl Scouting, six teens from Northville Cadette Troop 41556 chose to renovate Riel Park in Allen Park. The girls (Hana Koilpillai, Christina Valentini, Eleanor Wang, Alyssa Quinn, Ariana Khan, and Stacie Shaw) raised funds with car washes, bake sales and can drives, and received a generous donation from The Home Depot. After purchasing paint, supplies, plants and garden decorations, the troop set to work. The renovation included clearing weeds from the tennis court and playground, painting picnic tables, a shelter and park benches, and planting flowers. Their efforts were noticed and appreciated by the local residents, who are enjoying the new look of Riel Park.

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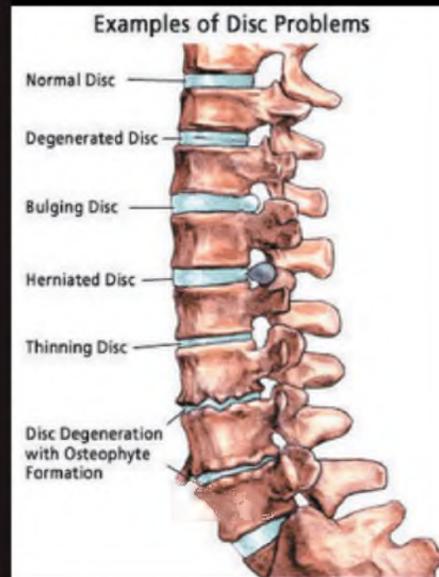
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The Jacques Tacos truck takes orders from a long line of customers during the July 18 food truck rally in downtown Northville. The Northville Chamber of Commerce is bringing the food trucks back this weekend. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Food trucks will be joined by beer garden

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

The food trucks are rolling into downtown Northville again this weekend, bringing with them unique food and a lot of interest.

What makes this rally different than the last one held in July will be the beer garden and live music.

Hosted by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, Northville Sports Den and Westside Beverage, the inaugural Downtown Northville Food Truck Rally will take place on W. Cady Street at the corner of Wing and First streets.

The event will take place from 1-9 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24.

The food trucks scheduled to be on site are: El Guapo, Treat Dreams, Grindhouse, Kona Ice, MacShack, Meen Weenie, Ned's Travel Burger, Rollin'/

### DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE FOOD TRUCK RALLY

**When:** 1-9 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 24; trucks will be there 3-8 p.m.

**Where:** On W. Cady Street at the corner of Wing and First streets.

**Music:** JustPushPlay from 1-3 p.m. and The Shawn Riley Band will play from 6-8 p.m.

**More info:** Contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or visit [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org).

Stone Wood Fired Pizza, and Time2Chill.

Each truck will have a minimum of two menu items that will be offered in conjunction with a suggested beer pairing from the Bier Garden which will have brews from Right Brain Brewery and Sierra Nevada on tap to accom-

pany the dish.

Admission to the Downtown Northville Food Truck Rally is free, but there will be a charge for food and beverages. Wristbands at a cost of \$2 will be required for purchase of alcohol and must be purchased upon entering the Bier Garden.

The schedule for the Downtown Northville Food Truck Rally is: 1-9 p.m. for the Bier Garden and 3-8 p.m. for the food trucks.

Live music will be put on by the band JustPushPlay from 1-3 pm and then The Shawn Riley Band will play from 6-8 p.m.

For more information on the Downtown Northville Food Truck Rally, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or visit [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org).

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## Tele-Mouthier (corporate tattle-tale) learns a lesson

I was winding down a coaching session with a regional manager of a local organization when she asked if I would shadow her next appointment and provide feedback after the session. I agreed and slid to a corner of the office, while she asked her administrative assistant to send in her next appointment.

The eager, late-20-something young man promptly entered and was instructed to sit in the swivel chair adjacent to her desk. She assured the young man that my presence had to do with her and not him and that confidentiality would be maintained. He was told that he could talk freely and openly. He was less bothered by my presence and anxious to talk about his concerns.

She asked, "What are your concerns?"

The plastic smile that revealed the snow-white teeth was a temporary distraction from what followed. "Well, I wanted to talk with you about one of your employees. I hate to bring this forward, but it is clear to me that his productivity, despite his years of service, is not at the level that will keep this organization competitive."

"What makes you say that?" she asked.

"When I look at his work and look at mine, I am doing a lot more and he's just skating by. The truth of the matter is, I should be doing his job."

She asked if he would be willing to say who it



Lee Meadows  
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was and he eagerly offered the person's name. She reflected for a moment, turned toward her phone, pressed a button and asked her administrative assistant if she would come into the office. She motioned for her to come around the desk so she could see the young man.

Without looking up at her, gaze fixed on the young tele-mouthier, she said, "Sarah, we had a 20-percent increase in our profit margin last month, why is that?" Sarah mentioned the major contract that had been negotiated and secured six months earlier thanks to the hard work and good relationships by the employee of concern to the young employee.

"Sarah, we were recently notified that we are in contention for a Malcolm Baldrige award. Why is that?"

Sarah went on to explain how the quality implementation teams, led by the employee of concern, had made several adjustments to the LEAN process and had improved quality and efficiency – so much so that it had garnered national attention.

"Sarah, we were just informed that the CEO of our company wants to take the entire division to dinner, spouses and children included. Why is that?"

Sarah went on to explain how the division had received the highest employee satisfaction ratings – thanks, in large part, to the employee of concern.

"Thank you, Sarah. That will be all." Sarah smiled and said, "I might add, he's the nicest, kindest person I've worked with during the 20 years I have been here."

My client reached for a yellow notepad and pen, leaned back in her chair and asked, "Now, what are your concerns?"

He took a look around the room and said, "It just seems to me that if an employee says they are committed to the success of their company, they would, at least, buy their morning coffee from the cafeteria as opposed to Starbucks."

"Your concern is noted." She put down the legal pad, leaned forward and said, "Here's some advice: You might want to stay focused on what you're doing because when you're the target of an awakened elephant, you get trampled."

His exit was meek and swift. She turned to me and asked, "Any feedback?"

"Only that I will miss our sessions together."

"Why are you stopping?" she asked.

"You're cured."

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# Northville sites play role in author's first book

**By Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

Joanne Spencer, 48, lived in Northville 10 years, from age 34 to 44. She's now living in the Jacksonville, Fla., area, in Saint Johns, and works as an assistant at her neighborhood library.

Spencer recently self-published *The Letter Keeper*.

"I had been working on the book for several years," said Spencer, who's married and has a son, 19, and a daughter, 11. "The attention the book is getting is astounding."

The author noted it's been 20 years since the loss of her other daughter, Shannon, stillborn at nine months. The book was written to inspire other women who have lost a child either through death or adoption.

"It's only a part of my story, but I wanted it to be told," she said. There were also miraculous



Florida resident Joanne Spencer's book, "The Letter Keeper," includes many familiar Northville sites. She lived here from age 34 to 44.

things that happened to her at that time "that really changed how I looked at life. You have to live through the bad as well as the good."

*The Letter Keeper* is a novel, a mother telling her daughter reflections on her life.

"This is what happened to me and why I made the choices I did,"

Spencer said.

One of the 10 letters is of Spencer having been bullied in middle school. "A lot of the book is based on my personal life. Some of it is fictional, of course."

The book tells of Josie Sommers who introduces herself to Nicky Brennan on their first day of preschool. Josie had no idea

that the small gesture would lead to a lifetime of letters, the synopsis reads. Josie faces the painful task of writing one last secret revealing letter to her children, Justin and Caitlyn. As she reflects upon her past, she realizes that her life has been affected by a series of 10 letters that passed through her hands, causing turmoil, heartache and discovery.

Find Spencer's author page at [www.facebook.com/pages/Joanne-C-Spencer/369145856541056](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Joanne-C-Spencer/369145856541056)

The book is available on Kindle and in print through Amazon.

"I already believed in it myself," she said of her self-published story. She's working on getting a literary agent, and hopes to visit Northville on a book tour.

Spencer has written and published several

articles and short stories including, *To Be or Not To Be*, *A Bully* and *Boundaries*. She was also published on Bob Dylan's personal website, Expecting Rain, for her article, *Bob Dylan for 2011 Nobel Prize for Literature*. In 2011 and 2012, she was published for poetry in *Fresh! Literary Magazine*.

Many Northville sites, like Ford Field, and streets are prominent in *The Letter Keeper*.

"The entire book does

take place in Northville," Spencer said. She included friend and Northville school trustee Dotie Garrity.

"She is a close friend of mine and I do miss her dearly."

Spencer worked for seven years as an assistant at what's now St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. "The experiences I had there are all accurate," said the author, whose mother and aunt also worked at St. Mary Mercy.

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**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 from 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 Ele-

mentary 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.

**Adult special needs worship:** 9:30 a.m.

**Youth group:** Tuesdays at 7:45-9 p.m.

**Youth group:** 7:45-9 p.m. Tuesdays

**Rally Sunday:** worship services 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 8; Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m.

**Men's Breakfast:** 7:30 a.m. Saturday Sept. 7

**Women's Coffee Break Bible Study:** 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; study book - "Seeing Grey in a World of Black and White" by A. Hamilton.

**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 firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org

**Family Bible Hour:** 9:45 a.m.

**Family Worship:** 11 a.m.

**Bible Study:** 6 p.m.

**Family Movie Night:** 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

**FIRST 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 holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org

**Sunday Worship:** 7:45 and 10 a.m.

**Sunday School and Nursery Care:** 10 a.m. Worship service

**Alzheimer's Support Group:** 10 a.m. second Saturday of month.

**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

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**BILLER, CARMELA VERONICA IULA**

Escaped the bonds of this earth and went to be with the Lord on Sunday August 11, 2013. A devoted wife and mother, she enriched the lives of all who had the pleasure of her company. Born on December 7, 1923 in Philadelphia, Pa., she saw the Great Depression first hand as her family narrowly avoided losing their home. She was celebrating her 18th birthday as music on the radio was interrupted to announce the Attack on Pearl Harbor. She worked at the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank until meeting her husband Edward, marrying and moving to New Jersey in 1950. They began a family and raised two boys in Westfield with love, good home cooking and occasional frazzled nerves. Upon her husband's retirement in 1978, they moved to Virginia Beach, Va. Here they built a house and enjoyed life with a grandson for several years. Following her husband's death, 'Miss Mel' devoted her days to child care in the area, while still playing grandma. She attended St. John the Apostle and tended the Sanctuary in the bell tower. With time, she moved to South Lyon, Mi. to be near family. Slowly, age and infirmity crept upon her, though she was still able to attend St. Joseph. Throughout 35 years of marriage and child rearing that never really stopped, Carmela showed the best of love and understanding to her husband, two children, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She lived a full and happy life. She endured the loss of many of her compatriots along the way. She will be missed by all who knew her until we all meet again. A graveside service was conducted Friday August 16 at Hollywood Memorial Park, Union NJ. Those inclined are requested to donate in Carmela's name to a Parkinson's Research Organization.

Online guestbook:  
 www.phillipsfuneral.com

**Gilders, Timothy M.**

Age 56, passed Aug. 11, 2013. Visitation was Aug. 18 at Phillips Funeral Home. Funeral Aug. 19 at Brighton Nazarene Church.

**HANKINS, MARK E.**

Age 65, of Northville, formerly of Farmington Hills, passed away 08/17/13. Full obit at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

**HARKINS, MARY**

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**HENSEL, TIMOTHY**

Jan. 21, 1938 - August 5, 2013  
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**LEDBETTER, MARGUERITE E.**

Age 95, born in Detroit, Michigan passed away on August 13, 2013 in Waterford, Michigan. Beloved wife of the late Vernon Kemp for 27 years, and the late Sidney Ledbetter for 28 years. Proud mother of Richard (Janet) Kemp, and James Kemp. Cherished grandmother of Robert Kemp, Rebecca Kemp, Cheryl (Scott) Napier, Amy (Steve) Ernst, David Kemp, and Jennifer Kemp. Great-grandmother of four & great-great-grandmother of one. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2013 at 11:00 am at The Inn at Cass Lake Assisted Living 900 N Cass Lake Rd. Waterford Township, MI 48328  
 Please visit  
 godhardttonlinsonchapel.com

**KING, ELDEN ARTHUR**

81, of Boynton Beach, Florida, formerly of Highland, MI, passed away Thursday, August 8, 2013. Born on January 27, 1932 in Detroit, Michigan. He graduated from Lincoln High School in Ferndale, Michigan in 1949, and then attended The Henry Ford Trade School. He served in the Korean War and was honorably discharged in 1953. After a long career with Michigan Bell, he retired in 1986. Elden is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Patricia, his sisters; Anita DePottey and Germaine Frye, brother; Freeland King; his 3 daughters, Deborah Emanuel and her husband, John, Dianne West, Denise Messingschlager and her husband, Michael, son, Kurt Thomas King and his wife Janet, and his 7 grandchildren. He was the consummate family man who treasured time with his friends and family as well as all outdoor activities, and playing cards. He had a fun-loving witty personality. A memorial service will be held Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 2:45 pm at the South Florida National Cemetery, 6501 S. State Road 7, Lake Worth, Florida 33449. Refreshments to follow at daughter's residence at 2601 Lake Drive North, Boynton Beach, FL. Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692.  
 1-800-242-8721

**KRIEWALL, JOAN GRACE (SIBLEY)**

Age 71 August 15, 2013. Lifelong companion best friend of Edward Kriewall. Dear mother of Karen (Joe) Lack and Julie. Proud grandmother of Andrew and Sophia Lack. Sister of Marilyn Hebert. Joan was a graduate of WSU with a degree in education. She taught at Cass Tech and South Eastern High Schools. A Mass of Resurrection was held at Holy Family Church 24505 Meadowbrook Novi with Fr. Adalberto Espinoza officiating. The entombment was at St. Patrick Cemetery in Bay City Michigan. On Line sympathy message obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

**O'BRIEN SULLIVAN FUNERAL HOME****WISEMAN, CAROL**

Age 59, passed away August 17, 2013. She was born on May 10, 1954, in Detroit, daughter of the late Harry & Therese Tucker. Carol was employed with the South Lyon School District for 30 years. She was known for her kindness, compassion, and unconditional love given to her family and friends. Carol's biggest joy in life was spending time with her children and her grandchildren. She will always be remembered for her huge heart and for always seeing the good in people. She is survived by her beloved husband of 33 years, Ron; her loving children: Lindsey Ann (Jeremy Nauss), Nicholas (Stephanie), Brenton (Nicole Sweet), and Lauren Therese; her grandchildren: Antonio, Sabrina, Dominic and Camden and her siblings: Ron, Carl, Jerry, Norm and Laurie "Poo" Tucker. She is also survived by her step-sister, Debbie Hammon, her step-brother Jeffrey Fletke, many nieces, nephews and loving friends. A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 24, at 11:00 a.m. at Church of Christ, 21870 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Mott's Children's Hospital for cancer research.

Online guestbook at:  
 www.phillipsfuneral.com



May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

**KUMMER, EDNA MAY (WEAVER)**

Age 96, passed away August 12, 2013. She was born on May 2, 1917 in McKeesport, PA. to the late John and Elizabeth (Rodi-baugh) Weaver. She was married on September 23, 1939, to Hugo Alexander Kummer of Haparanda, Sweden. She was a wonderful caring Christian wife and mother, who always put her family first. She will be sorely missed by her loving family and many, many friends, especially those at Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church and Emeritus Senior Living Facility in Brighton. Her famous motto was "I've had a wonderful life." Edna is survived by her son Gordon Hugo (Linda Jean Touzeau) Kummer; grandchildren: Anna Elizabeth (Daniel) Miller, Karen Lynn (Brian) Townsley; great grandchildren: Ethan, Jared, Mallory Townsley, Jeffrey, Andrew and Linay Miller. She was preceded in death by her husband Hugo in 1974. Visitation was held on August 14, Wednesday, from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. A memorial service was held on August 15, Thursday, at 10:00 a.m. at Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church, with Dr. David Brown officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to her church, Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 22200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, MI 48178.

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**NORTON, JOAN E.**

Age 79, passed away August 12, 2013. A private service will be held at a later date. Online guestbook phillipsfuneral.com

**SELIM, GEORGES**

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**SHEAR, BRIAN F.**

67 late of South Lyon, caring father and grandpa died on Sunday August 11th at his home in Muskegon of a lengthy illness. A private celebration of his life will be held by family. Brian was a 1964 graduate of South Lyon High School. He attended Henry Ford College and was Field Operations Manager for Salem Industries also of South Lyon. In 1975 he married Anna Winkler and is survived by his daughter Heather Shear Hurley, sister Sally Shear Hardy of Indian River and his beloved granddaughter Ocean Jane Hurley age 5 of Garden City. Memorial contributions are suggested to the National Rifle Association and Mercy Hospice of Muskegon.

**VanBOVEN, MICHELLE LYNN VISEL**

Of South Lyon, MI, born October 29, 1968, age 44, died Monday, August 12, 2013 at Arbor Hospice after a three year battle with breast cancer. Surviving is her husband, Andrew. She was also an amazing mother to her four children; Emma, Zachary, Grace and Katherine. She was the youngest of the family and will be sorely missed by her brothers; Rick (Mary), Jim, Allen (Mary) and David (Sarah) and her numerous nephews and nieces. Michelle was supported by an incredible network of family and friends who gave her the courage to bravely fight her breast cancer. She was her kid's "biggest fan" and loved to host parties and spend time with family and friends. Michelle was a huge Kid Rock fan and also enjoyed her summers at Portage Lake and meeting friends at German Park. Michelle was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Shirley (Redies) Visel. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, August 16, 2013 at St. Joseph's Village Catholic Church, Dexter, MI. Memorial contributions suggested to the VanBoven Children's College Fund or Camp Kesem Michigan, PO Box 4133, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Arrangements entrusted to the Hosmer-Muehlig Chapel, Dexter. Please visit

Michelle's guestbook at  
 http://www.hosmermuehlig.com/  
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**VOSS, MARIE J.**

Age 83, Aug. 14, 2013. Visitation Aug. 19 PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Funeral Aug. 20 at St. George Lutheran Church.

**ZAMBOROWSKI, FRANK R.**

Age 72, passed away August 19, 2013. He was born on December 5, 1940 in Dearborn, son of the late Fritz & Marge Zamborowski. Since the early 1960's, Frank has been a business owner in South Lyon on Griswold Road specializing in landscape and aggregate products and services. He currently co-owned and operated Stone Depot Landscape Supply on Griswold Road. He is survived by his beloved wife, Maureen of 46 years, his children: Sheri Al-Jabari, Ben (Cheryl), Lorie (Edward) Ball, and his grandkids: Amir, Jimmy, Danielle, and Wyatt. He was preceded in death by his parents. A memorial service will be held on Friday, August 23 at 6:00pm at South Lyon VFW Post 2502, 125 E. McHattie St., South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Zamborowski Family, payable to Phillips Funeral Home. Online guestbook at  
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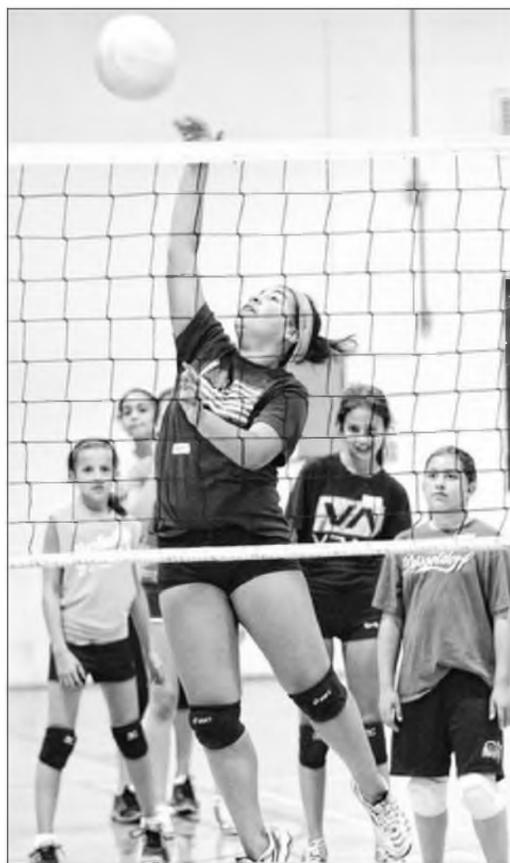
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**Her best shot**

Kaitlyn Adams, 12, leaps high in the air to spike a ball during the beginning of a week-long volleyball camp at Recreation Center at Hillside on Aug. 5. The camp, led by coach Tom Teeters, focused on the fundamentals of volleyball and included scrimmages for its group of 30 young ladies.  
 JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Road commission to hold budget hearing

The Road Commission for Oakland County Board of Road Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on its proposed fiscal year 2014 budget on Thursday, Aug. 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac.

The proposed 2014 budget, at just over \$108 million, includes plans for more than \$40 million worth of road improvement projects such as road widening, reconstruction or gravel road paving or work toward future road improvement projects; \$18.2 million for road maintenance efforts such as pothole patching, gravel road grading and salting and plowing in the winter;

and \$9 million for maintaining traffic signs, signals, pavement markings and guard rails, among other activities.

This budget represents an increase of about \$5 million compared to the \$103.1 million 2013 budget adopted in September of last year. The 2014 proposed budget is more than the 2013 budget primarily due to an anticipated slight increase in state-collected road funding and because of an increase in federal road funding coming to the agency. Federal funds are awarded on a project-by-project basis, and these funds cannot be used to maintain the county's roads.

The RCOC fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30. Final approval of the 2014

budget will take place in September.

RCOC Board Chairman Greg Jamian will preside over the budget hearing. During the hearing, RCOC Managing Director Dennis Kolar will provide an analysis of the proposed budget and the agency's financial situation.

Deputy Managing Director/County Highway Engineer Gary Piotrowicz will review the proposed 2014 Road Improvement Program. The board will then receive questions or comments from those in attendance.

Copies of the proposed 2014 budget and a complete list of projects proposed for 2014 will be available at the hearing.

# The headaches continue



One of the delays affecting Northville and Novi commuters is a road-widening project being carried out along Eighth Mile Road west of Beck. Drivers will find slow going as the road is pinched down to a single lane —until the project is finished. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Your Invitation to

# Worship

## Brighton

**LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
5051 Pleasant Valley Road • Brighton, MI 48114  
810-227-3113  
9:30 a.m. Communion Worship  
10:45 a.m. Sunday School  
Rev. Dale Hedblad, Pastor  
www.lordofflife.ca.com

**HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
www.hsroc.net  
at the corner of Winans Lake & Musch Rd.  
810-231-9199  
Fr. John Rocus, Pastor  
Weekend Liturgies Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
Please visit our Shrine of Ann Display and Book & Gift Shop

## Walled Lake

**CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
1851 S. Commerce Rd.  
Walled Lake  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship  
Rev. Kenneth Warren - 586-531-2021  
www.cpcnow.com

## Whitmore Lake

**FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**  
10774 Nine Mile Road  
Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

## Livonia

**FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Services held at:  
Saint Andrews Episcopal Church  
16360 Hubbard Road - Livonia  
South of Six Mile Road  
Adult Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
Dr. James N. McGuire • Nursery Provided

## New Hudson

**NEW HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
56730 Grand River Avenue • New Hudson MI 48165  
(248) 437-6212 • Gerald S. Hunter, Pastor  
Sunday School & Bible Class - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
www.newhudsonumc.org

**NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation**  
57855 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48165  
Phone 248-474-9108  
Sunday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m.  
Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister  
Website: http://www.newhopeuu.org

## Northville

**NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN**  
Experience Life Each Week  
Sunday Worship - 9:00 am & 10:15 am  
Sunday School and Children's Programs  
www.ncalife.org  
41355 Six Mile Road  
248-348-9030

**WARD CHURCH**  
40000 Six Mile Road  
Northville, MI 48168  
248-374-7400  
www.wardchurch.org  
Traditional Worship at 9:30 & 11 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship at 9:30 & 11 a.m.  
Children's Programs available at 9:30 & 11 a.m.  
The Traditional Service is broadcast on the radio each week at 11 a.m. on 560 AM

**First Presbyterian Church of Northville**  
www.fpcnorthville.org  
200 E. MAIN ST. AT HUTTON  
Worship & Church School 10:00 am  
248-349-0911

## Milford

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Preschool, Pre-K & Kdg. - Mo. Synod  
620 General Motors Rd., Milford  
Church office: (248) 684-0895  
Summer Services  
Sundays: 9:30am • Mondays: 7 pm  
Rev. Martin Dressler

**FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD**  
VISITORS WELCOME!  
133 Detroit St., Milford • 248-684-5695  
Pastor Steve Swayze  
Sunday School (all ages) 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.  
Young Adults Dinner/Bible Study, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
Avarna, Wednesdays, 6:45-8:15 p.m., beginning Sept. 11, 3 yrs old thru 7th grade  
Website: milfordbaptist.org

**WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1116 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48380  
248-887-1218  
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday All Ages: 7:00 p.m.  
Also Small Groups / Ministry Teams

**OAKPOINTE Milford**  
1250 South Hill Rd.  
(248) 685-3560 www.opcmilford.org  
Contemporary Worship Service Sunday 9:15 am & 11:15 am  
Adventurous Children's Program Sunday 9:15 am & 11:15 am  
Middle School Student Ministries Sunday 9:15 am  
High School Student Ministries Sunday Evening 6-8 pm  
Women, Men and Life Groups Various Schedules

**Milford United Methodist Church**  
1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48381  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.  
Children's Church at 9:30 a.m.  
Groups for Children, Youth and Adults  
248-684-2798  
milfordumc.net

**MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Pastor Bryant Anderson  
238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805  
www.milfordpc.org  
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School age 3 thru 5th grade @ 10 a.m.  
Youth Group 10 am - Grades 6-12  
A heritage of area worship since 1835

**Freedom Life Church**  
Where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is Freedom Cor 3:7  
1208 E. Commerce, Milford  
Worship: Sun 11am, Wed 7pm  
We are here through Christ Jesus  
to provide Freedom to those who  
are hurting, diseased, addicted  
and depressed.

**First United Church of Northville**  
(248) 349-1144  
777 West 8 Mile Road  
(at Main and Tall Road)  
Northville, Michigan  
Worship Times: September - May 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.  
Memorial Day - Labor Day 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.  
Rev. Marsha M. Wooley, Lead Pastor

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
133 Orchard Dr., Northville  
WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.  
Church 349-2621, School 349-3610  
Religious Education 349-2559  
Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

**Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church**  
54899 8 Mile Rd. at Currie Rd.  
Northville, MI. 48167  
Pastor Andy Whitten  
Phone 248-374-2268  
Sunday Worship Service at 10 AM

## Novi

**ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI**  
46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374  
Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.  
Msgr. John Kasza, Pastor  
Parish Office: 347-7778

**FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, 248-349-2345  
1/2 mile west of Novi Rd.  
www.faithcommunity-novi.org  
WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM  
"Children, Youth and Adult Ministries"

**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile  
248-348-7757 • www.mbcc.org  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister

**OAK POINTE CHURCH**  
50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi  
Saturday Worship 5:15 pm.,  
Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.  
Casual, contemporary service  
Phone (248) 912-0043  
www.oakpointe.org

## South Lyon

**CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN**  
(Missouri Synod)  
Pastor Terry Nelson  
437-8810 • 486-4335  
Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile  
Worship: 10 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.;  
Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.

**Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
22200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon (South of 9 Mile Road)  
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.  
Refuel Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.  
Youth at 6:30 p.m.  
Rev. David Brown, Pastor  
248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippc.org

**The Church of Christ**  
21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178  
248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncoc.org  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School,  
10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship  
Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.  
Troy Singleton, Minister

**SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH**  
Loving God and Loving People  
22183 Pontiac Trail • 248-486-4400  
(In Brookdale Shopping Center,  
behind Powerhouse Gym)  
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M.  
Reed Heckmann, Pastor/Teacher  
www.solidrocksouthlyon.com

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
205 E. Lake (10 Mile) 248.437.2875  
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Children's Church for Grades K thru 5th  
Nursery Care Provided  
Mid-Week Study Thursday 7:00 p.m.  
Rev. Michael Horlocker, Pastor  
www.fpcsouthlyon.org

**CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
28900 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon  
248-486-0400  
www.ecrossroads.net  
Sunday Services:  
8:45, 10 & 11:30 am

## Highland

**HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357  
248.887.1311 • www.myhumc.com  
Summer Sunday Worship: 9 & 10:30 a.m.  
Kids Church: 9 & 10:30 a.m.  
MS/HS Youth: 10:30 a.m.  
Recovery (for all addictions): Fri. @ 7 p.m.

**NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
41671 W. Ten Mile Road • Novi, MI 48375  
Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.  
Rev. June M. Smith, Pastor  
248-349-2652  
www.umcnovi.com  
"Loving God, loving each other and living our core values"

**HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375  
Saturday: 4:30 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.  
Fr. Bob LaCroix, Pastor  
Fr. Michael Zuehl, Associate  
Parish Office: 349-8847 • www.holyfamilynovi.org

**HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL**  
40700 W. Ten Mile Rd. • 248-427-1175  
Sunday Worship 7:45 am & 10 am  
Healing Service Wednesday 11:45 am  
Rev. Ann Webber, Rector  
holycrossnovi@gmail.com

**BRIGHTMOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
40800 W. 13 Mile Road, Novi  
on the corner of M-5 & W 13  
Sundays 9:15a & 11:15a  
www.brightmoorc.org  
something for the entire family

**Shepherd's Way Lutheran Church, ELCA**  
304 N. Lafayette Street  
South Lyon MI 48178  
Sunday Worship 9:10 AM  
Education Hour 10:30 AM  
Rev. Bart Muller, Pastor  
248-486-4404  
www.shepherdswaysouthlyon.org

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON**  
60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon 48178  
Phone: 248-437-2983  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
Senior Pastor: Rob Proctor / Assoc. Pastor: Randy Winks  
Website: www.fbcsofthlyon.com  
• Email: fbcsofthlyon@btglobal.net

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
640 S. Lafayette (248) 437-0760  
Sunday Worship:  
8:15 am, 10:00 am & 6:30 pm  
Nursery Provided  
Reverend Sandra Wilobee  
southlyonfirstumc.org

**BIBLE BELIEVERS CHURCH**  
Gathering in Jesus Name  
52909 10 Mile Rd • South Lyon, MI 48178  
Sunday 10:30 and 1:30  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.  
Mike Ragan, Pastor  
734-347-1983 pastor cell  
Old fashioned preaching

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN**  
Wisconsin Synod • Reynold Sweet Pkwy.  
at Liberty St  
Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.  
All Classes 9:00  
Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-1651

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<b>Route A NHS</b>	6:26 AM 6:28 AM 6:35 AM 6:40 AM 6:41 AM 6:46 AM 6:47 AM 6:48 AM 6:50 AM	20539 Woodcreek Blvd Woodcreek Blvd & Fallbrook Rd Windridge Dr & London Ct Seven Mile Rd & Windridge Dr 19578 Smock Rd 19452 Northridge Dr Seven Mile Rd & Harbour VI Dr Seven Mile Rd & Swan Lake Dr 18615 Innsbrook Dr
<b>Route C NHS Satellite</b>	6:30 - 6:50 AM	Moraine Bus Loop This will take home to Orchard and Scott in the PM
<b>Route E NHS Satellite</b>	6:30 - 6:50 AM	Moraine Bus Loop
<b>Route F NHS Satellite</b>	6:30 - 6:50 AM	134 Orchard Dr Church Parking Lot -OLV
		Bus C will take home
<b>Route G NHS Satellite</b>	6:26 AM 6:30 - 6:50 AM	18790 Grande Vista Dr 49775 Ridge Wood Bus Dr
<b>Route I NHS</b>	6:37 AM 6:38 AM 6:41 AM 6:45 AM 6:48 AM 6:49 AM 6:49 AM 6:51 AM	Simcheck & Nine Mile Rd Nine Mile Rd & Carrington Dr 21420 Chubb Rd 21160 Hunter Ridge Dr 9501 Napier Rd 9300 Napier Rd 9166 Napier Rd 8660 Napier Rd
<b>Route J NHS Satellite</b>	6:24 AM 6:26 AM 6:30 - 6:50 AM	Cheltenham & Shilo Dr 47950 Nine Mile Rd 6174 Thornton Creek Bus Loop
<b>Route K NHS Satellite</b>	6:30- 6:42 AM 6:43 AM 6:46 AM	46174 Thornton Creek Bus Loo Beck Rd & Bellagio Dr 21525 Beck Rd
<b>Route L NHS Satellite</b>	6:30 - 6:50 AM	19801 Silver Springs Bus Loop
<b>Route M NHS Satellite</b>	6:35 AM 6:50 AM	874 Amerman Bus Loop 874 Amerman Bus Loop
<b>Route N NHS Satellite</b>	6:30 - 6:45	16141 Winchester Bus Loop
<b>Route O NHS Satellite</b>	6:28 AM 6:30 AM 6:36 - 6:45	Abby Cir & Bexley Way Country Knoll Dr & Glenview Ct 16141 Winchester Bus Loop
<b>Route Q NHS Satellite</b>	6:28 AM 6:30 AM 6:31 AM 6:35 AM	Ridge Rd & Ridge Ct Ridge Rd & Hidden Ridge Dr 18605 Ridge Rd 49775 Ridge Wood Bus Dr
<b>Route R NHS</b>	6:33 AM 6:34 AM 6:39 AM 6:40 AM 6:43 AM 6:47 AM 6:48 AM	Eight Mile Rd & Richmond Dr 49730 Eight Mile Rd Nine Mile Rd & Torino Dr Nine Mile Rd & Roberts Dr Garfield Rd & Deer Run 20005 Westview Dr 20516 Westview Dr
<b>Route S NHS Satellite</b>	6:30 AM 6:31 AM 6:35 AM 6:40 AM 6:49 AM	43643 Nine Mile Rd Nine Mile Rd & Chelsea Ln Mystic Forest Dr & Castlewood Brookwood Dr & Cottisford St 46174 Thornton Creek Bus Loop
<b>Route T NHS Silver Springs Satellite</b>	6:30 - 6:50AM	19801 Silver Spring Dr
<b>Route U NHS Satellite</b>	6:35- 6:50 AM	874 Amerman Bus Loop
<b>Route V NHS</b>	6:35 AM 6:39 AM 6:41 AM 6:44 AM 6:49 AM 6:52 AM 6:56 AM	Yerkes Ave & Johnson Ave 18501 Jamestown Cir 18934 Northville Rd Sheldon Rd & Thornapple Ln 44860 Broadmoor Cir S 15513 Prestwick Cir 44337 Cypress Point Dr
<b>Route Y NHS Satellite</b>	6:30 - 6:50 AM	700 Hillside Ms Bus Dr
<b>Route Z NHS Police Station</b>	6:30 - 6:45 AM	3 Police Dr

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<b>Route A Hillside</b>	7:29 AM 7:33 AM 7:35 AM 7:42 AM 7:43 AM 7:47 AM 7:48 AM	Nine Mile Rd & Connemara Dr Mystic Forest Dr & Winnsborough Mystic Forest Dr & Castlewood Brookwood Dr & Cottisford St Cottisford St & Chedworth Ct 43501 Cottisford St 43620 Nine Mile Rd
<b>Route B Hillside</b>	7:23 AM 7:25 AM 7:28 AM 7:31 AM 7:32 AM 7:35 AM 7:37 AM 7:38 AM 7:40 AM 7:41 AM 7:44 AM	22045 Beck Rd Bellagio Dr & Capri Ct 21321 Beck Rd Maybury Park Dr & Equestrian Tr Bridle Run & Richmond Dr Veneto & Pomino Garfield Rd & Deer Run 22140 Garfield Rd 48500 Nine Mile Rd 48295 Nine Mile Rd Cheltenham & Shilo Dr
<b>Route C Hillside Satellite</b>	7:27 AM Ridge 7:45 AM	Wood Bus Loop Leave to Hillside
<b>Route D Meads Mill</b>	7:10 AM 7:11 AM 7:17 AM 7:18 AM 7:19 AM 7:21 AM 7:22 AM 7:24 AM 7:25 AM 7:26 AM 7:27 AM 7:30 AM 7:33 AM 7:34 AM 7:36 AM 7:41 AM 7:42 AM	20539 Woodcreek Blvd Woodcreek Blvd & Fallbrook Rd Danielle Dr & Cambridge Ct 39729 Golfview Dr Windridge Dr & London Ct Seven Mile Rd & Windridge Dr Seven Mile Rd & Pierson Dr Smock Rd & Stoneleigh St Oppollo St & Fry Rd Oppollo St & Maxwell Ave Marilyn Rd & Stoneleigh St 19556 Northridge Dr Seven Mile Rd & Harbour VI Dr Seven Mile Rd & Swan Lake Dr 18759 Innsbrook Dr 18438 Jamestown Cir 18725 Jamestown Cir
<b>Route E Meads Mill /Satellite</b>	7:24 AM 7:25 AM 7:26 AM 7:30 - 7:50 AM	16371 Horseshoe Dr Horseshoe Dr & Forest Dr Sherwood Ln & Forest Ct 49775 Ridge Wood Bus Dr
<b>Route F Meads Mill Satellite</b>	7:27 AM 7:41 AM	19801 Silver Springs Bus Loo 19801 Silver Springs Bus Loo
<b>Route G Hillside</b>	7:27 AM 7:40 AM 7:41 AM 7:42 AM	Parkshore Dr & Ridgeview Dr 18510 Ridge Rd Ridge Rd & Hidden Ridge Dr 48625 Seven Mile Rd
<b>Route I Meads Mill</b>	7:39 AM 7:43 AM 7:47 AM	Cypress Point Dr & Pine Valley Dr Broadmoor Blvd & Broadmoor Cir N 15391 Prestwick Cir
<b>Route J Hillside Satellite</b>	7:29 AM 7:31 AM - 7:50AM	22126 Beck Rd Thornton Creek Bus Loop
<b>Route L Meads Mill</b>	7:30 AM To 7:50 AM	19801 Silver Springs Bus Loop
<b>Route M Meads Mill Satellite</b>	7:30 to 7:50 AM	45702 NVHS Bus Loop Leave for NHS
<b>Route N Meads Mill</b>	7:41 AM 7:43 AM 7:45 AM 7:49 AM 7:51 AM	Eagle Trace Dr & Country Knoll Dr Country Knoll Dr & Glenview Ct 16925 Abby Cir Northville Tr W & Meadow Tr Coachwood Cir & Northville Tr E
<b>Route O Meads Mill Satellite</b>	7:30 to 7:50 AM	Firestation 6Mile
<b>Route Q Meads Mill Satellite</b>	7:30 AM 7:36 AM - 7:50AM	211 St Lawrence Blvd Firestation Dr
<b>Route R Hillside Satellite</b>	7:30:AM to 7:50AM	46174 Thornton Creek Bus Loop
<b>Route S Hillside Satellite</b>	7:30 to 7:50 AM	46811 Moraine Bus Loop
<b>Route T Hillside Satellite</b>	7:30 - 7:45 AM	45702 NVHS Bus Loop
<b>Route V Meads Mill Satellite</b>	7:30 - 7:50 AM	49775 Ridge Wood Bus Dr

<b>Route W Hillside Satellite</b>	7:31 AM 7:37 - 7:45 AM	Waterstone Este Cir & Ridge Rd Crestbrook Dr & Heather Ridge Dr
<b>Route X Hillside</b>	7:26 AM 7:27 AM 7:29 AM 7:32 AM 7:34 AM 7:37 AM 7:38 AM 7:38 AM 7:40 AM 7:41 AM 7:43 AM 7:44 AM 7:45 AM 7:46 AM	20120 Westview Dr 20390 Westview Dr 49730 Eight Mile Rd 52730 Eight Mile Rd 21200 Chubb Rd Nine Mile Rd & Carrington Dr 51800 Nine Mile Rd Nine Mile Rd & Simcheck Nine Mile Rd & Torino Dr Hillside Dr & Sunday Dr 22244 Roberts Dr 50240 Nine Mile Rd 49805 Nine Mile Rd 49650 Nine Mile Rd
<b>Route Y Hillside Satellite</b>	7:30 - 7:45 AM	49775 Ridge Wood Bus Dr
<b>Route Z Hillside</b>	7:16 AM 7:19 AM 7:20 AM 7:22 AM 7:25 AM 7:26 AM 7:30 AM	10268 Seven Mile Rd 49969 Seven Mile Rd 49675 Seven Mile Rd 18766 Grande Vista Dr 8779 Napier Rd 8660 Napier Rd 49775 Ridge Wood Bus Dr

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<b>Route A Thornton Creek</b>	8:18 AM 8:19 AM 8:20 AM 8:21 AM 8:22 AM 8:23 AM 8:24 AM 8:26 AM 8:27 AM 8:30 AM 8:31 AM 8:33 AM 8:33 AM 8:36 AM 8:37 AM	Cheltenham & Shilo Dr Cheltenham & Donnington Ct Aberdeen Dr & Samia Dr Shilo Dr & Aberdeen Dr 23095 Beck Rd 23001 Beck Rd Beckenham Blvd & Kensington 48520 Nine Mile Rd 48820 Nine Mile Rd 49741 Deer Run 49621 Deer Run Garfield Rd & Deer Run 21820 Garfield Rd 48295 Nine Mile Rd 47825 Nine Mile Rd
<b>Route B Moraine</b>	8:08 AM 8:13 AM 8:15 AM 8:15 AM 8:16 AM 8:19 AM 8:21 AM 8:22 AM 8:23 AM 8:24 AM 8:25 AM 8:26 AM 8:27 AM 8:28 AM 8:30 AM 8:31 AM 8:33 AM	Springfield Dr & Morgan Blvd W 47490 Bellagio Dr 48035 Ravello Ct 47875 Ravello Ct Florence Dr & Bellagio Dr 21321 Beck Rd 20750 Maybury Park Dr 20890 Maybury Park Dr Equestrian Tr & Rosewood Ct Maybury Park Dr & Equestrian Tr Bridle Run & Equestrian Tr Bridle Run & Castello Ct Bridle Run & Richmond Dr 20854 Richmond Dr Barola & Pomino Barola & Barola Ct 49710 Eight Mile Rd
<b>Route C Amerman</b>	8:11 AM 8:12 AM 8:13 AM 8:14 AM 8:17 AM 8:21 AM 8:22 AM 8:23 AM 8:25 AM 8:28 AM 8:30 AM 8:33 AM	Nine Mile Rd & Mayo Dr 45119 Nine Mile Rd 43825 Nine Mile Rd 22323 Chelsea Ln 43572 Scenic Ln Mystic Forest Dr & Mclean Ct 23220 Mystic Forest Dr Bennington Dr & Castlewood Castlewood & Mystic Forest Dr 44172 Cottisford St 44218 Wyngate Dr 43501 Cottisford St
<b>Route D Silver Springs</b>	8:09 AM 8:14 AM 8:15 AM 8:18 AM 8:20 AM 8:21 AM 8:22 AM 8:23 AM 8:25 AM 8:27 AM 8:29 AM 8:30 AM 8:31 AM 8:33 AM 8:34 AM 8:48 AM	452 Butler Ave Fallbrook Rd & Woodcreek Blvd Woodcreek Blvd & Woodridge Ct Eight Mile Rd & Spring Ln Danielle Dr & Cambridge Ct 39729 Golfview Dr Windridge Dr & London Ct Windridge Dr & Foxway Ct Windridge Dr & Seven Mile Rd Harbert Dr & Meadowbrook Rd Seven Mile Rd & Meadowbrook Rd 40200 Seven Mile Rd Seven Mile Rd & Pierson Dr Seven Mile Rd & Harbour VI Dr Seven Mile Rd & Corlina Dr 874 Amerman Bus Loop
<b>Route E Winchester</b>	8:14 AM 8:15 AM 8:19 AM 8:20 AM 8:21 AM 8:23 AM 8:24 AM 8:29 AM 8:30 AM 8:31 AM 8:34 AM 8:35 AM 8:36 AM	18080 Cascade Dr 18222 Cascade Dr 42505 Bradner Rd Waterwheel Rd & Crest Dr Waterwheel Rd & Waterwheel Ct N 42016 Crestview Cir 42352 Crestview Cir Abby Cir & Bexley Way 16916 Abby Cir 17062 Abby Cir 16035 Homestead Cir Eagle Trace Dr & Country Knoll Dr Country Knoll Dr & Glenview Ct
<b>Route F Silver Springs</b>	8:14 AM 8:15 AM 8:17 AM 8:18 AM 8:19 AM 8:20 AM 8:23 AM 8:25 AM 8:29 AM 8:30 AM	19170 Smock Rd Smock Rd & Stoneleigh St Oppollo St & Fry Rd Maxwell Ave & Oppollo St Oppollo St & Marilyn Rd Marilyn Rd & Stoneleigh St 19556 Northridge Dr 19139 Surrey Ln 18573 Innsbrook Dr 18703 Innsbrook Dr
<b>Route G Silver Springs</b>	8:00 AM 8:04 AM 8:08 AM 8:12 AM 8:13 AM 8:15 AM 8:18 AM 8:19 AM 8:19 AM 8:20 AM 8:21 AM 8:22 AM 8:23 AM 8:24 AM	452 Butler Ave 18496 Jamestown Cir St Lawrence Blvd & Hampton Ct Covington Ct & St Lawrence Blvd 312 St Lawrence Blvd Sheldon Rd & Cherry Ridge 44053 Deep Hollow Cir Deep Hollow Cir & Willow Ridge Dr Willow Ridge Dr & Willow Ridge Ct 44262 Deep Hollow Cir 44333 Deep Hollow Cir Wildflower Dr & Deep Hollow Cir 17802 Wildflower Dr 18024 Wildflower Dr
<b>Route H Thornton Creek</b>	8:08 AM 8:13 AM 8:15 AM 8:16 AM 8:18 AM 8:21 AM 8:23 AM 8:24 AM 8:25 AM 8:26 AM 8:27 AM 8:28 AM	52173 Malsia Ct 21171 Hunter Ridge Dr 20805 Hunter Ridge Dr 52730 Eight Mile Rd 21200 Chubb Rd Ferndale Dr & Bentley Dr Poppleton Dr & Ferndale Dr Poppleton Dr & Carrington Dr Curtis Ct & Cyprus Dr 22449 Cyprus Dr 52051 Nine Mile Rd 51800 Nine Mile Rd
<b>Route I Moraine</b>	8:06 AM 8:07 AM 8:08 AM 8:10 AM 8:11 AM 8:17 AM 8:19 AM 8:22 AM 8:24 AM 8:30 AM 8:33 AM 8:34 AM 8:35 AM	810 W Main St 870 W Main St Main St & Woodhill Rd Main St & Springwood 47270 Main St 49499 Waterstone Este Cir 49762 Waterstone Este Cir 49600 Seven Mile Rd 49770 Seven Mile Rd 50940 Belmont Park Ct 51815 Eight Mile 20631 Westview Dr 20390 Westview Dr 20516 Westview Dr
<b>Route J Moraine</b>	8:09 AM 8:10 AM 8:12 AM 8:14 AM 8:17 AM 8:19 AM 8:21 AM 8:23 AM 8:24 AM 8:28 AM 8:29 AM 8:30 AM 8:32 AM	Seven Mile Rd & Bella Vista Ct Seven Mile Rd & Oak Leaf Ln 46287 Pickford St 46879 Pickford St Pinebrook Dr & Shelley Pond Dr 46119 Pickford St 18219 Arselot Dr Fermanagh Dr & Donegal Ct 18905 Edenderry Dr Clement Rd & Norton Ct Clement Rd & Neeson St 19300 Clement Rd 501 Fairbrook St

# NORTHVILLE BUS ROUTES

## Route K Thornton Creek

8:05 AM White Pines Dr & Waycroft Dr  
 8:06 AM 45284 Roundview Dr  
 8:08 AM Roundview Dr & Midway Dr  
 8:09 AM Leeds & Ford Way Dr  
 8:10 AM Exeter Ct & Ford Way Dr  
 8:11 AM Midway Dr & Ford Way Dr  
 8:11 AM Midway Dr & Dunbarton Dr  
 8:13 AM Steeple Path & Huntingcross Dr  
 8:14 AM Dunbarton Dr & Foxton Dr  
 8:17 AM 46174 Thornton Creek Bus Loop  
 8:55 AM 874 Amerman Bus Loop

## Route L Siiver Springs

8:12 AM 16895 Highland Ln  
 8:13 AM 16691 Highland Ln  
 8:14 AM Highland Ln & Highland Ct  
 8:15 AM 16476 Brooklane Blvd  
 8:16 AM Wabeek Ln & Wabeek Ct  
 8:18 AM 16779 Brooklane Blvd  
 8:19 AM Brooklane Blvd & Greenview Ln  
 8:20 AM 43805 Six Mile Rd

## Route M Winchester

8:10 AM Franklin Rd & 1st St  
 8:12 AM 17203 Cove Dr  
 8:15 AM Reservoir Rd & Edward Hines Dr  
 8:19 AM 15537 Prestwick Cir  
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 8:23 AM Equestrian Tr & Rosewood Ct  
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 8:24 AM 42352 Crestview Cir  
 8:29 AM Abby Cir & Bexley Way  
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 8:21 AM 18219 Arselot Dr  
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 8:26 AM 45865 Riviera Dr  
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 8:23 AM Lochmoor Cir W & Brandywine Blvd  
 8:25 AM Sherwood Ln & Oxford Ct  
 8:25 AM Sherwood Ln & Forest Ct  
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 8:24 AM 48309 Manor Wood Dr  
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 8:27 AM Clairmont Cir W & Steep Hollow Ct  
 8:28 AM Clover Hill Ct & Clairmont Cir W  
 8:28 AM Stonewater Blvd & Clairmont Cir E  
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## OUR VIEWS

# Back to school in Northville

## Education choices are many in 2013



Thornton Creek Elementary School teacher Nicole Wesley gets a high-five from one of her students on the first day back to school a couple years ago. Northville Public Schools are just one schooling option of many available to local parents and their children. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

School starts soon for the majority of students in the Northville community.

But back to school in 2013 is a lot different than it was just a few years ago.

Students, parents and teachers have many choices when it comes to education in 2013. While Northville Public Schools continues to be the tie that binds our community together, charter schools, on-line schools, home school, year-round schools, private schools and parochial schools have dramatically changed the landscape of K-12 education in recent years.

Charter schools are establishing a large footprint in the region while religious schools remain the choice of many. The number of students being home schooled has increased exponentially over the last decade and as technology marches on, online education is attracting many more students.

Private schools have always attracted those with the ability to pay. Oakland County boasts some of the best private schools in the country and they have long been a destination for those seeking an alterna-

tive to public schools.

But some public schools – in spite of funding issues – have risen to the competitive challenge. Specialized academies, such as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), IB (International Baccalaureate) and others along with an increase in honors and AP classes, and many schools of choice options have provided the choice that many parents were seeking.

Some believe it is the increased competition has pushed public schools to change. Others point to technology and/or political polarization as reasons for change and choice in education.

While most parents already have opted for a school that best suits their child's needs, some are still searching and their choices are many. The quest for the perfect educational environment, however, will never end and that is a good thing.

The issue of quality education must always be at the forefront of any discussion about the future of Michigan.

## LETTERS

### Liberals threaten freedom

The George Zimmerman incident gave relief to those national leaders beset with self-inflicted hangovers and fumbles. Remember those “phony issues,” a job-killing economy, “Fast and Furious,” Clinton’s Benghazi, uncomfortable foreign embarrassments, the discredited role of the IRS and lingering nests of bureaucratic corruption as the forgotten old news. Liberal national political management has brought big smiles, few results, and no leadership.

Al Sharpton pumped the unfortunate affair to enhance the race-baiting business. Liberals lament these problems in America despite being the principal cause. All aspiring socialists are required to blame productive Americans to be responsible for any social failures. Lincoln’s biblical principles freed America from slavery and 600,000 Americans died. America in time has become the most tolerant of nations. You would never know it. Freedom was uncomfortable formerly enslaved were recruited by liberal carpetbaggers as a political windfall through promises and patronizing. Assuming control of the words racism and hate enabled carpetbaggers to bomb and extort guilt shield decades of liberal failures. These same insinuations used for a freeway to loot and strip cities.

Are the carpetbaggers incrementally returning slavery by piling on dependency? Fair share and social justice are common liberal passwords to dissolve former attributes of faith and freedom. Socialism has never advanced humankind. In its certain collapse, morphs into dictatorships canceling all signs of liberty and choice. Those anticipating sweeter outcomes are erased together with the big bags of false expectations. Their personal achievement atrocities and subsequently loss of faith and hope as all becoming ensnared occupiers. Will occupiers soon outnumber our country’s producers and achievers? Washington liberals conclude adding 20 million relatives of adopted non-citizen immigrants brings no slippage of motivation by sheer necessity.

Restoring our economy requires dumping

paralyzing liberal impediments to its growth. Fair share and justice additions to the carpetbaggers vocabulary of claims of racism posed manage guilt for all the guiltless. All human accomplishment follows inertia driven by a competitive spirit to achieve. No inertia, dry rot. Mark Twain may have disrespected the press for violating truthfulness leading to destructive outcomes. Ignoring a crushing debt and its inevitable harm to kids appears to enhance the carpetbagger dependency. Still confident enough wet noodles in Congress to allow current management to steal away freedom opposed to threaten Americas future, its resources, and its resourceful.

Jim Nowka  
Northville

### Reckless spending

Regarding Steve Lawrence’s letter in the Aug. 15 edition, he is right that President Obama has basically been under the Bush tax policies since he took office. However, what he fails to mention is that spending in the last four years has significantly increased and our national debt has soared to almost \$17 trillion. People of his ilk often dodge this issue. This level of give away spending cannot be sustained. Mr. Belisle had some good points.

I would also like to point out that Congressman Boehner and Senator McConnell are also democratically elected by the people they represent – that is how our government works. We elect a president, not a king. Thank God that our Congressmen have been able to put the brakes on this administration’s reckless spending inclinations.

Ernie McLaughlin  
Northville Township

### Special indeed

Last weekend the Northville High School Alumni golf outing took place. This Northville High School scholarship fundraiser was held in the name of Bob Reganhardt, class of 1966. This brave warrior lost his life in Vietnam in 1969.

It was a good time, seeing friends from the past, catching up, playing a little golf, all the time knowing that it was for a good cause. Funds that will go to a well deserving Northville High School student, and in the name of a really good person.

Hats off to Howie

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What would you like to see go in on the former Scott Correctional Facility property?

This question was asked at the Community Park dog park, Falls of Northville sub and downtown Northville.



“Maybe a bigger dog park and something park-related.”

Marsha Day  
Plymouth (Northville Township Dog park member)



“A mall. Something to add more commercial activity over here, maybe with a new pizza place.”

Vinay Shedge  
Northville



“A nice shopping center.”

Marilynn Goering  
Northville



“Some sort of entertainment venue, maybe with an amphitheater.”

Betty Harpe  
Northville

Ambinder, Rick Talbot, Danny Bongiovanni, Bill French and others who put this all together.

Special recognition to the ladies of the Northville VFW Post 4012 Auxiliary who very generously donated \$1,000 to this worthy cause. Special indeed.

To the NHS Alums, keep your eye out for the date, we will do it again next year.

Jim Long  
Northville

### Protect the power of the vote

Aug. 26 marks the 93rd anniversary of the constitutional amendment that granted women the right to vote. This year, the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County honors Women’s Equality Day through a continued focus on protecting the voting rights of all eligible voters.

Now is a critical time to do all we can for voters. Earlier this summer, a key part of the Voting Rights Act (VRA), known as Section 4, was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The damage to the VRA can and must be fixed – Congress has the power to act swiftly to restore the effectiveness of the Voting Rights Act. The League needs your help in calling on Congress to repair and restore the VRA.

The anti-voter laws that are cropping up around the country in the wake of the Supreme Court decision will negatively impact all voters— young and old, rich and poor alike. As members of the League of Women Voters, we are working to make our democracy strong through voter registration drives and education forums—and this Women’s Equality Day by thanking Congress for starting the process to fix the VRA and encouraging them to repair and restore it

quickly.

Our foremothers understood that voting provides citizens the ability to have an impact on the critical issues facing their communities. Women’s Equality Day is the perfect time to celebrate and protect that right.

For more information about the League of Women Voters, please visit [www.lwnv.org](http://www.lwnv.org) or contact us at 734-421-4420.

Angela Ryan  
president  
League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County

### Freedom of choice, not

A quick response to your editorial on the change to Michigan’s helmet law and the resulting increase of more severe injuries would be “duh.” However, one might ask how could such a smart businessman do such a dumb thing (Snyder signed the law allowing riders to go without a helmet)?

His “rider’s freedom to choose” does not hold up because auto drivers are not given that option and they are already safer just in what they drive. By the way, the push to make seat belt use mandatory did not come from some Big Brother politician; it came from the insurance lobby seeking to cut injury cost. So you have to figure they were involved and ran the numbers calculating what would happen with the change. Why didn’t they stop Gov. Snyder from making such a costly and unsafe change?

Well I think you found the answer when you mentioned no-fault auto insurance. The insurance lobby, with the help of Republicans, has been trying to end the unlimited catastrophic coverage of the no-fault law for some time now. As you stated, the increase in severity of injury

resulting in increased cost will surely be passed on to all drivers. That increase just might be the straw that breaks the camel’s back getting drivers to give up coverage in hope of lower insurance cost.

But don’t worry: They say if you still want catastrophic coverage after it is no longer the law, insurers provide it and everyone has it, they will gladly sell you something that will cost you more and pay for less if you need it. But, hey, that’s “freedom to choose” and, like they say, freedom isn’t free. So if you think about it, it’s a smart move getting people to drive up their own cost for so-called freedom of choice.

Chuck Tindall  
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### Live with it

In her compelling letter to the editor, Ms. Donigan writes of her displeasure as to the outcome of the state of Florida vs. George Zimmerman.

Obviously, Ms. Donigan was hoping that the U.S. Bill of Rights would not be applicable in this case, suggesting that there was inequity in the makeup of the jury, and that the accused should be required to testify.

Ms. Donigan expresses her displeasure in submitting: “A jury lacks gender, ethnic and racial diversity.”

Ms. Donigan: the deciding jury was selected not only by the defense, but the prosecution, as well. The jury was mutually agreed upon by both teams; racial makeup (as in every jury) should have absolutely no bearing in the outcome. Effectively, you are racist in suggesting otherwise.

Your expressed displeasure in that “The accused is not required to testify or be cross examined” is beyond reproach. Exactly what were you hoping for? The Fifth Amendment to

the U. S. Constitution guarantees exactly what you desired to violate.

Ms. Donigan writes: “Racial profiling is rampant in the United States.” Specifically where, Ms. Donigan? Commerce Township? Are you so comfortable in your 96-percent white community to state such a “fact”?

An interesting point that Ms. Donigan writes about is that: “Black parents teach their sons to be extra careful in their behavior, the way they walk, talk and how they dress. Hooded black youth are especially suspect. These parents fear for their sons.”

Is this in Commerce Township, Ms. Donigan? Is there a lot of racial tension out there in Commerce Township, Ms. Donigan?

If you truly have a desire to find racial tension, try standing on the corner of Schoolcraft and Greenfield in Detroit for 15 minutes. Perhaps then, you’ll know the true meaning of racism. Perhaps then you’ll experience black people in black hoodies and fear for your well-being.

Naww. You’ll never experience anything of the sort. You’re quite content in writing of inequities from within the secure confines of your home in Commerce Township.

Ms. Donigan, you write through someone else’s thoughts and opinions, therefore, your opinion is not your own, but a confluence of those like-minded who’ve no basis to speak of absolute “facts” at all. You obviously did not follow the trial, and find it difficult to accept that the state of Florida failed miserably in their attempt to prosecute.

Based upon the evidence, a correct verdict was rendered with the mutual, canonical jury.

Live with it.

V. Ziegler  
Farmington Hills

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# Walk provided more than I bargained for

I thought this would be an easy column to write.

Walk 60 miles in three days. Listen to people's stories. Relate those stories. End of column.

But it's not an easy column to write, because nothing is that simple. You try to be the outsider, the journalist along for the walk. The stories don't really affect you and so you think it'll be easy to just repeat them.

Then you listen to the mother whose 27-year-old daughter has been diagnosed with breast cancer or you watch the woman whose oncologist wouldn't let her walk last year, so she prepared for this year's Susan G. Komen 3-Day, only to break her foot two weeks before the event. And you watch her boyfriend push her in her wheelchair the entire 60 miles.

And you can't help but be drawn into the stories. The wheelchair lady, JoAnn Thomas of Sterling Heights, cried her eyes out at Sunday's closing ceremony and she hadn't technically walked an inch. But everyone in the place wanted a piece of her, to be a part of her story, to hug her (and her boyfriend, Frank Woodward).

For years, I've heard how emotional the walk is from folks like Dan Dwyer and Ed Hingelberg and Dorothy Twinney and Deb Madonna and Michele Potter and I'd always jot down their thoughts, relate them in a story and then move on to the next assignment.

After walking the event this year with Potter (OK, technically I walked it *far behind* Potter), it's not as easy to move on to the next story. This one, I think, will stay with me for a very long time. I will forever remember the woman



Brad Kadrich

whose T-shirt read "Walking in memory of ..." followed by more than a dozen names of friends and family members she'd lost to breast cancer.

Or Alicia Paulina from Milford, walking for her sister, a one-year survivor. And Rhonda Miller of Canton, who cried while walking through Plymouth, affected by the love and support of the gazillion or so people who lined Ann Arbor Trail. Miller's best friend, Amy Siebert, is a three-year survivor, and Miller was walking for her.

Of course, it would be surprising if anyone made it through Plymouth with completely dry eyes. That's something else Dwyer and Hingelberg and Potter have always said: Everyone gets a huge boost of energy and emotion walking through Plymouth.

I always wondered if that was them being "homers." But it wasn't. After walking 20 miles Friday, I listened to a lot of very tired walkers reminding others that Plymouth was coming. I admit to waking up in the wee hours of Saturday morning and drawing my own energy from the presence of Plymouth on the schedule.

And the community didn't disappoint, as it never does. The supporters were great in Novi and Northville, in Wixom and Livonia. But nothing matches the sheer excitement of walking through Plymouth, with its pink-watered fountain and die-hard supporters and

the pure rush of genuine love for what we were doing.

Traci Sincoc asked me, "Have you ever had anyone say 'thank you' that much?" and I told her I hadn't and I wasn't sure why they were thanking me. The walk is all about these amazing women (and men) who walk for their own reasons, who hope someday to eliminate the need to have the walk at all. It's not about me. I never wanted my walk to be about me. It's about them.

But when I got up Monday morning and opened my email, I found a note from a Livonia woman who said she'd been diagnosed just a few days ago with breast cancer. She'd read in the *Livonia Observer* that I was walking and just wanted to thank me. It was the first time I felt like — just maybe — it was a little about me.

When we finished up Sunday at Ford World Headquarters in Dearborn, the walkers all lined up and marched into the closing ceremony. They were followed by breast cancer survivors and suddenly it was clear what the walk was about.

In the 17th mile on the first day of the walk, I was already wondering what I'd gotten myself into, wondering how I'd make it the last three miles. I decided to do it by just putting one foot in front of the other and then it dawned on me.

That's exactly how all of these people are determined to beat breast cancer: One step at a time.

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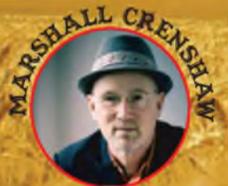
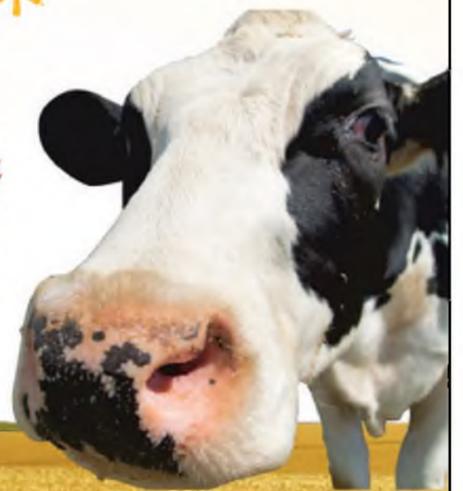
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## 'Wrecking Crew' to show locally

Indie film sheds light on studio musicians

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

The Novi Public Library will show *The Wrecking Crew* at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at the library on 10 Mile, east of Beck Road.

The library was approached by an independent film company from California about the showing, said Julie Farkas, library director.

Farkas said one man involved in the production of *The Wrecking Crew*, which tells of studio musicians on hit music of the 1960s and early 1970s, has a Novi connection and relocated to California due to his film work. The film was also scheduled to be shown in Royal Oak and Grand Rapids.

"As soon as I saw the trailer, I was hooked. And I grew up with that music. I was super-excited," said Farkas, who recalls her parents listening to such musicians as Sonny and Cher, Glen Campbell, The Beach Boys, Monkees and others.

"It's a win-win," Farkas said of the event, also a benefit for the library. Tickets are \$10 and available in advance in person at the Novi library; half of the cost will benefit the library.

That evening, there will be a popcorn machine and the Read a Latte Café will be open for refreshments.

"You're getting the movie feeling when you're coming," Farkas said. Tickets will be available for 200 people and will be sold at the door if any are left.

"It's just something unique for us to try," she said. "It's coming at a perfect time."

#### Director Q&A

The film's director, Denny Tedesco, will do a



Tommy Tedesco, filmmaker Denny Tedesco's father, was a California studio musician who inspired his son to make "The Wrecking Crew," which focuses on studio musicians of the 1960s and early 1970s.

Q&A that evening at the Novi library. He said in a recent interview he was inspired by his late father Tommy, a guitar player and California studio musician of that era. The younger Tedesco got the idea for making the film in 1996, with his dad passing away of cancer the next year.

"There is a light at the end of the tunnel," Denny Tedesco said of his project. "If I did nothing, it would never have been finished. It's a thrill right now. It's just a matter of people hearing about it."

The name comes from the older musicians, dating back to the 1950s, who resisted rock and roll and said, "They're (younger musicians) going to wreck the business."

"My father and the new guys started doing it," Tedesco said.

He got donations for his project from all over the world, including from the music industry's Herb Alpert and Jerry Moss, along with smaller donations from many.

"They want to see it done," Tedesco said.

He recalled when *Standing in the Shadows of Motown*, about Detroit's Funk Brothers studio musicians, pre-

miered. "They had an angel right at the beginning. I never had funding. I started filming on my own," said Tedesco, who started as a technician, came up through lighting and ultimately started producing about 15 years ago.

He thought *Standing in the Shadows of Motown* was, at first, stealing his thunder when it debuted in North America in 2002.

"I felt like I got beaten to the punch," he said. "The movie's awesome. It's about musicians making a living at something they love to do."

The California music scene wasn't strong until the mid-1960s, Tedesco said, with such groups as The Beach Boys, Fifth Dimension, the Mamas and the Papas and the Byrds.

He has filmed interviews ranging from Dick Clark to Cher, as well as Campbell, who was also a session player. Campbell said, "It was my favorite time of my life, being a session player."

The musicians liked their family feeling.

#### 'Very fortunate'

In 2006, Tedesco finished the film, putting it together and getting it into festivals and garnering critical acclaim. He's heard praise from Elvis Costello, Jeff Beck and Peter Frampton, musicians who followed the older ones.

"Then we knew we had a great film. I've been very fortunate to get the support of all these people," he said.

He's still taking *The Wrecking Crew* out on his own and noted support like that of Marriott hotels for the visit here is helpful. Local sponsors remain important and the film has gone out on the nonprofit side to date, with Tedesco and colleagues continuing to seek investors.



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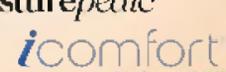


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KLAA MEDIA DAY

# Football coaches meet media, start working

By Jeff Theisen  
Sports Writer

A good idea became a reality this year as the KLAA offered its first Media Day on Aug. 8, just a few days before the first practice.

All 24 teams were represented, with coaches and two or three key players attending a luncheon at Novi High School.

The coaches got up and talked just a couple of minutes about their team and added a

few tidbits about the upcoming season.

**Northville**

Northville head coach Matt Ladach did win the Central Division last year, but the 5-4 record was not up to his liking.

"It definitely serves as motivation - 5-4 doesn't sit well with Northville High School anymore," he said. "We've had a great off-season, a tremendous off-season. Our kids have really been working their tails off."

Ladach really like the first KLAA Football Media Day.

"It gives us an opportunity to show off what we do as a league and to really show off some of the athletes we have in this conference," Ladach said. "We all have individual pride in our programs, we also take great pride in the conference we play in."

**Novi**

New Wildcats head coach Jeff Burnside was thrilled to have the event hosted at Novi,

but he's even more excited to get the season going and put last year's 1-8 record for the Wildcats way back in the rear-view mirror.

"Looking back, I try to reflect on everything I've gone through in the last 13 to 14 years now, being a head coach here for 10 years and going away to Berkley - which I had a great experience - and then being able to come back, I wouldn't change anything," he said. "As much as I would've liked to have not to left, I had

such a great experience at Berkley that, unfortunately for them, but luckily for me, probably prepared me to do a better job here. The best thing for me was to do that.

"It's exciting to walk through the halls and hear people refer to you again as 'coach.' I like that better than 'Mr.' any day of the week. I take that title very seriously and respect that title."

On the Media Day event,

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KLAA BOYS SPRING SEASON

# Hardware haul heavy again

Teams make another impressive showing at tournament time

By Jeff Theisen  
Sports Writer

The 24-team Kensington Lakes Activities Association continues to pump out incredible competition both within the league and on the state level.

The KLAA had a top-notch spring and finished off the school year with another impressive showing come playoff time.

This is the third of a three-part series focusing on how the KLAA fared, not only during the season, but also in the various state tournaments. The teams discussed are only ones in sports that are sponsored by the MHSAA, as there are several other squads that are also some of the best in the state. The stories are broken in boys and girls segments.

All records are taken from the site [www.klaastandings.com](http://www.klaastandings.com) and/or [www.mhsaa.com](http://www.mhsaa.com).

**Track and field**

The KLAA has incredible balance both on the track and in the field. But by far the most impressive offering throughout the year was thrower Cullen Prena from Walled Lake Central.

It's not often people come to a track meet to see a thrower, but he was worth the price of admission and then some. At Milford, he threw the discus into the woods because the space provided simply wasn't long enough for his throws. His throws were some of the best in the country. He went on to win both the shot put and discus at state, but his throw of 210-1 in the discus obliterated the old state record of 197-11. Prena helped Walled Lake Central finish fourth overall at state.

Grand Blanc brought balance to the Division 1 state finals and helped the Bobcats finish runners-up, putting two KLAA teams in the top four. Distance runner Grand Fisher had a monster day with a first-place finish in the 3,200 and a runner-up in the 1,600. Robin Plummer cleared 6-9 in the high jump to finish second.

Milford brought its usual strong distance team to finish 15th. Leading the way was the 3,200 relay and Brian Kettle in the 1,600, both with third-place finishes.

Individually, the KLAA had all-state finishes in all but four events - 100 dash, 300 hurdles, 800 run and 800 relay.

The most dominated event for the league, by far, was the discus. Not only did Prena demolish the record books, but the KLAA claimed all but two of the top eight spots. South Lyon's Trevor VanAsselt reset his own school record with a launch of 170-1 to clip Walled Lake Central's Sawyer Dmoch (169-2) in fourth on the last throw of his high school career. Rounding out



Northville's Ryan Shannon competes in the long jump. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Rodriguez switches from mat to track

Lauren Rodriguez cursed her growing height as she moved passed 5 feet, 8 inches. Her long legs were not an asset as a level 8 club level gymnast. At the end of the club gymnastics season her freshman year at Northville High School, some friends convinced her to try track. Rodriguez made the varsity squad and ultimately qualified for regionals and then for the state meet in the 100-meter hurdles.

Quite an accomplishment for a freshman new to the sport.

That was last year.

This year was a different story. Rodriguez continued to run indoor track and train over the winter season while continuing to successfully compete in high school level gymnastics. She placed fourth in the state for the 100-meter hurdles with three consecutive personal records during the course of the indoor track season.

During the high school season, Rodriguez racked up the points and contributed to the regional champion Northville girls track team. She took home the most valuable sprinter award and broke two school records during her sophomore year in the 100-meter hurdles and as part of the 200-meter relay team. She took a fourth place in the 100-meter hurdles at the state meet, qualifying her for the all-state team.

Starting to see the possibilities of a slightly different athletic future than the one she had trained for, Rodriguez focused her efforts on track over the summer. She qualified for and ran in the World Youth trials in Illinois, placing 11th in the 100-meter hurdles against the top contenders in the nation. She also competed in the USA Track Championships, placing fifth in the 400-meter hurdles, having run the event for only the third time.

Rodriguez capped off the summer season at the USATF Junior Olympics in Greensboro, N.C., qualifying for nationals in both the 100 and 400 hurdles. She competed through to the finals in the 400 hurdles. The "All American" embossed white hat reserved for the top eight finishers at nationals was hers - and the long legs no longer considered a handicap.



Northville student Lauren Rodriguez was a national finalist at the USATF Junior Olympics in Greensboro, N.C.

**KLAA STANDINGS**

**TRACK AND FIELD**

**Division winners**

Central - Livonia Stevenson (5-0; Novi conference champ)

South - Plymouth (5-0)

West - Grand Blanc (5-0)

North - W.L. Western, W.L. Central (4-1, Central conference champ, Western association champ)

**BASEBALL**

**Division winners**

Central - Livonia Stevenson (13-3)

South - Canton (11-5, conference and association champ)

West - Brighton (14-2, conference champ)

North - Walled Lake Northern (13-3)

**GOLF**

**Division winners**

Central - Novi (8-2)

South - Plymouth (10-0, conference champ)

West - Hartland, Howell, Grand Blanc (7-3)

North - Lakeland (10-0, conference champ)

**LACROSSE**

**Conference winners**

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KLAA GIRLS SPRING SEASON

# Teams shine despite Mother Nature's anger

By Jeff Theisen  
Sports Writer

The spring season is one of the busiest seasons of the year for girls sports with track, softball, soccer, lacrosse and tennis all featured.

Despite the season starting out in horrific weather, the 24-team Kensington Lakes Activities Association fought through it all and continued to shine right up to the end of the school year.

The following is the third of a three-part series focusing on how the KLAA fared, not only during the season, but also in the various state tournaments.

The teams discussed are only ones in sports that are sponsored by the MHSAA, as there are several other squads that are also some of the best in the state. The stories are broken in boys and girls segments.

All records are taken from the site [www.klaas-standings.com](http://www.klaas-standings.com) and/or [www.mhsaa.com](http://www.mhsaa.com).

## Track and field

The KLAA proved it has plenty of balance both on the track and off at the Division 1 state finals. Northville led the charge team-wise with a seventh-place finish, followed by Walled Lake Central in ninth and Novi 10th.

The league showed big-time power in the discus with three placers in the top five, led by Central's Josephine Jackson in second.

Novi's Kerri McMah claimed a state title in the high jump by clearing 5-6. South Lyon's Brady Covert and Churchill's Ashley Cochran tied for fourth.

Plymouth's Jane McCurry claimed another title for the league in the pole vault by clearing 11-3.03. Teammate Sarah Uhlian tied for sixth.

Northville had two of the top four finishers in the 110 hurdles, with Morgan Robertson runner-up and Lauren Rodriguez in fourth. Walled Lake Northern's Allyson



Northville catcher Shannon Rounsifer makes a tag at home. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Goff claimed eighth for three placers on the podium for the KLAA.

Brighton's Allison Lunau ran to second place in the 3,200 meters.

## Tennis

It's no secret who the powers of the KLAA are when it comes to tennis - it's Northville and Novi from the Central Division. The Mustangs captured fifth at the Division 1 state finals, with Novi in 12th.

Northville's No. 4 doubles team of Shannon

Williams and Libby Quinn captured a title to highlight the day.

In singles play, Northville's Claudia Ma had the best run to the semifinals at No. 3 singles.

## Soccer

The KLAA is known for some of the best soccer in the state and this past spring was no different, with three teams in the final eight.

Novi knocked off Hartland 1-0 in the quarterfinals to advance to the final four. Hartland also fell to Rochester in the quarterfinals. Novi's run came to an end with a 3-2 loss to Grandville in the semifinals.

## Softball

It was an unusual year as the league did not get a team past the state quarterfinals and into Battle Creek.

## KLAA STANDINGS

### TRACK & FIELD

#### Division winners

- Central - Salem (5-0, Northville conference champ)
- South - Churchill (5-0)
- West - Milford (5-0, association champ)
- North - Waterford Mott (5-0, W.L. Central conference champ)

### TENNIS

#### Division winners

- Central - Northville (5-0, conference, association champ)
- South - Plymouth (5-0)
- West - Brighton (5-0, conference champ)
- North - Walled Lake Northern (5-0)

### SOCCER

#### Division winners

- Central - Novi (9-0-1)
- South - Plymouth (9-0-1, conference, association champ)
- West - Hartland (8-0-2, conference champ)
- North - Walled Lake Northern (6-1-3)

### SOFTBALL

#### Division winners

- Central - South Lyon East (12-4)
- South - Plymouth (15-1, conference, association champ)
- West - Grand Blanc (13-3, conference champ)
- North - Lakeland (14-2)

### LACROSSE

#### Conference winners

- Kensington - South Lyon United (9-1)
- Lakes - Hartland (9-0, association champ)

Canton was the lone team to reach the quarterfinals by knocking off South Lyon in the regional finals. Hartland and Grand Blanc also reached the regional finals.

## Lacrosse

The KLAA was well represented deep into the tournament with Brighton, Hartland and South Lyon United each reaching the semifinals. Hartland beat Brigh-

ton in overtime in the quarterfinals to reach the final four.

The Eagles fell to eventual champion Rockford in the semifinals.

South Lyon was on a run before several members of the team chose not to play in the quarterfinal game because it landed on the same day as prom. South Lyon went on to lose 18-5.

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### Kayakers, canoeists paddle to victory

Paddlers from Michigan and Ohio took top honors Aug. 4 at Kensington Metropark's third annual Canoe and Kayak Race.

The event hosted 46 paddlers in 44 boats.

First-place winners and their times are:

- Women (4 mile) - Rachel McCubbin, of Northville, 58 minutes, 13 seconds
  - » Recreation Class, 49 minutes, 24 seconds
- Men (4 mile) - Nicholas McCubbin, of Northville, 49 minutes, 24 seconds
  - » Sport Boat (8 mile) - Jerry Gillisen, of Lansing, 1 hour, 22 minutes and 17 seconds
  - » Competition Boat, Men (8 mile) - David Holmes, of Howell, 1

- hour 17 minutes, 27 seconds
  - » Competition Boat, Women (8 mile) - Stacey Pilling, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 1 hour, 49 minutes, 25 seconds
  - » Surf-ski kayak (11.5 mile) - Doug King, of Milford Ohio, 1 hour, 49 minutes, 51 seconds

- Compiled by correspondent Chris Jackett

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## SPRING

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the list were Pinckney's Mike Boom in fifth, Walled Lake Central's Austin Shamoun in seventh and Howell's Peter Cender in eighth.

### Baseball

The KLAA sported seven teams that finished with 20 or more wins.

But come tournament time, it was Howell which carried the torch the furthest, reaching the final four before falling

to runner-up Brother Rice.

The league claimed plenty of success in districts, with Howell, Northville, Grand Blanc, Livonia Stevenson, Hartland and Walled Lake Northern all claiming titles.

While Howell was the lone representative to win a regional title, Northville and Grand Blanc both reached the regional finals.

In Division 2, South Lyon East went on a stunning run to a district title and then onto the regional final before it came to

an end. The stunning part, East finished the regular season 2-20 and went 0-15-1 in the Central Division and crossover games.

### Golf

The KLAA put on a showcase both individually and on a team level at the Division 1 state finals.

Plymouth finished tied overall for first with Battle Creek Lakeview and took the runner-up based on fifth score tie-breaker. Hartland and Lakeland would claim seventh and eighth, re-

spectively.

Individually, it was Plymouth's Kyle Rodes and Lakeland's Alex Kleckner tied atop the leaderboard with a two-day total of 143. Kleckner carded the lowest round of the tourney with a 69 on the second day at Michigan State University's Forest Akers West. Rodes went on to claim the title on the third play-off hole.

Tying for sixth were Canton's Donnie Trosper and Plymouth's John Tatti.

### Lacrosse

Three teams stood atop the regular season standings in the KLAA. Novi won the Kensington Conference, handing South Lyon its only regular season loss in the process. In the Lakes Conference, Brighton went a perfect 7-0 to claim the title. Novi would clip the Bulldogs 7-6 to claim the association title.

Come tournament time, South Lyon and Brighton were the lone teams to reach the regional finals. Brighton

matched up with perennial state champion Brother Rice and the run came to an end as the Warriors would go on to claim another title.

South Lyon was on the other side of the bracket and cruised by Rockford (10-6) to win a regional title. The unified team's season came to an end in the final four with an 11-10 loss to Forest Hills Eastern-Northern. It was the furthest run in school history for the South Lyon Unified squad.

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## FOOTBALL

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Burnside was glad to see it work out so well in its inaugural year.

"This is a cool event," Burnside said. "When anything is new and proposed, you wonder how is it going to work; how many people are really going to be here? After everybody got here and you start to see everybody, it's pretty cool. I think it's really cool for the kids to come in here and see this."

### South Lyon East

South Lyon East got its first taste of playoff football last year. The Cougars will bring back a loaded defense, which hopes to carry the play until the Cougars figure out some way to replace all-world QB Cam Thomas, who is now practicing at Western Michigan University.

"After last year, the way the program has gone, it's been building every year," coach Mike Lindman said. "We believe in ourselves. We believe we're going to come back to the playoffs again. We've got very, very good athletes coming back. I believe we are reloading. We're excited."

### Lakeland

Lakeland just missed out on the playoffs last

year and head coach John Maltese hopes it serves as extra motivation to keep up the momentum at all times.

"I'm very excited for this upcoming season," he said. "We've learned some lessons from last year and we've had a long off-season to put steps in to correct these problems.

"Every play is important. You take a handful of plays from last year's 5-4 season and it's 6-3 or whatever the case may be. I think they learned a very tough lesson."

Maltese has been a coach for a long time, but he's never been a part of a Media Day quite like last Thursday's. It's something he really liked.

"This is a first-class conference," he said. "I've coached in other conferences and this is by far the best and the strongest. I thought it was a nice event to showcase our league."

### Milford

Milford coach Pat Fox really appreciated the Media Day, not only for his team, but to get the camaraderie back from his peers.

"It's a cool deal," he said. "I get to see a lot of friends and my kids get to get out a little bit. I think we have great players, we have great coaches and we've got really nice school systems with fine communities - any-

time we can promote those things, I think it's a great thing for our communities. To stand united together is a pretty cool thing."

With Media Day in the mirror, Fox is looking to hit the fields and get ready for the opening game just a couple of weeks away.

"I'm pretty excited, we have a great group of kids," he said. "Our sen-

iors are showing great leadership. They're a very hard-working group. The juniors and seniors are meshing real well together and we're very pleased with them."

### Practices begin

And the excitement finally hit the field Aug. 12 as Michigan high schools were able to open fall football practices. South Lyon was the

first to hit the field as the Lions opened practice at 12:01 a.m. that Monday.

"It was so exciting for the players, both varsity and JV, under the lights and Welcome to the Jungle being played," head

coach Mark Thomas said. "It feels like it was my first year coaching - you got to love high school football."

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## Good to know good neighbors in times of need, joy

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Denise Semion of Plymouth Township values neighbor Joanne Wibright.

"When I'm gone, she waters my pathetic little garden," said Semion, who lives by Wibright in the Lake Pointe subdivision in northern Plymouth Township. "She has a magnificent garden. She's bringing over a bounty of tomatoes soon."

Semion, communications manager for the Huron-Clinton Metroparks, and her husband alert the Wibrights when they're out of town. "It's always a comfort to know you've got somebody to depend on," Semion said.

The women also talk over the fence, gaining emotional support. Semion had a medical issue with her mom. "We talked for a while and she gave me a hug," she said.

Semion moved to the neighborhood in 1994, Wibright shortly after. Semion will give Wibright leftover cake for their three kids at home (there's another off at graduate school) to reciprocate.

"I think Lake Pointe has always had a good reputation for nice houses and nice people," Semion said of her purchase. She also considered freeway access for commuting.

Realtor Bob Bake of Plymouth, with Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, has been in the business since 1967. Bake, who grew up in Northville, agrees good neighbors matter when buying.

"I don't think buyers give enough attention to who might live behind them or next to them," he said. He knows Plymouth and Northville well, but still encourages prospective buyers to ask a neighbor or two about living there.

"It makes sense to make an inquiry privately with a neighbor," he said. The prospective buyer can ask about schools.

"It can really help the buyer make the right judgment," Bake said. "I think neighbors are important. They are to me."

You can even visit the local police station to check reports on any safety

issues. "I think that's a good step to do as well," he said.

Due diligence on buying includes schools for those with children. "Schools are always a major influencing factor for young families," Bake said. Walkability and bus stop location are key.

He encourages a visit to the local elementary, middle or high school to check it out.

Bake has been in his Plymouth home 25 years. "Yes, I'm very fortunate," he said of neighbors. "I really had a high comfort level before I made the transition." His work gave him that knowledge.

He knows others who've been adjacent to a lighted, pro basketball court in the rear yard. "It's a real noise-maker," Bake said. "You really have no privacy on your patio or terrace."

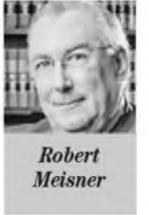
That can happen with a backyard pool, too, he said, although the season is much shorter.

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A: Generally not, since the availability for building new residences is limited by space and stringent municipal regulations. If you want to purchase an apartment or house overlooking the city, perhaps 20 minutes away from the Coliseum, it can be even more expensive, similar to Paris or New York. As in the U.S., you should retain a lawyer, along with an experienced real estate broker, before you sign any agreement.



Robert Meisner

Q: I am thinking about buying a villa either around Sienna, Italy, or Florence, Italy. Am I better off buying a condominium or a villa and where?

A: Both cities are quaint and majestic and offer housing at relatively reasonable costs depending, of course, on the location. If you want a reasonable apartment, you can find one in Sienna near the center of town at a reasonable cost, but in Florence you will have to go outside of the core city if you want anything resembling a high rise. As to a villa, anywhere in Tuscany can be lovely, but more pricey, look carefully before you leap!

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**NORTHVILLE**  
44456 Broadmoor Blvd \$370,000  
16860 Dover Dr \$130,000  
39468 Edgewater Dr \$2,000  
16584 Lyonhurst Cir \$308,000  
15561 Prestwick Ct \$785,000  
41340 Windsor Ct \$93,000  
**PLYMOUTH**  
850 Arthur St \$70,000  
12313 Duxbury Ct \$345,000  
50447 Elmwood Ct \$330,000  
40320 Gilbert St \$172,000  
46041 Green Valley Rd \$321,000  
1441 Linden St \$605,000  
8830 Morrison Ave \$145,000  
11711 Paciocco Ct \$585,000  
8900 Quail Cir \$675,000

43065 River Bend Dr \$190,000  
9028 Rocker Ave \$180,000  
41370 Schoolcraft Rd \$202,000  
12062 Talltree Dr \$300,000  
**REDFORD**  
20121 Delaware Ave \$20,000  
11404 Inkster Rd \$13,000  
17714 Kinloch \$55,000  
19958 Lennane \$30,000  
18284 Lexington \$35,000  
14225 Marshall Dr \$166,000  
9944 Nathalie \$65,000  
20565 Negaunee \$15,000  
9621 Seminole \$68,000  
11396 Virgil \$65,000  
26345 W Six Mile Rd \$66,000  
12831 Windsor \$32,000  
**WESTLAND**  
36050 Abbey Dr \$135,000  
6356 E Morgan Cir \$95,000  
30400 Ledgercliff Ave \$115,000  
32248 Melton St \$65,000  
34871 Poplar Ln \$100,000  
357 S Byfield St \$79,000  
33948 Sequoia St \$66,000  
32504 Steinhauer St \$47,000  
2446 Treadwell St \$116,000  
33712 Warren Rd \$85,000