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Police golf outing

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

Cost of the event is \$250 per golfer, and includes breakfast, greens fees, cart, dinner, three-hour open bar and golf shirt.

Proceeds from the golf outing will benefit the Police Benevolent Fund.

There are a number of sponsorship opportunities available. For more information, contact Mike Jackman, golf committee chairperson, at 248-449-5198.

Offices closed

All municipal offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 2 for the Labor Day holiday. They will reopen on Tuesday during normal hours.

Still going strong after 25 years

Victorian Festival has evolved, but still signature event

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Laurie Marrs still remembers the very moment that the plan for Northville's Victorian Festival was first hatched a quarter century ago.

At the time, Marrs was executive director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, a position she held for 20 years. She and several other members of the chamber board were sitting in Genitti's brainstorming about ways to get more people involved in the community. That's when Lois Presley, wife of



The Victorian Festival has thrived over the last quarter century because of the participation of so many local organizations and groups, including the Northville High School Treble Makers. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

chamber member Greg Presley, threw out an idea. "You know, we're a Victorian town. Why don't we celebrate

that history?" Marrs recalls her saying. "Everyone in the room said what a great idea."

From there, it was convincing

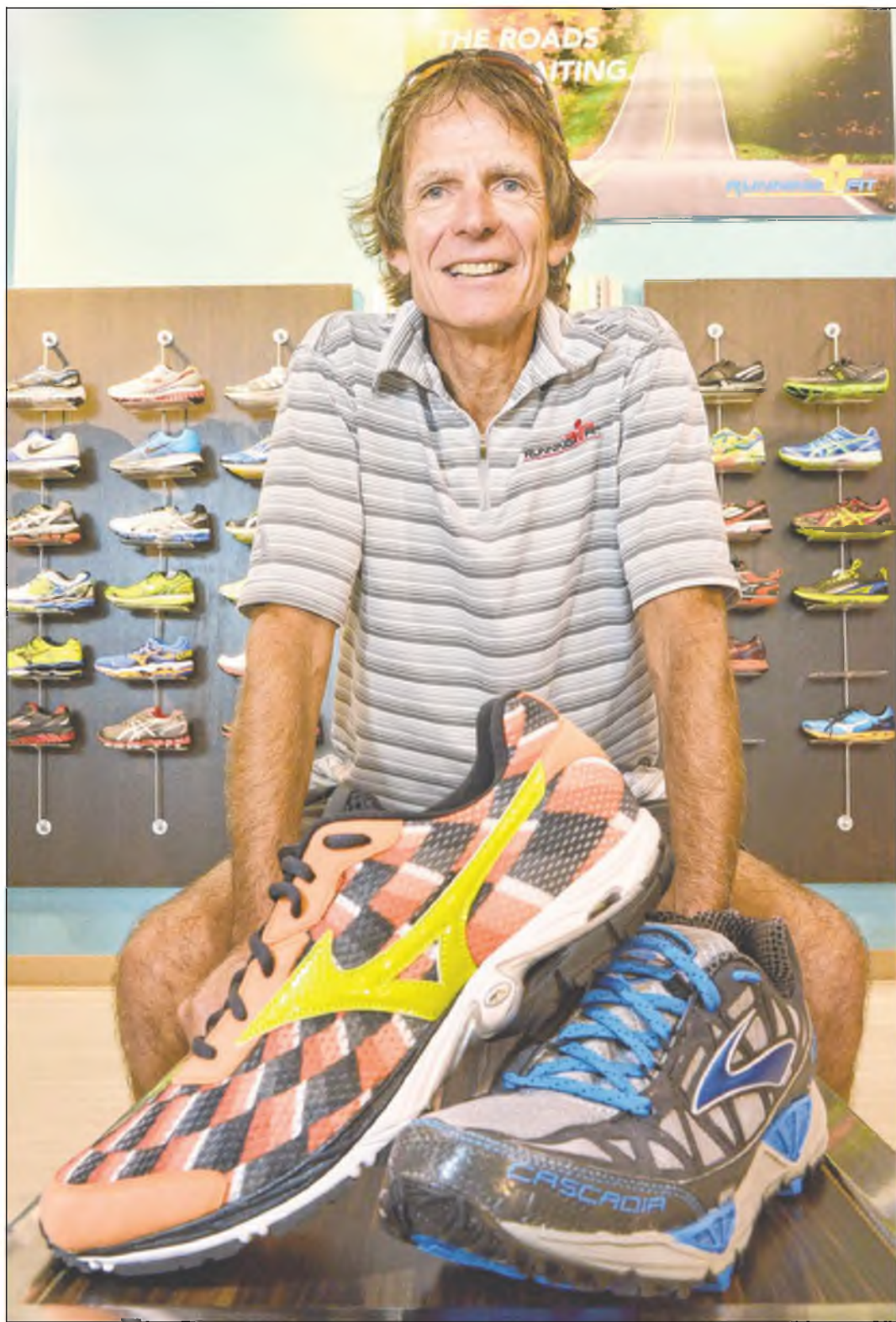
25TH ANNUAL VICTORIAN FESTIVAL

» When: Sept. 13 from 5 p.m.-10:30 p.m.; Sept. 14 from 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; and Sept. 15 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
» Where: Downtown Northville
» More info: Visit the Northville Chamber of Commerce's website at www.northville.org.
» For a complete schedule, see the special Victorian Festival insert in next week's *Northville Record*.

the community to run with the idea. Fortunately, virtually everybody jumped on board. And the rest, as they say, is history. Some 25 years later, the Victorian Festival has become the Northville community's signature event.

Marrs was one of five com-

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Randy Step, at his Northville store location, recently took on management of the inaugural Heroes on Hines, five-kilometer and half-marathon races in honor of Wayne County police officers and firefighters who lost their lives on the job. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Step at a time

Runner finds meaning helping others reach fitness goals

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Whether it's running a business, running an event or running for the health of it, Randy Step is enjoying the race.

A dedicated runner for almost 40 years, Step is the president of Running Fit, Inc., which just opened its eighth area running gear store and includes fitness event-management and race-timing businesses.

It doesn't seem like work at all, the South Lyon resident says.

"I'm so fortunate to be in a business where everyone who works here is passionate about what they do," Step said

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HEROES ON HINES

What: Heroes on Hines, Wayne County-sponsored five-kilometer (3.1 miles) and half-marathon (13.1 miles) races.

Where: Western end of Hines Park and surrounding areas, with start and finish near Hines Drive and Haggerty. Race-day parking is at Burroughs, at Plymouth Road and Haggerty.

When: Saturday, Oct. 5. Starts are 8 a.m. for the half-marathon, 8:30 a.m. for the 5K.

Why: To raise money for long-term maintenance of the First Responders Memorial under construction at Haggerty and Hines. The races will be followed by a memorial dedication ceremony. Organizers hope to make the run an annual event.

How: Visit www.heroesonhines.com for more information or to register. The 5K is \$29 through Thursday, Sept. 5, then \$34 through noon Thursday, Oct. 3, then \$40 until race time. The half-marathon is \$49 through Sept. 5, then \$59 through noon Oct. 3, then \$70 until race time. Runners will get a technical shirt; half-marathoners will also get a finishers' medal. Medals for overall, age-group and team competitions.

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Big crowds rally around food trucks

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The downtown Food Truck Rally held this past weekend brought a lot of out-of-towners to Northville who wanted to enjoy some great food and music.

"I saw an ad for it online and thought it would be fun," said Ypsilanti resident Dan Taylor, who brought his 6-year-old son Keegan with him. "Food trucks

are fun because they usually have good food, and this particular event is good because it also has live music."

This was the inaugural Northville Chamber Food Truck Rally and Beer Garden, it was held on Cady Street and on the city-owned property behind the library. Admission was free, but food and beer did have a fee. The Art House also participated with tables set up outside for eating and artists.

The beer garden started at 1 p.m. and it appeared to have been a hit with visitors on that late summer afternoon. The band Just Push Play entertained those gathered while they waited for the food trucks to arrive at 3 p.m.

For Lake Orion resident Rick Wood, the wait was worthwhile.

"I love food trucks. There's a variety of food that is always

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Kyle Johnson pours a beer for a customer on Aug. 24 at the Food Truck Rally in Northville. Johnson, a volunteer, and others were helping out in the small park to the east of the library. The food trucks were up and running from 3-9 p.m. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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TRUCKS

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good,” he said. “This is a good spot for this rally, so I brought my family along so we could have a fun afternoon.”

El Guapo, Grindhouse, Kona Ice, MacShack, Meen Weenie, Ned’s Travel Burger, Rollin/Stone Wood Fired Pizza, Time2Chill and Treat Dreams all gave attendees something good to eat. Later in the evening the Shawn Riley Band closed out the event.

Treat Dreams owner Scott Moloney has been coming to events like this for some time and has 40 dates scheduled for this year, which will end when the cooler weather comes. Moloney has a store in Fern-dale where his home-made ice cream is served year around.

He said the Northville rally was a good one.

“There is a good mix here and the live music helps as well as the beer garden, which you usually don’t have at some rallies,” he said.

RUNNER

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during an interview at the Northville Township Running Fit. “They’re passionate runners.”

Step and his co-workers, who produce well-known Michigan running events such as Dances With Dirt and Run Woodstock, recently took on management of the inaugural Heroes on Hines, five-kilometer and half-marathon races in honor of Wayne County police officers and firefighters who lost their lives on the job. The Saturday, Oct. 5, event, which will raise money for the maintenance of the county’s First Responders Memorial, begins and ends near Hines Drive and Haggerty in Plymouth Township, where the memorial, under construction, will be located.

Running Fit joined Wayne County parks and recreation officials to plan Heroes on Hines and the company designed runners’ shirts and medals, mapped the course and is promoting the event and handling registrations.

“I’m just trying to create something that I

think would be really cool,” he said.

Running kismet

Step grew up in Detroit and Redford Township, where his father worked at the Charles Step Funeral Home, which was founded in Detroit by Randy’s grandfather and is now run by Randy’s brother, also named Charles.

Step didn’t run in high school – he is a 1974 Redford Union graduate – but took it up at Michigan State University, where during his sophomore year, as a transfer student, he found himself in a dormitory with a concentration of Spartans cross country runners.

“I pretty much got hooked and put in a lot of miles with those guys,” sometimes logging 80 to 100 miles a week, Step said.

He majored in mortuary science and began his career as a funeral director, something he did for seven years. He has great respect for the work.

“You have the opportunity to help people in the most difficult days of their lives,” he said.

But the running bug had taken hold and Step also trained for races and triathlons (running,



Randy Step owns Running Fit with a location in Northville. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

swimming and cycling), even taking time off with his wife Kathleen, a top female triathlete at the time, to train and compete.

“I never ran those kind of times where I thought I could make a living,” he said.

Achieving goals

Still, he lived and breathed running and opened the first Running Fit in Ann Arbor in De-

cember 1984, eventually transitioning into retail full time. He also sold commercial exercise equipment for several years; when his partner bought Step’s share of that business, he said, he decided to refocus on running.

Step said he felt guilty about leaving the funeral home for a business he found so enjoyable, but came to realize his new career gave him the chance to help people through difficult times, too.

“We have the ability to change people’s lives dramatically and we see it all the time,” he said. Step described how non-runners looking for a healthier lifestyle walk in after a serious talk with a doctor or an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting “and think this is going to be some kind of torture.” Running Fit, which offers running classes, gait analysis and other support services for runners, helps them get to the next level and beyond, he said.

“It’s all personal,” Step said of the goals runners set as they progress. “The psychological side’s huge. The physical side’s huge.”

Step likes to tell runners to “run fast and take chances,” meaning, he

said, to get outside of their comfort zones.

Close call

But he also urges safety, saying that he prefers trail instead of street running, wears bright colors, runs without music and stays aware of his surroundings. “I hate running near a road,” he said.

The dangers were painfully illustrated for him Aug. 14, when Step’s wife Kathleen, competing in Running Fit’s T-Rex Triathlon at Island Lake Recreation Area, collided with a car while bicycling at top speed, he said. An inexperienced driver apparently didn’t see her and turned sharply in front of her to get past a stream of T-Rex cyclists, Step said.

Kathleen Step flew clear of the car and landed in gravel, her husband said, and is pretty banged up, but expected to recover.

Kathleen Step is a longtime nurse who recently earned a doctorate in nursing from the University of Michigan. The couple’s children, Trevor, 28, and Anna, 25, followed their path as runners and fitness buffs – Trevor is Running Fit’s general manager for retail, while Anna is the company’s art director.

“I was a very proud dad,” Step said. “It was fun to go see their cross country in college.”

Step into the race

Step has high hopes for Heroes on Hines as an annual run and likes the idea of the First Responders Memorial.

Step issued a challenge to the police and fire departments in Wayne County and beyond: Form a team, join the race and have a friendly competition against your colleagues in public safety. The FBI and the Ontario Provincial Police, he said, have already entered teams.

“They should all have a team in this race, every precinct, every fire hall,” Step said.

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Pam Dayinian (left) and Terrie Karebian adorn a lamp post in downtown Northville with an ovarian cancer awareness ribbon Aug. 20. The pair, who are both ovarian cancer survivors, got together with others to promote in advance the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Awareness month, which will occur in September. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ovarian cancer awareness gets local boost

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Driving through downtown Northville these days, you may notice the teal ribbons tied onto objects around town.

The teal ribbons in Northville and elsewhere are part of “Turn the Town Teal,” a national effort to boost awareness of ovarian cancer and its symptoms. Volunteers tie ribbons throughout town centers and distribute symptom cards during the month of September, which is National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

Terrie Karebian of Northville Township is one of those volunteers. And she knows firsthand the impact of the disease. Karebian has been “under surveillance” for ovarian cancer since March 2012, this being

her fourth time of treating the disease. Karebian’s doctor continues to monitor her symptoms and her CA125 blood count; she undergoes a physical exam every three months.

Karebian remains proactive in seeking opinions from other doctors, even meeting with one at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center at the University of Texas.

“I try to stay positive by making the most of each day,” said Karebian, who retired from the Bloomfield Hills school district as a teacher in June 2010 due to health issues. “I find that keeping busy, traveling when I feel good and setting goals for each day helps me. My time with family and friends is the best medicine of all.”

“Turn the Town Teal” was inspired by Gail MacNeil (1943-2008) of

Chatham, N.J., and goes forward in her name and honor. For more information, visit turnthetownsteal.org.

Ovarian cancer’s symptoms can be difficult to diagnose, but include bloating, abdominal pain or changes in urinary frequency or urgency. Health care pros also cite difficulty eating, fatigue, pain during sex, bowel changes such as diarrhea or constipation, unexplained vaginal bleeding and back pain.

Ovarian cancer is expected to kill 14,230 women in the United States this year, according to the American Cancer Society.

Karebian cites work of the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance as helpful to her, her family and others. It’s online at www.mioca.org.



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Time to march

The Northville High School marching band horn section takes to the school's parking lot on Aug. 20 as it preps for its 2013 fall season. The band's first performance will be during Northville's first home football game on Sept. 6.

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Prepping for first day of school



Northville's Our Lady of Victory School principal Karen Gessler (left) looks over some classroom materials with teachers June Rutkowski and Pauline Maslak on Aug. 22 as the school preps for its first day of school, which was Aug. 26. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SCHOOL BRIEFS

'Recruiting Realities'

The Northville Athletic Department will be hosting Recruiting Realities at 7 p.m. on Sept. 9 in the Northville High School Auditorium. This program is open to any student and parent interested in participating in athletics at the college level.

Recruitment guru Jack Renkens will discuss the myths and presents the realities of college recruiting. The program is designed to be humorous and informative.

Admission is free for all student-athletes and their families. For more information, contact the Northville Athletic Department at 248-344-3960.

LTU trustee

Northville resident Vincent G. Dow, who is vice president and chief engineer of distribution operations at DTE Energy in Detroit, has been named to the board of trustees of the 4,500-student Lawrence Technological University.

Dow oversees DTE Energy's electrical system, including new customer connections, engineering, power plant electrical equipment, and all distribution system construction. He also

oversees asset optimization, distribution contract management, performance management, the Smart Grid efforts, and NERC standards and compliance for the diversified energy company, which has operating units that include an electric utility serving 2.1 million



Vincent G. Dow

customers in southeastern Michigan and a natural gas utility serving 1.2 million customers in Michigan.

Dow holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from LTU and an MBA from Wayne State University. He is active in numerous community and higher education initiatives.

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For more information about LTU, visit www.ltu.edu.

Schoolcraft accreditation

Schoolcraft College

Culinary Arts Receives Highest Accreditation

Schoolcraft College officials received word this month that the college's award-winning culinary arts program received the highest possible rating from the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation.

The Foundation's Accrediting Commission sent a site team to Schoolcraft College for several days this past spring. Upon completion of its review, the site team rated the school's program "Exemplary." The rating means Schoolcraft's Culinary Department is accredited through June 30, 2020. Seven years is the maximum amount of time awarded, and only the country's top culinary schools receive such status.

The site team found Schoolcraft College to be in full compliance with ACFEF standards and had "substantially met the required nine standards areas: Eligibility, Program Mission and Goals, Organization and Administration, Faculty and Staff, Curriculum, Facilities, Student Services, Assessment and Environmental Sustainability."

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Silver Springs clean-up



Cameron Gilbertson, 7, was one of many students, staff and parents of Northville's Silver Springs Elementary School who gathered together on Aug. 24 to spiff up the grounds of the school. The group worked on weeding and grooming the plants and bushes surrounding the school in anticipation of returning to the classroom after Labor Day. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Kyra Makie, 8, helps to groom the grounds of Northville's Silver Springs Elementary on Aug. 24. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

With the summer winding down, Three Cedars Farm is preparing for the throngs of people who will come as sure as the changing of the seasons.

The pumpkin patch is growing and the tractor is being geared up for the many hay rides that will highlight the fun days families will be having at the farm on Six Mile Road in Salem Township.

“We are a great place to spend an early fall day,” said Three Cedars owner Gary Whitaker. “Three Cedars is a family-oriented farm with a variety of things kids and parents can enjoy.”

Where to start is the question for most visitors.

There are the U-pick pumpkins with pricing based on size, or there is the corn maze, which is a challenge the whole family enjoys and has been expanded to 10 acres this year. Each year it's a different maze.

The Barn Yard Playland is one of the center pieces at the farm. Whitaker said it's like visiting a storybook farm featuring live animals. There are the three little pigs, little red hen; Mary had a little lamb and Billy goat gruff. Among its different features, kids can also ride on the John Deer race track or play on the wooden train.

Taking root

This is the 12th season for Three Cedars. Whitaker originally fixed up the farm and over 100 year-old barn for a wedding, and then decided to devote himself to being a farmer full-time by opening it up to the public. He said right away the crowds flocked in.

Over the years he added the Cider and Do-



Gary Whitaker and his family will be opening up Salem Township's Three Cedars farm on Sept. 6 for their 12th season. The farm at 7897 Six Mile will feature a corn maze, petting zoo, farm market and lots of delicious foods to sample. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

THREE CEDARS FARM

- » **Owners:** Gary and Sherry Whitaker
- » **Address:** 7897 Six Mile Road, Salem Township
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- » **More info:** Visit www.threecedarsfarm.org.

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GARY WHITAKER
Three Cedars Farm owner

nut Hut for refreshments as well as the Country Store featuring collectibles and decorating ideas like hay bales and mums.

“I’m originally from Detroit, so I didn’t know much at first. However, I’ve learned and I had a lot of help,” said Whitaker looking back to when he first started out. “It’s about fun, so it makes the work worthwhile.”

A good way to see the farm is on a hayride. The cost is \$5 per family for

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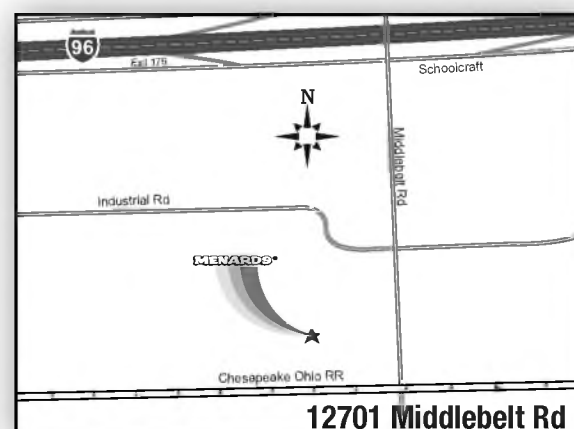
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Newcomers: A place for friends

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

“Once a stranger, forever a friend,” said Northville resident Marion Grigg of the goal of the social organization, Northville Newcomers and Neighbors.

Grigg is president of this social club, which gives newcomers to the community and longtime residents a place to connect with each other, find friends and have fun. There’s a little something for everyone in this community group.

“With the goal of promoting the community of Northville, we offer support and friendship to new and existing residents of Northville and surrounding towns,” said Sandra Salloum, the group’s special event chair.

This organization started more than 20 years ago and has grown ever since. Primarily a woman’s group, the group does end up having many couples enjoying some of its activities, which are diverse and plentiful.

It has everything from book discussion groups to outdoor activities such as golf, as well as the out to lunch bunch and wine tasting group – a little something for everyone.

“It’s a great way to meet new people and also a way to get to

know the community better,” said Toni Roth, who is membership chair. “One thing that makes it good is that people can pick and choose what activities they want to participate in.”

Salloum joined the group for that exact reason, to find friends with similar likes and have fun.

Social events run from September to May. New members are welcome anytime of the year.

“We welcome everyone with open arms,” Salloum said. “There’s something going on every week, so it’s a great opportunity to get out there and meet people while having fun.”

The organization is having its annual membership breakfast kickoff at 10 am-Noon on Sept. 11 at the Northville Hills Golf Club, which is located at 15565 Bay Hill Drive. The breakfast is \$13 for guests and complimentary for current members.

To learn more about the group, go to www.northville-newcomers.com/. And for those interested in going to the kickoff breakfast, you can RSVP Salloum at Aln-san1964@aol.com or call (248) 344-7995.

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The social organization Northville Newcomers and Neighbors welcomes new members to join at its annual kickoff breakfast on Sept. 11. From left are members Marion Grigg, Toni Roth, Sandra Salloum and Zita Flohr.

Ready for a ride

Emma Stabenow, 8, greets one of the horses at Maybury Riding Stable. Emma was visiting the stables, open everyday except Mondays through October, with her sister Brooke and aunt PollyAnna Egan, a Northville resident. Located on Beck Road, Maybury Riding Stable offers horseback rides through Maybury State Park. The stable offers a variety of horses in many colors and sizes, and all trail rides are guided. For more information, visit www.mayburyridingstable.com. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



State fair taking health, safety precautions

Organizers for The Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair have a precautionary plan to protect the health and safety of the animals that will be on display and the people who will be attending the family-friendly event Labor Day weekend at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. “We’re taking proactive steps to protect

fair goers and animals again this year by partnering with Elite Surface Shield to ensure the health and safety of our animals and attendees, making our fair one of Michigan’s only bio-secure events,” said Mike Watts, executive director of the fair.

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Local Dems eye '14 Senate campaign

Slavens, Stewart garner social media support

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

For people who say they haven't made a decision about whether to challenge incumbent state Sen. Patrick Colbeck for the 7th state Senate District next year, Dian Slavens and John Stewart are getting quite a bit of support.

Facebook pages have popped up trumpeting possible campaigns for both Slavens, the Canton Democrat who will be term-limited next year from her 21st House District seat, and for Stewart, the Plymouth attorney and former state representative in the 20th District.

The deadline to file isn't until May 10, but rumors are running rampant about the candidacies for both Democrats. Stewart, who was a Republican when he served in the House, ran against Colbeck as an independent four years ago.

As of Tuesday morning, the page supporting Slavens (Friends to Elect Dian Slavens) had drawn "likes" from 162 people. The page supporting Stewart (John C. Stewart for State Senate) had been liked by 118 people.

While she appreciates the support, though, Slavens insists she hasn't made a decision.



Slavens



Stewart

"It's so nice of people, but I need to focus on what I have to do," she said. "It's very nice, but I'm going to focus on doing my job. I have plenty of time to make that decision."

The district will be redrawn next year. Gone will be all of the Downriver communities, traditionally supportive of Democratic candidates. The district next year will include Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Northville and Wayne.

Stewart thinks that might make the district tough for Slavens, whom he says has a more liberal voting record, to win. He thinks his more moderate approach would be a better fit.

"In the (21st District), you have a democratic base of Van Buren and

Belleville, and all you have to do is go 1-on-1 with someone in Canton," Stewart said. "In the new district, it'll also be Livonia, Plymouth, Northville and Wayne. I would be the only one (if he runs) who's won a precinct in any of those places."

Bill Ballenger, editor of Inside Michigan Politics, said the political climate at the time of next year's election will have as much to say about who wins as anything else.

Colbeck, Ballenger pointed out, rode a Republican wave as a Tea Party candidate to win the seat in 2010. If 2014 is a Republican year, he said, Colbeck would be tough to beat. If not, the seat could be had.

"It could be a pretty close year, so either one conceivably could have a chance to beat Colbeck," Ballenger said. "I don't think (Colbeck) is impregnable. A lot will depend on the climate next year. If it's like 2010, it'll be tough to beat him."

The other problem, according to Ballenger, might be name recognition. While Stewart is well-known in the Ply-

mouth-Canton area, he hasn't held public office since 2006. Slavens would be running as an office-holder and might have an edge there.

"The problem is he's been out of office so long," Ballenger said. "In politics, six years is an eternity. Slavens is an incumbent office-holder, her name has been out there. She can't be underestimated ... I think she's done very well as a candidate."

In the end, it may not matter, for a couple of reasons. For one thing, Stewart doesn't believe he could win a primary against Slavens if turnout were low. Stewart believes straight-party voters would dominate, and Slavens would get the bulk of them. He believes he'd need to draw strong support from moderate and independent voters to have a shot.

"We're less than 12

months away from the primary," Stewart pointed out. "If the independents and moderates would vote in the primary, I could win it. But when you have primaries that turn out 7 percent of the voters, you only get the far-left and far-right."

Aside from that, Stewart's decision hinges on Slavens' choice. He said if Slavens gets in, he will not.

"Would I like to run? Yes, but if (Slavens) files, I will not run," he said. "I have made an iron-clad promise to my wife and daughters that if Dian gets in, I'm not getting in. If she doesn't, it's highly probable that I will."

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Police seek help in credit card fraud case

The Northville Township Police Department is attempting to identify a man who is suspected of using stolen credit cards at local Meijer stores, Kroger stores and Mobile gas stations. The credit cards are being stolen from locker rooms at area golf courses and athletic clubs.

The suspect wears a white golf hat with the logo from "Pine Lake Country Club" on the front. The suspect also wears various golf shirts and pants.

Suspect has been seen driving a silver Ford Focus, silver Ford Taurus and a white Jeep Liberty.

Anyone having information please contact the Northville Township Police Department.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Graffiti at Cooke School

A dumpster at the school on Taft Road was spray painted by an unknown suspect.

On Aug. 24, a witness to the destruction of property called Northville City Police to report seeing a person spray painting a dumpster. The suspect is described as about 18 years of age with shoulder length blond hair and riding an old 12 speed bike. Police went to the scene and found the dumpster freshly painted, but could not locate the suspect.

Door knocker

A 26-year-old Southfield woman was arrested in the early morning hours of Aug. 26, after someone called Northville Township Police to report her knocking on doors on Cedar Lake Drive.

A police officer was dispatched to the area around 4:56 a.m., and made contact with the woman who was walking in the vicinity of the 17400 block of Cedar Lake Drive. The woman told the officer she was attempting to reach her boyfriend, which is why

she was knocking on the doors. The officer did a background check on the woman, and discovered she had five outstanding warrants, including two out of Detroit for failure to appear in court, one out of Garden City for driving with no license, one out of Redford for failure to appear in court, and one out of Ingham County for contempt of court.

The officer arrested the woman and transported her back to the Northville Township Police Department, where she was kept until being picked up by an Ingham County Sheriff's deputy.

Car hopping

The Northville Township Police Department received a rash of calls on Aug. 24 from people reporting items missing from their vehicles. Police surmise most of the incidents occurred between 1-8 a.m. on Aug. 23.

Two of the victims live on the 15500 block of Bradner Drive. A 51-year-old woman said loose change was taken from her vehicle that was parked in her driveway. A 48-year-old female also said change was taken

from her car, also parked in the driveway. Neither car was locked overnight.

The other incidences occurred nearby on the 42400 block of Steepleview Street and the 42200 block of Westmeath Road. In the first case, an iPod was taken, while loose change was stolen from the other vehicle. Neither of the vehicles were left locked.

Police advise all residents to lock their vehicles overnight, and not to leave valuables in the vehicles.

Lawn statue stolen

A cement deer statue that was sitting on a lawn on High Street was stolen while the homeowners were on vacation.

Sometime between Aug. 17-21 the lawn ornament was taken by an unknown suspect. It weighs about 50 pounds. There were no witnesses to the theft.

Trespassing and warrant arrest

A homeless man was arrested for an outstanding warrant after Northville City Police found him sleeping inside Northville Downs Race Track after hours.

On Aug. 23, a cleaning crew member at the Downs told police they have had trouble with homeless people staying after hours and sleeping inside the building on Center Street.

Police did find the 59-year-old Northville man sleeping. He said he was looking for a place to sleep and admitted to doing it in the past. A background search turned up that the man had a warrant out of the Wayne County Sheriff's Office for disorderly conduct.

He was later released into the custody of the county sheriffs and the Downs signed a trespassing notice against the man as well.

Glasses stolen

Two pairs of glasses, valued at \$1,500 each, was stolen from Urban Optiques.

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The fair features the famous agriculture, tourism and products of the state of Michigan in the clean, modern environs of the Suburban Collection Showplace (46100 Grand River Avenue, between Novi and Beck roads; 248.348.5600; www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com).

Featured attractions

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The circus will also bare-back horse acrobats, an animal extravaganza, clowns and more.

Fairgoers will also enjoy an expanded Arnold Amusements Midway of rides, presented by Wal-Mart. The midway will feature a pair of Ferris Wheels, the Tilt-a-Whirl and Shock Drop, giant slides, bumper cars and more.

The time-honored Michigan State Fair agricultural and livestock exhibits return, including the Beginning of Life, with baby farm animals, the Butter Cow, and many horse and pony breed demonstrations. Returning this year is Endless Chocolate Milk by Guernsey Dairy, where fairgoers get to try their hand at milking Darla the virtual cow and receive a half pint, which can be replaced as many times as they wish during their time at the fair.



An expanded Arnold Amusements midway of fun rides is being presented by Walmart. The midway will feature a pair of Ferris wheels, the Tilt-a-Whirl and Shock Drop, giant slides, bumper cars and more.

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Novi Fox Run residents listen to Gov. Rick Snyder's Medicaid expansion proposal. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Snyder makes local visit to tout 'Healthy Michigan' plan

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Gov. Rick Snyder brought his message of a Healthy Michigan to Novi on Aug. 21 and said the whole state will be better off if more people have better access to health care coverage.

The governor made a visit to Fox Run to participate in a roundtable discussion and answer questions from residents of the senior living community. Emphasizing the benefits of expanding the Medicaid program, Snyder said ultimately this will save everyone money and is the right thing to do.

"I ask you to not think about the Affordable Care Act or 'Obamacare,' I ask you to think about here's a case of us being one big family and we have a chance to help 470,000 family members," he told a packed house.

Benefits of a healthier Michigan

If enacted, the Healthy Michigan Plan would help 477,000 individuals, which is about 46 percent of the currently uninsured population. Snyder said most of these individuals have jobs and make around \$15,000 per year or less.

He said helping people who are hard working and low income get health care is the smart choice. Under the plan, those uninsured, working individuals will be able to turn to less-expensive primary care doctors when they are sick, rather than the emergency room.

And, he added, "It could save all the rest of us money."

According to Snyder, treating those without insurance places an \$880 million burden on un-



Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder (center) talks about his Healthy Michigan Now! Medicaid expansion proposal Aug. 21 at Novi's Fox Run. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"I'm a Democrat from Pennsylvania and I was really impressed with the governor's tone."

BEVERLY SCHWARTZ
Fox Run resident

compensated care on Michigan's hospital industry each year. As a result, individuals with insurance and the businesses that provide coverage pay higher premiums to cover the cost of uncompensated care.

Snyder's position was supported by everyone on the panel, including Oakland County family physician Dr. Chris Novak. He said he provides primary care to a variety of people and thinks this common-sense approach is needed.

Novak said the benefits are substantial if more patients can have access to immunizations at a young age or if

adults can speak with physicians that can give them direction on how to deal with things like diabetes.

"I think we have a clinical imperative as a physician to provide this care and clearly the governor has made the case for a business case, to save us in the state ... save us in terms of expenses," he said. "And I think there is a moral imperative to really reach out to provide care to literally hundreds of thousands of fellow Michigan residents."

Crowd reaction

The crowd was receptive to the talk and wel-

comed all of the guests. For some, it was a refreshing display of a shared mission. One panelist, Lynn Lindsey, told her story of Medicaid coverage helping her through a bout of breast cancer.

"I thought it was a wonderful talk," Fox Run resident Beverly Schwartz said. "I'm a Democrat from Pennsylvania and I was really impressed with the governor's tone. I just wish the rest of them could adopt more of a stance like his."

As for Snyder, he said he will keep promoting his message to the rest of the state and Legislature.

"It's our opportunity to step up and really help people," he said.

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Step back in time by first hitting clothing sale

Have you always wanted to dress for the Victorian Festival but had nothing to wear? With the annual festival fast approaching, now's the time to shop for the perfect outfit. Step back in time to an age when the men seemed rougher and the ladies more feminine. Stroll down Main Street in elegance and grace.

Ideas for costume – women can wear any lacy ruffled, long-sleeved blouse with a high neck paired with a long dark skirt. Add a cameo pin at the neck, gloves and a hat to complete this look. Girls can wear a calico dress with long

sleeves and a pinafore with a bonnet or hat. Men can don a band collar, long sleeved dress shirt with a bow tie or gross grain ribbon at the neck. Pants with cuff and pleats look good, or pants cutoff to create knickers, add suspenders and argyle socks. Top with flat drivers hat or straw boater hat. Boys can wear pretty much the same thing.

The Northville Historical Society is having its annual Victorian Clothing Sale Sept. 5-7 at Mill Race Village. Clothing and accessories will be available for adults and children from various vendors.

Some clothing is new, some gently used and some vintage. From dresses, pinafores, bonnets, hats and reticules to knickers, suspenders and newsboy caps, you'll find it all at the clothing sale.

The sale will be held from noon to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5; from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6; and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7. Admission is \$2 per adult.

For more information contact the Northville Historical Society at 248-348-1845 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday or visit its website at www.millracenorthville.org.



Michelle Hulbart flips through some of the fashions she crafted during a recent Victorian Festival Clothing Sale. This year's sale will take place Sept. 5-7 at Mill Race Village. FILE PHOTO

VICTORIAN

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mittee members that helped get that first festival off the ground back in 1988. The others were Greg Presley, a local architect; Anne Willis, former editor of the *Northville Record*; Don Mroz, who owned the Atchison House Bed and Breakfast; and financial adviser Greg Spinazzer.

Marrs said the group did a lot of research about the Victorian era, including its dress, its music, its dancing and its entertainment. From there, they incorporated much of what they learned into the various Victorian Festival activities.

The biggest hit, she said, was a formal ball that took place in a large tent set up at Mill Race Village. The first couple of years, it was wildly popular in town. Everyone who attended had to dress according to the age and then had to learn how to dance in the manner of the Victorian age.

"That first year, the ball was the highlight. No doubt about it. We had people lined up just to see the people who were attending walk in and to see how they were dressed. We used to have each couple picked up and dropped off by horse and carriage. It was just wonderful," Marrs said.



Since its early years, the Victorian Festival has incorporated some popular non-Victorian elements, including inflatables. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Nonprofits thrive

The main reason Marrs believes the festival succeeded was due to everyone having fun with the Victorian theme and running with it. Also, she said local civic groups, nonprofits and other organizations got involved and used the event as a big fundraising opportunity, which is still the case today.

"We contacted all the nonprofits, because we wanted to keep the money in the community. We didn't bring in any out-

side vendors," Marrs said. "Our only requirements for having a booth were that you had to be local and you had to dress in Victorian clothing."

"That first year, as you walked up and down the streets of downtown, you really felt like you were back in the Victorian age. You really did. It was like a scene from *Little House on the Prairie*," she said. "Getting the nonprofits on board was the key. We were able to get so many groups involved. Everybody was talking about the event."

Festival evolution

Well, like all things, including the community itself, the Victorian Festival has evolved and changed since 1988. There is no longer any ball, which was dropped after participation fell off (and transformed into the Saloon), nor is there a Queen Victoria crowned, as was the case in the early years. Other activities were added that didn't necessarily have a Victorian theme, including inflatables for the kids. But the Victorian heartbeat remains the same.

"The world has changed since 1988. So has our community. Back then, the township was just on the cusp of starting to develop," said Traci Sincok of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, which still organizes the festival. "The festival couldn't remain the same. Things have been added that aren't really Victorian. You have to keep things fresh and new to keep people coming."

However, don't get the idea that organizers don't want people to play the part.

"We still want people to dress up. It's really neat to see what people come up with year after year. It's just fun," said Sincok, who said she has been part of all 25 festivals.

Along those lines, the chamber, with the help of the Northville Historical Society, came up with a theme for this year's festival, something it hopes to continue to do in the future. The theme for this year is "The Gold Rush Era."

'Gold rush'

"The Victorian era was so broad – it lasted about 50 years," Sincok said. "A lot happened in those years. We wanted to have a theme to try keep the festival new and exciting and narrow our focus a little bit."

The theme has been incorporated into many of the activities and some of the entertainers will include it in their performances. For example, John Park will be dressed up as a gold rush prospector and will juggle miner's tools like pick-axes, while world-record balloon sculpture artist Tim Thurmond will use thousands of balloons in a giant gold rush-themed creation.

Also new this year is the Huron-Clinton Metroparks Authority's Mobile Museum, which will examine "Michigan's Green Gold" of the lumbering era. HCMA staff will be dressed in period costume and explain aspects of Michigan's lumbering past, which in a way was very similar to the more famous gold rushes. Fortunes were

certainly made.

Michele Fecht of the Northville Historical Society believes incorporating a new theme each year is a great way to keep people engaged and said the Historical Society should play an active role helping people understand how the theme had a local impact.

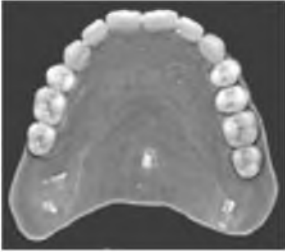
"This should be a huge event for us," said Fecht, who also serves on the Northville City Council. "If we can't tell the story of our history, who can?"

The historical society will be spearheading all kinds of activities at Mill Race Village and Ford Field. Many will play off the gold rush theme. All of the Village buildings will be open for much of the weekend and there will be plenty of the staples people have to come to expect during the festival, including Victorian-era games for the kids and, of course, the big duck race that concludes the festival Sunday afternoon.

Fecht said the Victorian Festival may have changed over the years, but one thing hasn't: it remains the biggest event in town.

"The festival is really the signature event for our community," Fecht said. "It's been popular since the get-go. It's just one of those great, cohesive events that brings the community together."

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Celebrate Recovery
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Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)
Holy days: 9 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Michael Zuelch, associate pastor

Crosspointe Meadows Church

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

Destiny Worship Center

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

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org
Contact: 248-442-8822
Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
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

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Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile
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Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
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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

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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
Taste and C
Time/Date: 10 a.m. worship; 11 a.m. tasting begins; Sunday, Sept. 8
Details: Come and get a Taste of Church (worship and ministry offerings); Community (family and friends) and Cuisine (tastes of local restaurants' menus)

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.

Hope Lutheran Church

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

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia
Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile
Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister 248-348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Church School: 10-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.
Merry Widows Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month
Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m. Sundays

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile
Contact: 248-348-9030; ncalife.org
Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in multipurpose gymnasium; 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; chil-

dren's super church on the second level (208/210)

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

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

Details: Events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year -- children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.

Contact: Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or rabbim@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

Novi United Methodist Church

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433>
Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m.

Healing Service and Holy Communion: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

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

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org

Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday

ReNew Life Group Ministries: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

Details: Overseen by TrueNorth Christian Counseling, offering a variety of support and relational groups: Divorce Care; Grief Share; Life Disrupted (Doing Well At Being Sick); Restarting; Setting Boundaries with Teen & Adult Children; Single and Single Again; Men's Integrity; Cross Current; Her Story-Partner Care; Growing Seasons (for children); and two new groups are Care-takers and Knitted Together (Adoption/Foster Care) Workshops.
Contact: 248-912-0043; www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups/renew/index.html.

Women's Life Groups Ministries: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday
Men's Life Groups Ministries: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office.

Orchard Grove Community Church

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

Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

Orchard Grove Community Church

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

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

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

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

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

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth
Contact: pastor Bill Burke at 734-927-0891
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

Police ready to crack down on Linden parking

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The City of Northville has established a "No Parking Beyond this Point" restriction on Linden Street.

According to the newly enacted traffic order, from 100 feet west of Linden Street to the end of Linden Court the restriction will be enforced. The Northville City Council approved the order by a 4-0 vote.

This was order was recommended by Northville City Police Chief Gary Goss on behalf of a resident on Linden Court who requested a review of the west end of Linden Court.

"The issue involved the narrowing of the court's width to the extent that anyone parking on the street restricted the egress from the home owner's driveway and could impede the response of emergency vehicles," Goss told the council on Aug. 19. "Patrol units reviewed the area and found that parked cars did restrict the access to the west end of the



A sign on Northville's Linden Court lets people know it is off limits for parking. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

court."

To get neighborhood input, letters were sent to the five residents that would be affected by the proposed parking restrictions. Goss said four of the residents responded and were in favor of parking restrictions.

"One of the residents that responded wanted the proposed restriction expanded," he added.

After a thorough review of the location, Goss implemented a temporary traffic control order restricting parking on both sides of

Linden Court from one hundred feet west of Linden Street west to the end of the court.

And then on July 17, after the Department of Public Works properly posted the restrictions, police patrol units were advised to provide the area with special attention.

According to Goss, to date, there have been no citations issued or complaints received by the police department.

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Age 70, of Fenton, MI, passed away peacefully on August 18, 2013. Preceded in death by her beloved husband, Arne; her father, Mitchell Zwiezynski; sister, Nancy Zwiezynski; sister-in-law, Christine Ann Zwiezynski. Survived by her loving mother, Lottie Zwiezynski and her brother, Mike Zwiezynski. Also survived by her extended family and many dear friends. A Memorial Gathering will be scheduled at a later time. For further information please contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors in Milford, 248-684-6645

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B. JERSER, AKE NILS ERLING

Born in Sweden and longtime resident of Commerce Twp., died on Sunday, August 25, 2013. He was 79 years old. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 24 years, Marilyn; siblings, Walter, Sven, Sigurd, Berit and is survived by his dear daughters, Ediana (Ed) Bjerser-Sharpe and Michelle (John) Kelly; their mother, Gullvi Bjerser-Kull; loving step-children, Lori (Ron) Lewis, Steve Kemp; grandchildren, Wes Rutherford, Jessecka Sharpe, Ryan, Erik, Keegan, Claire and Jack Kelly; Stephanie (Scott) McWhorter, Allison and Kelsey Lewis, Danielle, Justin and Jeremy Kemp; great-grandchildren, Daniel, Lilah, Quinn; siblings, Inga-Gun, Arne, Elsie and extended family, friends, neighbors and faithful companion, Skipper. Services were held on Wednesday, August 28, 2013. For further information visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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BROWN, AUDREY JEAN "JEANNIE"

Age 61, died Aug 11, 2013. Loving Daughter of Norman and Audrey Brown, Sister of Kenneth (Karen), LeRoy (Jeanne), Theresa (Steve Hall), and the late Dennis (Kim) Brown. She was "Auntie" to many Nieces, and Nephews. Memorial Service to be held at Church of the Holy Spirit of Highland Sept 9, 2013: Visitation 9:00 am Mass at 10:00 am. Please share a memory at: www.cremationmichigan.com

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KHATRI, GODAVRI RAJARAM

Age 78, passed away, August 23, 2013. Funeral August 25, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME.

LUSTIG, ROBERT LEE

Age 83, passed away Aug. 20, 2013. A memorial service was held on Aug. 24, at Phillips Funeral Home, Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

NEIRYNCK, ROBERT D.

Age 69, of Commerce Twp., passed away in the care of his family August 23, 2013. Preceded in death by his father Joseph Neirynck and brother Roger Neirynck. Survived by Susan, his beloved wife of 25 years, children Rob (Tracy) Neirynck, Jason (Kellie) Neirynck, Michelle (Robert) Jackson, Nicole (John) Boland and D. David (Jody) Gayeski; 9 grandchildren; mother Ann Neirynck; sister Joann (Chuck) Dean; brother James (Josephine) Neirynck; sister-in-law Jodi Neirynck; uncle William Rocheleau; many nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends. Funeral Liturgy to be held from St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows, 1955 E. Commerce St., Milford on Thursday, August 29th at 11 AM with gathering beginning at 10:30AM. Msgr John Budde to officiate. Burial Milford Memorial Cemetery. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford on Wednesday 3-9PM. Wake Service 7 PM. Memorial contributions encouraged to: ALS of Michigan.

For further information, phone 248.684.6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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PAJA, JAMES J.

Age 68, passed away August 24, 2013. Visitation Aug. 27 Funeral Aug. 28 at Phillips Funeral Home. www.phillipsfuneral.com



SILBERT, PEGGY JEAN

Age 88, passed away peacefully in her home on Aug. 21, surrounded by her family. She is survived by her daughter, Judith Olenik, son George Brown, and grandchildren, Gerald, Vincent, Tanya, Brandi and Scott. A memorial service will be held in her honor Aug. 31 at the First Baptist Church of Milford, 133 Detroit St. at 1 pm, followed by a luncheon at the American Legion Hall, 510 W Commerce, Milford. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to purchase a memorial at Kensington Metro Park, in care of: Judith Olenik, 681 Hilldale, Milford, MI 48381.



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Woman’s Club going strong for more than 100 years

By Maryann Cotterill
Guest Columnist

“The Mother” of the Northville Woman’s Club, Lucy Stout Dowd, was a woman of rare intellectual ability, a writer of prose and poetry for several publications, of kindly spirit, always working for the uplift of womanhood.

“She went about much and often, when remaining any length of time in a place, would organize some kind of a literary club, before the day of universal Women’s Clubs. So in Northville in 1891 she assembled a few women for the purpose of study. They met in the different homes and started with the study of lives and works of some of the prominent

authors along with discussions of current events.”

These words, typed on an ancient manual typewriter and hidden away in the bowels of the Northville Public Library, tell the history of the Northville Woman’s Club. What began in Lucy Stout Dowd’s parlor in the 1890s as a small group dedicated to the enrichment of the minds of local women is now one of the oldest Woman’s Clubs in the state of Michigan. And with over 170 members, this vibrant organization has grown far beyond the confines of Dowd’s parlor. Lucy Stout Dowd was elected as the club’s first president in 1893. Under her leadership, members enjoyed lectures on various literary and historical topics as well

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as discussions on current events.

In 1894, Dr. Mary E. Lapham was elected the club’s second president. She provided the club a permanent home when she donated a building to the Ladies’ Library Association with the stipulation that the Woman’s Club could hold meetings there as long as the mem-

bers desired. The group met at the library until the mid-1960s. Since then, meetings have been held in the First Presbyterian Church, with the exception that one meeting per year is held at Mill Race Village in the Old School Church.

Although the Northville Woman’s Club is not a service organization, it has been active in the community throughout the years. In the 1960s, its members created the Northville Historical Society, which developed Mill Race Village to preserve and protect many of the city’s beautiful but endangered Victorian buildings. Each year, the club awards several scholarships to local students based on need as well as merit. The club also supports the

community through donations.

In over 100 years, Northville Woman’s Club has undergone many changes of format. Currently, the club meets twice a month from October through March. Each meeting includes a program of cultural or historic interest followed by a time for refreshments and socialization. Throughout its history, the purpose of Northville Woman’s Club has remained constant: to provide women an opportunity to learn more about the area, the world, and themselves.

If you would like to learn more about Northville Woman’s Club, contact Lorraine Andary 248-349-9463.

Maryann Cotterill is a member of the Northville Woman’s Club.

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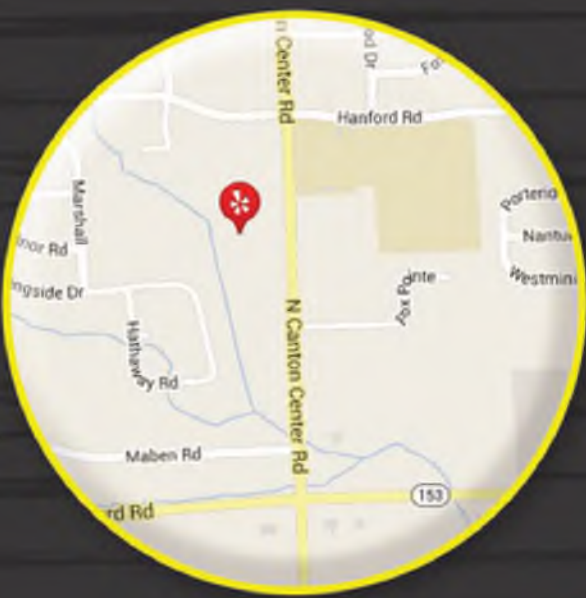
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Local chiropractor Kenneth Stopa, Jr., and staff members of Main Street Family Chiropractic Center PC, which is located in downtown Northville.

Stopa named an official Olympic chiropractor

Local chiropractor Kenneth Stopa, Jr., of Main Street Family Chiropractic Center PC in Northville, has been named an official Doctor of Chiropractic provider for United States Olympic athletes in the state of Michigan.

The United States Olympic Committee, looking for individuals who are board-certified chiropractic sports physicians that also hold a Diplomate Certification of the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians, contacted Stopa a couple weeks ago. The Diplomates must publish research, and have extensive experience in the treatment and rehabilitation of all sports injuries, including hip, shoulder, and knee injuries. In addition they are extensively trained in spinal traumas, and emergency procedures.

According to Stopa, who is a Canton resident, the goal of the United States Olympic Committee is to provide the highest standard of sports injury and reha-

bilitative care as possible. They have observed that Doctors of Chiropractic provide chiropractic adjustments that help alleviate musculoskeletal disorders the fastest and with the best functional results without the use of drugs or surgeries. The United States Olympic committee is looking for the least invasive treatments with the most functional results. Doctors of Chiropractic provide treatments for musculoskeletal disorders and rehabilitation for hip, shoulder, and knees. The United States Olympic athletes are demanding these treatments to be performed at the Olympic training centers and at the Olympic games.

"The Olympic athletes are excited to have alternatives to drugs and surgeries. I can provide them with alternative treatments for shoulder, hip, knee, neck and back musculoskeletal disorders and rehabilitate them to the highest level of performance," Stop said.

Stopa said the current medical director of all three United States Olympic training centers is a Doctor of Chiropractic. The past two Olympic Games (2010, 2012) have had a Doctor of Chiropractic as the head medical director of the United States Olympic medical staff.

"The Olympic athletes perform at a higher level when receiving chiropractic adjustments. They are able to recover faster and increase their speed, balance, agility, power and overall performance. This will help them bring home the gold for the United States of America," Stopa said.

"I am honored and very excited to provide peak performance chiropractic care to these elite athletes."

For more information about Stopa or Main Street Family Chiropractic Center PC, which is located at 109 W. Main Street in downtown Northville, visit www.drstopa.com or call 248-735-9800.

McKeen receives award

McKeen & Associates, P.C. managing partner and founder Brian J. McKeen, a Northville resident, was awarded the Dan Cullan Memorial Award from the American Association of Justice (AAJ) and Executive Board of the AAJ Birth Trauma Litigation Group.

The honor recognizes McKeen for his passionate and unwavering commitment to excellence in advocacy and his devotion and service to the Birth Trauma Litigation Group and the children that it serves. The award also acknowledges

McKeen as someone who exemplifies the finest qualities of Dan Cullan, the highly respected



McKeen

MD JD who spent his career helping children in birth trauma cases and for whom this award is named.

McKeen has been practicing law since 1982. In the past year, and throughout the course of his 30-year career, he has resolved numerous birth trauma cases. McKeen also has been an advocate for his clients as a medical malpractice attorney.

The Northville resident currently sits on the executive boards of the Michigan Association for Justice (MAJ) and the American Association for Justice (AAJ). He formerly served as chair of the AAJ Professional Negligence Section, Medical Negligence Exchange Group and Birth Trauma Litigation Group (BTLG). McKeen is a member of The Inner Circle of Advocates, an organization of the top 100 plaintiff attorneys in the country. In 2012, he was named among the Top Attorneys in Michigan as published by *The New York Times*.

McKeen earned his

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juris doctor from Thomas M. Cooley School of Law in Lansing. He also holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Central Michigan University.

McKeen & Associates, P.C. represents individuals injured by the negligence of others particularly in or by hospitals and physicians. In addition, McKeen & Associates, P.C. has successfully represented clients injured in a variety of other circumstances. Based in Detroit, McKeen & Associates represents clients in both federal and state courts brought throughout Michigan and the United States. For more information, visit www.mckeenassociates.com.

Arsiwala named president

Michigan Urgent Care leader and founder, Mohammed Arsiwala, M.D., has been elected to serve as the 130th president of the Wayne County Medical Society of Southeast Michigan (WCMSSM), the largest and most active county medical society in Michigan.

Arsiwala, of Northville, was elected in May and assumed his duties shortly thereafter. He celebrated his installation as president with an Inaugural Gala Fundraiser at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on July 14 surrounded by friends, family and colleagues.

"I am honored to have won the election and the opportunity to represent the WCMSSM and the values that it stands for throughout the coming year," Dr. Arsiwala said.

Arsiwala is the president and Medical Director of Michigan Urgent Care, a system of 10 urgent care facilities across Southeastern Michigan. Arsiwala earned his medical de-

gree from Deccan College of Medical Science in Hyderabad, India, and he completed his education and residency at Wayne State University/Detroit Medical Center in Detroit.

Arsiwala is a strong advocate of organized medicine.

"I am very interested in improving primary care for patients through the Patient-Centered Medical Home program. By facilitating partnerships between patients, physicians, and the families, and setting clear standards and specific criteria, we can better respond to patient's needs and improve their health care experience," he said.

Throughout his career, Arsiwala has served on a number of different boards and committees. He is currently serving as an alternate delegate to the American Medical Association, as president of the Urgent Care Association of Michigan, and he is also on the Michigan State Medical Society Board and Michigan Board of Medicine.

Inspired by the belief that volunteerism benefits individuals and society at large, he has committed himself to several different organizations. Arsiwala provides free clinical care to uninsured adults at St Vincent De Paul in Detroit. He also provides hygiene kits and clothes for the homeless as part of the Special Personal Assistance Program at the Samaritan Center. Most notable, are his medical relief mission trips in which he has traveled to Haiti and Afghanistan.



Arsiwala

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The Lulu by Design jewelry store recently relocated to Northville Square, Suite 211, 133 W. Main St.

"This location is more central to our overall client base," owner Majed Younes said. It's relocated from its western Dearborn location.

The Lulu by Design store can be reached at 248-973-7373. Current hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Its website is www.lulu-by-design.com. The store has been in business over five years.

You can find at Lulu by Design fashion jewelry and accessories for men and women. The store carries a selection of sterling silver pieces. It also has jewelry pieces designed with rocks, gems, crystals and fresh water pearls.

The store does jewelry and watch repairs. The store motto is "Inspired By Life, Designed for You."

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street near Ford Field

DETAILS: Office open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday-Friday. Archives open Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Village buildings open 1-4 p.m., Sundays, mid-June to mid-Oct.

CONTACT: (248) 348-1845

WEEKLY EVENTS

(*Grounds closed to public)

» **Thursday:** 9 a.m. Archives open; 6:30 p.m. Rehearsal

» **Friday:** 9 a.m. Archives open; 4-6 p.m. Wedding*; 6 p.m. King's 8th in Cady

» **Saturday:** 6 p.m. Rehearsal
» **Sunday:** 1-4 p.m. Village buildings open free to public; 4:30-6:30 p.m. Wedding*

» **Monday:** Office closed for Labor Day

» **Tuesday:** 9 a.m. Stone Gang
» **Wednesday:** 9 a.m. Mill Race Basket Guild; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group

Getting ahead of the crowd



Northville High junior Kyle Johnson bounces a soccer ball around as he and other volunteers wait to escort incoming freshmen visiting the school on Aug. 22. Johnson and dozens of other upperclassmen helped to introduce the freshmen to the where's and the why's of the school as they stopped by to register for classes and have their picture IDs taken. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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Holiday brings a labor of love

New acts, vendors keep festival fresh

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

ROYAL OAK — Festival producer Jon Witz understands the success of Ford Arts, Beats & Eats relies on keeping it fresh every year.

The Labor Day weekend festival obviously prides itself on the themes of art, music and food, but Witz's ability to diversify the music and bring in new restaurants and artists has helped it grow each year.

Now, heading into year 16, Arts, Beats & Eats is poised to welcome more than 400,000 people to downtown Royal Oak and break fundraising records for nonprofits.

"We seek out freshness each year," Witz said. "It's critical to have new artists, new restaurants and feature new initiatives and activities that people want to check out."

The lineup includes 20 percent new bands, including headliners Guster and Smash Mouth, more than 50 restaurants with six first-timers and more than 400 artists.

Also new this year is the official Arts, Beats & Eats smart phone application that will allow people to customize their experience. Patrons can receive notifications for music schedules and special programs, search for restaurants and artists' booths and also be entered to win exclusive give-

aways such as VIP tickets, special access to concerts and other freebies.

The app is available in the Apple App Store and Google Play.

"It is going to make the event more logistically friendly and easier for folks to navigate," Witz said.

Gary Baglio, owner of Five15 on Washington Avenue and president of the Royal Oak Retailers Association, said the festival is a "marketing bonanza" for his business and others in the area. He acknowledges there are some business owners who are in the minority that complain about the festival, but said "it's all in what you make it."

Baglio noted a lot of people come through that weekend and may not buy anything, but eventually they come back.

"The majority of the retailers take advantage of Arts, Beats & Eats," he said. "We don't really focus on our registers as much, although we do better than what our average sales were Labor Day weekend before the festival was here."

Another new partnership this year with the Detroit Institute of Arts allows festivalgoers to get an up-close look at replicas from the museum's collection through its Inside/Out project on Seventh Street, as well as to have the chance to watch the internationally



The Michigan Lottery Stage is the biggest music draw at Arts, Beats and Eats and will feature performers like MC Hammer, Smash Mouth and Montgomery Gentry. FORD ARTS, BEATS AND EATS

get into the festival for free through a partnership with Oakland County Parks and, for a second consecutive year, Ford is sponsoring Autism Days to allow those families to have free run of the festival grounds before the crowds.

"That was my favorite moment from last year," Witz said of the Autism Days.

Witz said there are a lot of people who come for all four days of the festival, but encourages those who even come for just a few hours to try to sample a little bit of everything.

Families should come early to avoid the big crowds and take advantage of the kids zone, while couples might want to wait until evening to grab a bite to eat and catch one of the many musicians playing on the nine different stages.

For more information on



Arts, Beats & Eats crowds will have more than 400 artists to check out at this year's festival. FILE PHOTO

acclaimed animated film *A Cat in Paris* in the Oakland County Parks Kids Zone at 8:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

Current and former service members also have a chance to

Arts, Beats & Eats, visit artsbeatseats.com.

Follow along with the *South Oakland Eccentric* all weekend at hometownlife.com or on Twitter @SOKEccentric.



Andrew Lopez and Carra Peace were among the many food vendors at last year's Arts, Beats & Eats. FILE PHOTO

HOT BEATS

FRIDAY, AUG. 30

8 p.m., Smash Mouth (Michigan Lottery National Stage)
10 p.m., Eddie Money (Michigan Lottery National Stage)

SATURDAY, AUG. 31

7 p.m., Starship featuring Mickey Thomas (Michigan Lottery National Stage)
10 p.m., Montgomery Gentry (Michigan Lottery National Stage)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 1

8 p.m., Soul Asylum (Michigan Lottery National Stage)
10 p.m., Guster (Michigan Lottery National Stage)

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6:45 p.m., Sponge (Michigan Lottery National Stage)
8:30 p.m., MC Hammer (Michigan Lottery National Stage)

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Students: Work hard and you'll find answers

What was once a holiday for “workingmen and their families” has been transformed over the years into what has now become a time to focus on the economic status of workers, as well as the civic rights and responsibilities for those workers. Nowhere is that more true than here in the metropolitan Detroit area, where emergency managers are tearing up contracts in Detroit and Pontiac and where such issues as right-to-work and minimum wage are topics for nearly daily discussion.

That is the reality of the modern workers' movement that was originally fomented in the 18th century, burnished in the 19th and that achieved prominence and power in the 20th. It was on the cusp of the latter two that Labor Day, being celebrated this year Sept. 2, was officially enacted by Congress on June 28, 1894.

Now, 119 years later, workers find their movement shaken to its very core, while productivity demands have increased. Economists are often

Whatever role you choose in the world of work, know that you will be part of the larger picture.

quoted as saying that an uncertain economy — and the looming implications of “Obamacare” — are keeping employers from hiring more workers, keeping jobless rates high, at least in Michigan.

There are always lots of statistics to go with any piece on work and labor, but our purpose here is not to focus so much on the numbers as on the reality — and on what it means to all the teenagers who are heading into high school the very day after Labor Day.

This is for them. By now, you all have your class schedule, have compared it with friends and made frantic calls to the school to get the wrong courses listed changed. Those schedules have been carefully chosen to comply with state education mandates, but they also have been chosen with your future careers in mind.

Do you find yourself in a drama class or in calculus? The difference will have an impact on what you do — meaning what you work at — in the future.

There are some among you who will never enter the work force, whether because of marriage or parenthood or misfortune, but most of you will. You know you are supposed to work, because that is what people do — but why?

Each of you will find your own answers to that one and, fortunately, there is an endless variety of options. The important thing for you to remember is that whatever you and your classmates choose to do, all work, as long as it is honest, is honorable.

Consider the bumblebee. The so-called “queen” is the only one to winter over. She builds the nest in the spring, lays eggs and generally gets things on a production schedule. Definitely a matriarchal society. The queen is the “boss,” so to speak. But there are also the foragers who go out into the world to gather the necessary ingredients for the colony's end product and then, of course, there are the honey bees themselves.

Each is important, each has a role to play, from the queen to the worker bee. Without either, there would be no colony.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2010 there were more people working as teachers — 3.073 million — than any other profession. The next job ranking was the janitorial field, with 1.445 million workers.

Where would you be without either one? Who would tell you how to breathe into that band instrument and who would clean up after a band concert?

Whatever role you choose in the world of work, know that you will be part of the larger picture. Take a good look at it now, because that may have an impact on what you choose for your future.

For instance, if you want to flip burgers, fine. But at a minimum wage of \$7.40 an hour, your future options outside of work will be limited. Is the \$10 an hour minimum wage right for Michigan? Be a part of the discussion; it's your future, too.

Should government employees be forced to take pay cuts? No? What is your solution to balancing budgets and providing services like garbage pickup?

Finding those answers is work, too. Here's the best part: Work hard and you'll find the answers, but work smart. No matter what you and your classmates decide to pursue in the future, it's all good.

Take a moment this Labor Day, no matter where you are, to talk with your parents about their work lives. And remember, at the drive-through or at the lifeguard stand, to say thanks for working this Labor Day.

OUR VIEWS

Government access must be affordable to all citizens

Government accountability doesn't only mean public officials must conduct their business in the open. That requirement is important, of course, and laws such as Michigan's Open Meetings Act prevent our elected representatives from trying to pull a fast one behind closed doors.

But our government must meet another obligation. When members of the public ask for documents, the government must provide them.

That only stands to reason. It's not enough to watch government in action. The public deserves to see the government's information.

The Michigan Freedom of Information Act is the state Open Meetings Act's companion. It requires public institutions — state and local government, public universities and public school districts — to provide information such as employees' salaries, police reports and other documents.

There are exceptions. Officials could reject FOIA requests only if the information sought might undermine ongoing law enforcement proceedings, violate attorney-client privilege, or cause the illegal release of medical or student records.

That sounds good in principle. But it doesn't always work out so well in practice. Public institutions have as many as five days to respond to a request or declare an extension of as many as 10 business days if needed to furnish the information. Fees also can be charged. Although they are supposed to be limited to the costs of mailing, duplication or publication, the fees aren't always reasonable.

State Rep. Mike Shirkey, R-Clark Lake, wants to do something about that. The legislation he introduced caps copying fees

for FOIA-request documents at 10 cents a page.

This is the second time Shirkey has proposed the reform, and he deserves credit for defending the public's right to know.

“Costs associated with FOIA had grown to the point they had become a barrier to information the public was otherwise supposed to ordinarily have,” Shirkey said in a statement. “If you can't afford to get it, you obviously can't read it.”

His legislation, House Bill 4001, also applies a 20 percent fee reduction for each day the requested information is late.

It's not enough to give citizens a way to obtain documents from their government. Acquiring the information ought to be easy, not cost-prohibitive.

Freedom of information isn't an imposition. It's a right. Shirkey's bill deserves the Legislature's support.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What are your plans for Labor Day?

This question was asked in downtown Northville and at the Novi Library.



“Just staying at home.”
Ron Houseman
Northville



“No plans, which is my plan.”
Caroline Joseph
Northville



“I'm going to Lake Michigan and then to the coast of Maine to visit friends.”
Scott Warren
Northville



“Maybe a barbecue, but I will probably just stay around home.”
Carol Abdey
Novi

LETTERS

Successful golf outing

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the golf hole sponsors of this year's 5th Annual Northville High School Boosters Golf Outing and Silent Auction held on Saturday, Aug. 24 at the Links of Novi.

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I would also like to extend a special thank you to David McKnight, owner of Emerald City Designs, and his amazing team for decorating the entire clubhouse in Mustang school colors for our special night. Once again, they outdid themselves for the third year in a row. It looked spectacular and drew rave reviews.

And finally, a big thank you to all of the families of our athletes and guests who came out and supported the event. Whether you played golf, came to dinner, donated an item, sponsored a hole or bid on an item, your support is greatly appreciated. It was another very successful night. All profits will go directly to the Northville H.S. Boosters Club and in turn, our athletes.

Carrie Slominski, Donna MacDonald, Cheryl Giacomini Suzanne McGowan, Karen Sourges and Lisa Harvey

2013 Golf Outing & Silent Auction Committee

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Michigan's autumn attraction

Michigan is one of the most beautiful places to live, especially during autumn. Someone who has always lived in Michigan would probably miss the delightful colors and sounds of autumn that the state bestows on its privileged inhabitants.

Although colorful trees exist in other states during the cooler part of the year, Michigan's forests are more beautiful because they are complemented with thousands of lakes and rivers that exist in the state.

There are also plenty of more northerly places in Michigan that will be positively breathtaking this fall. If one acquires the time to get away from the daily routine for a while, one of the most impressive places to visit will be Tahquamenon Falls in the Upper Peninsula. The falls are surrounded by woods that will look gorgeous this autumn, and the crisp north air will be minced with the smell of fresh pine. Other excellent areas to visit will be Traverse City, Northville, and Holland.

Although Michigan weather can be erratic during other seasons, autumn weather in Michigan is usually tranquil. Afternoons are breezy, making one's scarf playfully dance in the wind while the leaves fall down; and evenings are customarily nippy, so it will be time to get out the favorite blanket, stylish sweaters, and perhaps a cozy hubby too.

After living in Michigan for several years, the novelty of this state's autumn may wear off, but all it takes is a fresh

perspective for one to see how truly exciting and beautiful is to live here in the upcoming months.

Adam Ploski
Farmington Hills

Health care costs too high

Over the last few weeks, there have been a couple of letters and articles published in the *Observer & Eccentric* and Hometown Newspapers that suggested a “free market” answer for a perceived national health care dilemma. Unfortunately for those proposing a private enterprise solution for health care needs, the facts do not support their position.

The private sector has been present in American health care for a long time while other advanced democracies have embraced public intervention in the health care marketplace. The result, according to the Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation (OECD) data, is that we pay roughly twice as much per capita for health care than those who have gone the public route. Ditto for gross domestic product.

In 2011, the United States spent \$8,508 per capita on medical care while the average among OECD nations was \$3,339. Canada spent \$4,522. France, which, according to the World Health Organization, has the best health care system in the world, spent \$4,118 per capita.

Beyond that, in 2011 the United States spent 17.7 percent of its gross domestic product on health care. The closest country to the U.S. was the Netherlands, which spent 11.9 percent of GDP on health care. Canada spent 11.2 percent. The average among the 35 OECD countries was 9.3 percent. France spends 11.6 percent of GDP on health care.

Clearly, public intervention in the field of medicine can be efficient and effective. It is not by accident that so many nations with public systems spend much less on health care and often have better outcomes than we do.

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NORTHVILLE VOLLEYBALL

Team hopes to continue recent success

Seven seniors return from squad that posted school's best mark ever

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs volleyball team in 2012 was simply the best ever to take the court for the orange and black. This year, the squad hopes to continue the successes that brought it a 49-4-4 record and a trip all the way to the semifinals.

The Mustangs have got a good start, that's for sure, as they return seven seniors from last year's team. Symone Abbott (outside),

Cassidy Minghine (outside/libero), Rachel Zawodny (setter/defender), Katherine Boss (setter/defender), Olivia Landis (middle), Chloe Kiple (middle/right) and Julia Colasanti (defense) are all back this season and focused on pushing the team to be their absolute best.

Taking the helm for the fifth year is head coach Amanda Yaklin, who said the team is focused on having a strong season and then advancing through the MHSAA postseason tournament, one step at a time.

"Getting out of districts," Yaklin said when asked what the biggest challenge in 2013 would be. "Nothing is guaranteed, so we need to focus on

our difficult district."

The team's ability to dominate during returns and ball control will compliment the squad's firepower this season – all of which Yaklin said will be important in taking on several very difficult tournaments in 2013, as well as a typically well-prepared KLA.

To make that goal a reality, the Mustangs are pushing themselves on the court, but off as well, trying to become closer.

"(We are working on) gelling with a new lineup and working out communication challenges," Yaklin said.

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



The 2013 Mustangs hope to have the same kind of success as the 2012 team, which finished with a 49-4-4 record and a trip to the state semifinals. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

NORTHVILLE FOOTBALL



Northville High School varsity football team members scrimmage Aug. 22 against Hazel Park during a four-team meeting at the school's Eight Mile Road stadium. Waterford Kettering and Brighton also worked out in short competitions, too. The Mustangs are looking to bounce back from a 5-4 2012 season. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

BUILDING BLOCKS



Northville head football coach Matt Ladach said one of the keys to success will be the front seven on defense. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mustangs program looks to replace most of defense from 2012's 5-4 squad

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs football program has to get some experience up front on defense and it has to do so in a hurry.

The squad, coached by Matt Ladach, suffered through a difficult 5-4 season in 2012 and has some key gaps that need to be filled. Most importantly, and most glaringly, is the lack of experience on the defensive front.

"We only have one returning player from last year's front seven," said Ladach, who is entering his sixth year at the helm of the

Northville grid team.

Zach Tofilski will return to the defensive front and he'll be expected to lead by example from the very start.

Also returning this year and expecting to have a major impact on the team's season are quarterback Joey Helett, who is also playing strong safety, wide receiver Sean Conway, wide receiver Nick Stegmeyer and outside linebacker Tyler Kwasny.

Northville is going to be fairly strong up front on offense, however, returning linemen David Moorman, Dimitri Angelas and Zach Graham and tight end Ryan Roberts. Graham, Moorman and Roberts will likely play on the defensive side of the ball as well.

That will work well for an of-

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CATHOLIC CENTRAL FOOTBALL

New faces in starting roles for Shamrocks

Squad returns just seven players from last season to starting roles

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

If you were paying much attention the past two seasons as Detroit Catholic Central made consecutive runs to the Division 1 state finals, you probably became pretty familiar with a few names.

This year, the roster is going to look quite a bit different. That's because the Shamrocks return just three offensive starters and four defensive starters from last season.

The squad, which is coached by Tom Mach in his 38th season at the helm (with a 333-85-0 overall record), will play like pretty much every team

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A player fires a pass during a practice. CC begins its season at 7 p.m. Friday against Detroit Cody. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

NORTHVILLE BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Talent is one thing not missing for Mustangs' 2013 edition

Harriers return two all-state athletes, lots of experience in trying to earn a berth in state finals meet

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Chris Cronin has been the head coach of the Northville boys cross country team for the past 15 seasons. When he

talks to the media, he doesn't mince words.

He is always straightforward about a team's chances at winning and isn't shy to mention if his squad is rebuilding for a season.

That's why it's important to sit up and take note that, when asked what his team's goals are in 2013, Cronin answered with a simple, yet frank, comment: Compete for the state title.

"Based on returning talent, we have one of the best teams in Michigan," Cronin said. "While other teams (Milford and Waterford Mott) will be

favorable to win, I know my runners and they will be ready to compete at MIS."

Returning talent, indeed. This year's roster reads, surprisingly, like last year's roster. At the top of the depth chart stand two all-state runners in Dan Sims and Nick Noles. Joining them in the top five will be returners Sean

McCullough, Jason Ferrante and Conor Naughton.

Sims, who is a two-time all-state cross country runner and an all-state track runner, holds the high school's 3,200-meter run record and is second all-time on Northville's home course of Cass Benton.

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SHAMROCKS

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you’ve watched over the years at Catholic Central. Hard-nosed football will still be the name of the game and the ground attack will be featured predominately.

Leading that attack will be Zach Bock, who will also be playing on the defensive side of the ball for the Shamrocks.

His holes will be opened up by Alex Giliyas on the offensive line, as well as Dylan Roney at tight end. Playing quarterback for the Shamrocks this year will be Sean Birney.

Last year, the Shamrocks finished second in the state, earned a 9-5 record and went 3-1 in

the Catholic High School League. This year, they’ll be focusing first and foremost on winning the CHSL before looking beyond that goal.

“The CHSL has had four different schools win the title over the past five seasons,” said assistant coach Michael Mach, noting CC took the title in 2011 and 2009, while Orchard Lake St. Mary’s won it last year, Brother Rice took it in 2010 and DeLaSalle in 2008. “History shows it’s truly a wide-open race every year and 2013 is no exception.”

Captains on this year’s squad are Bock, Giliyas, Roney, David Wright and Danny Collins. They will be tasked with helping the team gain experience right out of the gate.

NORTHVILLE GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Mustangs ready and raring to go

Current squad is packed with talent from top to bottom

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville girls cross country team will be looking to hunt down and capture its fourth consecutive conference title this year, and they have the tools to make that goal a reality.

But Nancy Smith, in her 13th season as head coach, actually wants her team to slow down first.

“We need to realize there is no rush and we need to train with consistency and stay focused and healthy,” she said.

And Smith should know. She’s had nothing but success with the Mustangs in the decade-plus as head coach. Last

year, the team won the KLAA for the third straight season, won the Central Division, took second at the regional and fifth at the state final. Oh, and it was undefeated in dual meets.

Many of the returning harriers were key parts of that impressive collection of victories last year and the newcomers aren’t too shabby, either.

The runners to look out for in 2013 are Lexa Barrott, Rachel Coleman, Hailey Harris, Emma Herrmann, Nicole Mos-teller, Alison Robinson, Taleen Shahrighian and Erin Zimmer – nearly each one that took a first place at some point or another in 2012.

So how good are the Mustangs? Well, not that rankings mean anything when an actual meet is under way, but the squad is currently ranked 21st

on XCNation for cross country teams throughout the entire country.

There are some challenges this year, like staying healthy and making sure to come into the big meets mentally prepared, but the Mustangs bring back six of their top seven from last year’s state final team and are stronger than ever, Smith said.

“We also have girls that have worked hard all summer and are so strong right now,” she said. “They are a very close-knit group that has jelled together so well and encourages and pushes each other each day in practice.”

And it helps knowing that the bench is capable of stepping up and filling roles when needed.

“We are a really deep team, so I will be able to rest my athletes when

needed to prepare for the final three meets of the season that mean the most,” Smith said. “I also have a very talented freshman class.”

And the Mustangs who are eager to showcase their talents? The team consists of Audrey Baetz, Helena Bryans, Aashka Cannabria, Katie Che-voor, Cayla Eckenroth, Addison Gaines, Taylor Gattoni, Annelie Herrmann, Kamryn Holtz, Samantha Kargilis, Lisa Karkoski, Emily Kerr, Megan Kerr, Mirai Kobayashi, Frances Master, Madison Oshefsky, Mia Rodgers, Michelle Roth, Lauren Sirios, Julia Slat-ing, Emma Smith, Chloe Smither, Marie Zimmer and Paige Zimmer.

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fense that likes to stay on the ground and has a fairly mobile quarter-back to keep the defenses the Mustangs will

face on their toes.

Ladach said his team’s focus can’t be anywhere in the future except for the next snap against the next opponent.

“We have to play one game at a time,” he said. “We have to focus on one opponent at a time.”

The Mustangs won’t head into this season with a specific goal to improve upon – Ladach said his squad needs to work on every aspect of its game in order to be competitive in the KLAA in 2013. However, the team does have its strengths.

“We have a have a great group of character guys,” he said. “And on the field, our offensive line is our strength.”

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HARRIERS

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“I’m the luckiest coach in the state – I get to coach Dan Sims,” Cronin said. “For starters, he is incredible to watch. Whether it is in a race or at practice, he does something every day that makes you say ‘Wow!’ While it might sound cliché, Dan’s even a better young man than he is a runner and when you’re as good at running as Dan is, that’s saying something.”

Another fun runner to watch is Noles, a junior

“Based on returning talent, we have one of the best teams in Michigan. While other teams (Milford and Waterford Mott) will be favored to win, I know my runners and they will be ready to compete at MIS.”

CHRIS CRONIN
Northville boys cross country coach

this season who is looking to have an injury-free season – something Cronin is eager to see.

“When I describe Nick’s success as a runner to other coaches, I tell them he can suffer more than most,” Cronin said. “Combine that with his competitive fire and

it’s easy to why I’m excited to see what Nick can do this year.”

Despite the deep returning nucleus for this season, Cronin does need to shore up the team’s sixth and seventh spots. Thankfully, there are more than half a dozen runners competing for

those top spots, including Sam Kremke, who has emerged as a strong candidate for the sixth-man position.

“The guys are anxious to see what this team can do because of all the returning talent,” said Cronin, who said his team needs to practice patience. “We may try to be too good too early. We understand that the cross country season is a process and the leaders on this team should keep us grounded.”

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NORTHVILLE GIRLS SWIMMING



Northville varsity girls swim captains for 2013 are (from left) Maria Gutowski, Simone Young, Melissa Clawson, Hope Miller and Sarah Lohman. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Swim team believes conference title, states within reach

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville girls swimming and diving team will come into 2013 with the same goal in mind as it brings to every season – win the KLAA title and qualify as many tankers to the state finals as possible.

That's how Brian McNeff has coached the Mustangs for the past seven seasons and it's not about to change anytime soon.

The Mustangs' successes have underlined the reason for staying steady on the same course and last year's 8-0 dual meet record and 11th-place finish in the state finals helped solidify the hard work the team puts in day in and day out.

Northville returns several key members of last year's squad as well. Sarah Lohman (100 breaststroke), Alissa Moore (200 and 500 free-style) and Andrea Meister (diving) all qualified for the state finals in 2012 and will no doubt be looking to repeat the



Mustangs swimmer Simone Young, one of the team's captains, hits the pool. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

trek. They'll be asked to lead by example along the way.

"We are a very young team and will be relying on a lot of freshmen and sophomores to win us meets," McNeff said. "It will be interesting to see how they react to the pressure."

McNeff said it will also be interesting to see how well the multitude of underclassmen stay focused from start to finish in the season – one of the longest in the fall.

"The swim season is very long and it can be real easy to lose that focus," he said. "We also have a very tough schedule, facing some of the

top teams in the state with some of the fastest swimmers in the state. We can't relax at all if we want to repeat an undefeated season."

Northville's biggest opponents will be South Lyon, Salem and Stevenson – teams that boast some of the fastest teams in the state that compete in the conference with the Mustangs.

Northville will be led by captains Lohman, Maria Gutowski, Melissa Clawson, Hope Miller and Simone Young. They will be asked to help McNeff keep the team on the right track.

"I have been trying to keep them focused on doing the little things in practice," McNeff said of the entire squad. "We have a ton of talent on the team, probably more than we have ever had, but if they can't do the small things that win meets, then we will be disappointed at the end of the year."

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CATHOLIC CENTRAL SOCCER

Shamrocks bring back key players for 2013

Team will battle for Catholic League title

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

In his second year as the head coach of the Detroit Catholic Central soccer team, Gene Pulice is always looking for additional teaching opportunities.

Thankfully, those come on nearly a daily basis when coaching a high school varsity program.

The Shamrocks, who went 9-8-3 last year and fought their way to the Catholic High School League finals, strive to meet each and every one of those challenges

head on.

"Every day brings new challenges," Pulice said. "The challenge would be to rise to every occasion."

Pulice said his top returning players – Andrew Tombley, Noah Kleedke, Sam Popp, Jacob Hackman and Alex Pastor – all bring to the game something above and beyond soccer.

They bring a desire to display the "goodness, knowledge and discipline" that Catholic Central stands for to the team, both on and off the field.

"We try to keep our eyes on the meaning of the game and that we are here for the life

lessons that come with being part of this great brotherhood at Detroit Catholic Central and its student-athletes," Pulice said.

"The victories will be forgotten, but our brotherhood will live in each of us forever."

Captains on this year's team are Pastor, Hackman, Kleedke and Champ Kozlowski. The squad's focus to start the season, Pulice said, is getting its speed of play up to part with the rest of the Catholic High School League.

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NORTHVILLE BOYS SOCCER

Same goals for team

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

When it comes to previewing what a team's goals are for the season, there is one squad at Northville that never, ever has to be asked what the season's focus is – well, at least as long as Henry Klimes remains the head coach.

With 23 years under his belt as the head coach at Northville High School, Klimes may have answered the question exactly the same for more than two decades.

“(We want to) win the division and play for the conference championship and make a long run in the state play-offs,” Klimes said without missing a beat.

And why would there be any reason to change those three goals? Klimes has had some great successes over the years with those goals in mind and his players are well aware that following his lead and meeting his challenges equals a successful season.

Last year, the Mustangs took a 1-0 loss in the district tournament to an always-stout Livonia Stevenson squad and finished the year with an 11-6-3 record.

This year, they'll be looking to make an even deeper run when the tourney comes around, but first there are some improvements that the team has to make,



Conrad Bush (left) is one of the captains for the Mustangs, who have high expectations this season. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Klimes said.

“We have to get everyone on the same page,” he said. “We have to find the right pieces of the puzzles for the style we play.”

Some of those puzzle pieces are team captain Conrad Bush (center back), team captain Joey Vanhouten (center mid), Nick Toupin (center mid) and Benedikt Kansy (forward). Each of them will be expected to help get the other players up to speed – though that won't take too much time since 14 of the players on this year's team are seniors.

“(Our strengths begin) with seniors, who have lots of experience and lots of speed that coaches just can't teach,” Klimes said.

The Mustangs have had some success to

start the season, too, going 2-0-1 in the Portage Classic tournament. The squad picked up a 3-1 win over Kalamazoo Central and fought to a 0-0 tie against a tough Grand Haven squad. To end the tournament, the Mustangs put on an absolute clinic as they defeated Kalamazoo Loy Norrix High School, 6-0.

In the game against Kalamazoo Central, Kansy scored two goals, while Peter Arton added one of his own. Against Loy Norrix, Sean Cain was on fire, scoring three goals, while Collin Watkins, Jake Reitzloff and Johnny Rodriguez each tallied one score.

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NORTHVILLE GIRLS GOLF

Mustangs look to compete for division, conference titles

New head coach and plenty of talent highlight 2013 squad

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Jeff Balagna knows how to coach golf, as showcased by the successes the varsity boys golf team has had under his direction.

Now that he has taken the reins of the Mustangs girls varsity program, what's the biggest change the team will see?

Nothing, Balagna said. “(I) took over for the very successful Mary Jane Ossola, who stepped down to spend more time with her family,” said Balagna, who has had 10 seasons with the girls team before taking the head coaching position.

And he's inherited quite the squad. Last year, Northville went 8-2 in dual meets, won the Central Division, finished second in the KLAAs and took sixth in the state finals. Out of the past 14 seasons, the squad has made the state finals 12 times.

“Our goal is the same this year as it is every year: Win our division, place high in the conference and advance to the

state finals,” Balagna said.

And leading the team will be senior captain Chloe Page and junior Katie Childers, who will be expected to lead by example – and they have, starting with the team's very first appearance on the links.

“Katie had an outstanding summer and really dedicated herself to the game of golf,” Balagna said. “She played in a lot of tournaments and had a ton of success. In our first tournament of this season, she finished fourth overall with a 77. She has the potential to have a very special season.”

Page comes to the 2013 campaign with plenty of experience under her belt, something Balagna said she will draw upon this year.

“Chloe has been in and out of the varsity lineup since her freshman year,” he said. “She is a very steady player and great leader for the younger players. She has a ton of talent and experience that will be very valuable to the team's success.”

The Mustangs do come into the year with some relative inexperience. They graduated five of the top seven

players last year – including two all-state players – and Page and Childers are the only players on the team with any varsity experience.

“We have a lot of juniors with lots of tournament experience, but there is a big difference between a JV invite and a varsity invite,” Balagna said. “The thing we really need most is playing experience. We are only going to get better as the season progresses and hopefully at the end of the season we are playing up to our potential.”

Northville does have a lot of depth this year and Balagna knows the talented players on the 2013 roster will challenge each other to be the absolute best they can be.

“Even though we are inexperienced, we have seven girls I feel very comfortable putting in the lineup along with Katie and Chloe and they can perform very well,” he said. “Our junior class is loaded with talent, just needs some playing experience. We also have two very talented sophomores who will compete for playing time.”

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Senior captain Chloe Page is expected to lead by example this season.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – PUBLIC HEARING

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CATHOLIC CENTRAL TENNIS



Catholic Central's Andre Hijaoui practices with his teammates Aug. 19 at the school's Novi campus. CC will soon begin varsity tennis matches. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shamrocks look to qualify once again for state finals

Team placed 15th at last year's state meet

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Joe Stafford knows that the biggest challenges that sit ahead of his tennis team at Detroit Catholic Central will come well before the state finals this year, but that doesn't stop him from making the championship tournament a goal in 2013.

The squad, which went 6-4 last year and finished 15th in the state, will have plenty of challenges to prep it for the postseason as it plays in the Catholic High School League. This year, the Shamrocks will do so without the star-studded lineup they've brought to the court before.

"Typically we have had a lot of USTA Tournament players at the top of the lineup and players with a lot of tournament

experience," Stafford said. "We don't have that luxury this year, so we have to get back to basics and try to improve our skills and focus on the little things we can control, like 100-percent effort and a great attitude every time out."

The four flights of singles players will be ready to give that effort this year. At No. 1 singles, Michael Dube will look to defend his CHSL league title in his senior year, while Gabe Apaza adjusts to No. 2 singles after playing in the third flight last year. Jesse Jenter will adjust, too, having moved up to No. 3 from No. 4 last year. The biggest adjustment in the singles lineup will be for Steve Magagna, a junior who played on the No. 1 doubles team in 2012.

Dube and Jenter will lead the team as captains as the squad circles the goal of making the state finals and finishing in the top 10.

In order to make that happen, the team will rely on having 14 juniors and seniors and the natural experience that comes with that many upperclassmen, as well as the attitudes on the team.

"We are going to try and leverage the team chemistry," Stafford said of utilizing team assets.

"We have guys who have great attitudes; we need everyone supporting one another if we are going to compete with the top teams in the state."

Playing No. 1 doubles for the Shamrocks will be David Killian and Matt Wolfe, while Tommy Dolley and Tommy Swad will play No. 2 doubles and Nick Landi and Andre Hijaoui will be at the third flights.

Austin Beyer and Caleb Roberts will play fourth doubles and Brendan Allen and Ben George will be at No. 5 doubles.

NORTHVILLE POM PON



The Northville pom pon squad has more than 30 members, including many who were on the JV squad last year (shown here). JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mustangs boast 33 members on this year's pom pon squad

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs pom pon squad has a new coach this season and there is no doubt she has plenty to work with.

In sheer numbers alone, the Mustangs are staggering. The team, coached by Malory Mossoian, assisted by Katie Stajka, has a whopping 33 girls on the roster. While that does present Mossoian a huge talent base, it can also present challenges along the way.

"(The biggest challenge this year will be) maintaining unity during performances with a 33-member team," Mossoian said.

But that isn't going to stop the team from striving for their goals. Captains Mikenna Jones, Isabel Inchastegui and Emily Herring will be leading the team this year, along with assistant captains Lauren Scott, Anna Fillar and Maddison Holloway. Their ultimate goal is to qualify for the Division 1 region-

al tournament.

To make that happen, Mossoian said her team has to work on its conditioning and ability to complete each performance as a single unit. But the team's largest strength will play well into both of those. Mossoian said her team's top asset is the desire to do well and to continually improve as a team.

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

NORTHVILLE BOYS TENNIS



Northville's Dan Baldwin (left) and Connor Johnston team up for some doubles practice Aug. 16 at the school. Johnston, a sophomore, won the state championship at No. 2 singles last year. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Talented lineup helps team overcome losses

Lack of experience will be a challenge

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville boys tennis team may have lost one of the absolute best players in the state to graduation, but this year the team will be looking to rush into its competitive schedule without missing a single beat.

The squad, coached by Matt Stetson in his 10th season, finished fourth in the state last year and had the No. 1-ranked singles player in the state in Tyler Gardner, who will continue his career at the University of Michigan.

Stepping into Gardner's shoes will be Connor Johnston, a sophomore who last year won the state championship

at No. 2 singles.

Beyond switching Johnston to the top singles flight, Stetson had to fill three singles positions. Thankfully, they aren't short of talent in Northville, though the talent is young.

"I will have 10 sophomores and freshmen on the varsity, so experience will be a challenge," Stetson said.

"This will be somewhat of a building year for us, but with only three seniors on the roster, we have a bright future."

And what does a rebuilding year mean for the Mustangs? Well, Stetson's goals still include a run to the state championship tournament and a top-10 finish.

Standing in their way will be Novi, who also plays in Northville's division, as well as Detroit Catholic Central. The two teams will

square off with the Mustangs in the regional tournament.

But Stetson isn't thinking about the regional right now.

"As a rebuilding year, an underlying goal is to just get better match to match," he said.

Leading the team will be captains Sam McCutcheon, Andrew Schafer and Veer Shah. They will be leading plenty of underclassmen, but Stetson knows the talent to win is present.

"Depth is a big strength," he said.

"From top to bottom, our doubles teams will be extremely level. This will continue to be a strength for the next few years."

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Go Mustangs!



BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

- 8/27 4 pm Northville Invitational
- 9/7 8:30 am @Bath
- 9/10 5 pm South Lyon East
- 9/13 TBA @MSU Invitational
- 9/17 3:50 pm Livonia Stevenson
- 9/21 TBA @Catholic Central
- 9/24 4 pm @Salem
- 9/28 TBA @Coaching Legends Invite
- 10/1 4 pm Novi
- 10/5 TBA @Wayne County Invite
- 10/8 4 pm @South Lyon
- 10/17 4pm @Conference Meet
- 10/26 TBA @MHSAA Regional
- 11/2 TBA @MHSAA Finals

FOOTBALL

- 8/29 6 pm @Lakeland
- 9/6 7 pm Waterford Mott
- 9/13 7 pm @South Lyon
- 9/20 7 pm Salem
- 9/27 7 pm @Livonia Stevenson
- 10/4 7 pm South Lyon East
- 10/11 7 pm @Novi
- 10/18 7 pm @Conference Cross-Over
- 10/25 7 pm Walled Lake Wester

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

- 8/27 4 pm Northville Invitational
- 9/7 TBA @West Bloomfield
- 9/10 5 pm South Lyon East
- 9/13 TBA @MSU Invitational
- 9/17 3:50 pm Livonia Stevenson
- 9/21 TBA @Jackson
- 9/21 TBA @Catholic Central
- 9/24 4 pm @Salem
- 9/28 TBA @Coaching Legends Invite
- 10/1 4 pm Novi
- 10/5 TBA @Wayne County Invite
- 10/8 4 pm @South Lyon
- 10/17 4 pm @Conference Meet
- 10/26 TBA @MHSAA Regional
- 11/2 TBA @MHSAA Finals



GIRLS GOLF

- 8/22 7:30 am @Milford
- 8/26 Noon @Seaholm
- 8/27 TBA @Conference Tournament
- 8/29 3 pm South Lyon East
- 9/4 3 pm Livonia Stevenson
- 9/5 3 pm @South Lyon
- 9/8 1 pm @Marian
- 9/11 3 pm Novi
- 9/18 3 pm @Salem
- 9/21 8:30 am Northville
- 9/25 3 pm Livonia Churchill
- 9/28 9 am @Novi
- 9/30 Noon @Milford
- 10/1 3 pm @Franklin
- 10/2 3 pm Wayne Memorial
- 10/7 TBA @Association Tournament
- 10/10 TBA @MHSAA Regionals
- 10/18-19 TBA @MHSAA Finals



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Boys Soccer

8/24	TBA @Portage Central
8/26	7 pm @Livonia Churchill
8/28	7 pm Plymouth
9/3	7 pm @Livonia Stevenson
9/5	7 pm @Salem
9/10	7 pm Novi
9/12	7 pm @South Lyon
9/13	5:30 pm Canton
9/17	7 pm South Lyon East
9/19	7 pm Livonia Stevenson
9/21	2:30 pm @Saline
9/24	7 pm Salem
9/26	7 pm @Novi
9/28	Noon Walled Lake Central
10/1	7 pm South Lyon
10/3	7 pm @South Lyon East
10/7	7 pm @Conference Cross Over
10/9	7 pm @Association Cross Over
10/14-19	7 pm MHSAA Districts

Boys Tennis

8/22	8 am Northville Quad
8/24	TBA @Grand Blanc
8/28	8 am Northville Quad
8/29	TBA @Ann Arbor Huron
9/4	4 pm Livonia Stevenson
9/5	4 pm @South Lyon

Boys Tennis

9/9	4 pm University of Detroit
9/10	4 pm South Lyon East
9/12	4 pm Novi
9/16	4 pm Groves
9/17	4 pm @Salem
9/21	8 am @Ann Arbor Pioneer
9/24	4 pm KLAA Cross Over
9/26	4 pm @KLAA Cross Over
10/1	4 pm @KLAA Cross Over
10/2	4 pm @Brother Rice
10/3	4 pm West Bloomfield
10/5	TBA @Association Tournament
10/11	TBA @MHSAA Regionals
10/18-19	TBA @MHSAA Finals

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9/7	8 pm @Saline
9/12	6:30 pm @South Lyon
9/17	6:30 pm @Salem
9/19	6:30 pm South Lyon East
9/21	8:30 am @Bedford
9/24	6:30 pm Novi
9/26	6:30 pm @Livonia Stevenson
9/28	9 am Northville Invitational
10/1	6:30 pm South Lyon
10/3	6:30 pm Salem
10/8	6:30 pm @South Lyon East
10/10	6:30 pm @Novi
10/12	TBA @Marian
10/15	6:30 pm Livonia Stevenson
10/19	TBA @Beast of East Invitational
10/22	6:30 pm @Conference Cross Over
10/26	TBA @Association Tournament
11/2	8:30 am @Seaholm
11/4	TBA @MHSAA District
11/6-7	TBA @MHSAA District

Girls Swimming

8/29	TBA @Ann Arbor Huron
9/12	6:30 pm @Livonia Churchill
9/14	9 am @Walled Lake Northern
9/17	6:30 pm Harrison
9/21	Noon @Lakeland
9/26	6:30 pm South Lyon East
9/28	TBA @Salem
10/3	6:30 pm Novi
10/4-5	TBA @Wayne County Championships
10/8	6:30 pm Canton
10/10	6:30 pm Walled Lake Western
10/17	6:30 pm @Salem
10/18-19	TBA @MISCA Meet
10/24	6:30 pm @Livonia Stevenson
11/1-2	TBA @Division Meet
11/8-9	TBA @Conference Meet
11/14	6:30 pm Last Chance Meet
11/19	TBA @MHSAA Diving
11/22-23	TBA @MHSAA Finals



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School quality big factor for parent homebuyers

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Greg Baracy, longtime superintendent of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, is glad to host, with district colleagues, regular luncheons for area Realtors.

“Wayne-Westland’s a great place for a young family to move in, raise their family and get a great education,” the Wayne resident said. “Wayne-Westland does phenomenally well.”

At the Realtor luncheons, district school officials share “points of pride” such as current offerings, Advanced Placement classes, Talented and Gifted offerings, and athletic and extracurricular opportunities such as band. Wayne-Westland has K-12 World Languages, even Spanish in the elementary schools.

“It’s a natural for parents moving into the district with young families,” he said of Wayne-Westland. “Homes are moderately priced. If you’re looking for bang for the buck, Wayne-Westland’s the place to be.”

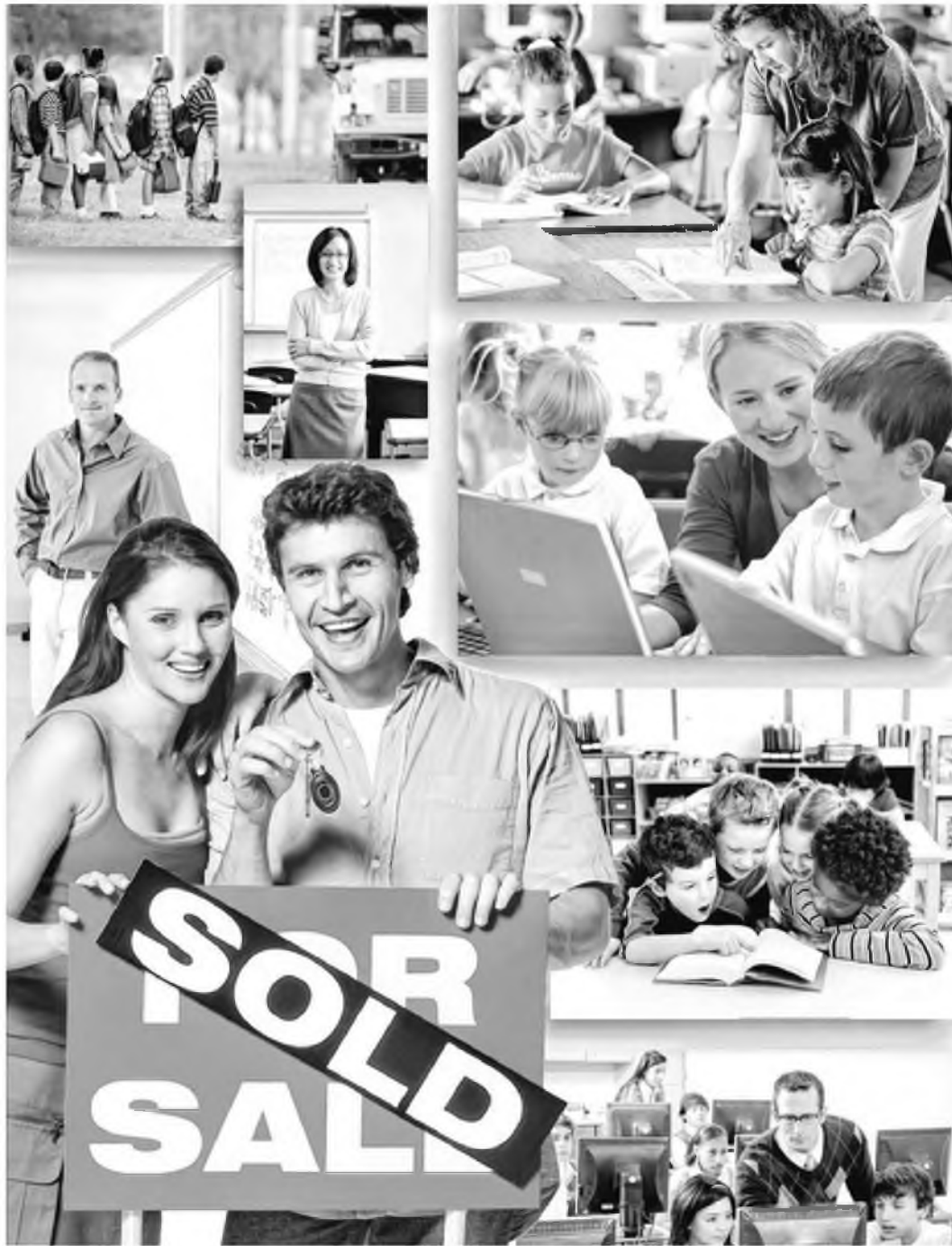
Realtors ask him and colleague educators about curriculum, technology and staff. “We’re very proud of our highly qualified staff,” said Baracy, adding staffers also care about children and teens.

He points with pride to the Midland-based Mackinac Center for Public Policy which gives high educational marks to Wayne-Westland.

Realtor Richard Eisiminger, a Canton resident, served five years on the Wayne-Westland school board during what he noted was a relatively quiet time for school districts. Eisiminger has worked 21 years in real estate and owns his RichRealty, based in Plymouth.

“Very much so, because family and children are the top priority in their lives,” Eisiminger said of school district quality influencing buyers.

“We’re not supposed to recommend one school district over another,” Eisiminger said. “Today’s buyers are much more informed than they were in the past.”



Websites provide extensive information on school districts.

Eisiminger finds prospective buyers look for good schools, which generally mean a safe city with good community makeup. “If there’s good schools, then you’ve got good stuff following,” Eisiminger said.

He agreed, “If we’ve got bad young ones coming up, it’s not a good thing,” noting young people are future leaders, such as those who’ll serve in the Senate and Congress.

Westland resident and Livonia Realtor Meriem Kadi has been in the field almost

20 years, and has been working with National Realty Centers in Livonia about four years. It also has a Birmingham office.

“As a Realtor for many years, I have seen so many different market values and what potential buyers/sellers are looking for when they are thinking about buying and selling,” said Kadi, in her fourth year on the Westland City Council. “I believe that a school district (whether public or private) is still an important factor in some buyers’ decision in deciding on a location.”

Kadi added parents are concerned about bus pickup

and distance, and what drive time, if any, will be related to work schedules. “I still have faith and believe in our public school system or any teaching institute, that our goal would always be to strive for quality when it comes to the education of our children.” Kadi’s glad to see market values rising as well, following a difficult time in the field.

Many parents opt to visit the local elementary, middle or high school, to meet the staff and learn more about the specific school their child will attend.

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Venice not a place for housing bargains

Q: I hear that people are literally moving out of Venice. Has that made it less expensive to live there?

A: No. A hundred square meter apartment can cost over a million euros (\$1.3 million), and there is concern among Venetians that the exodus of the population, which is now less than 58,000, will result in the city being nothing more than museums and hotels since many of the residences are being bought to be converted into them. Living in the suburbs, i.e., the mainland, makes it much easier to carry out one’s daily activities which is the cause of the migration.

Q: Has Croatia recovered from the war in the 1990s to offer reasonable housing as a vacation destination?

A: Yes. Particularly along the Adriatic, the cities and villages have been relatively undisturbed by the war and have seaside villas surrounded by hills and mountains which can be purchased at reasonable prices. Croatia joined the European Union as of July 1, 2013, but the utilization of the euro as a national currency will not take place for several years, which may give a U.S. investor a window of opportunity to get a good deal.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of “Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium.” It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. “Condo Living 2” is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of “Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track,” second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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

BEVERLY HILLS

15842 Buckingham Ave \$160,000
16291 W 14 Mile Rd \$550,000
21805 W 14 Mile Rd \$65,000

BIRMINGHAM

1057 E 14 Mile Rd \$75,000
1448 Haynes St \$127,000
759 Hazelwood St \$625,000
1500 Henrietta St \$360,000
724 Madison St \$535,000
1135 N Glenhurst Dr \$675,000
1363 Smith Ave \$162,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

300 Cranbrook Ct \$1,775,000
1860 Huntingwood Ln \$484,000
1351 Knollcrest Cir # M-52 \$205,000
81 Manor Rd \$589,000
1110 S Timberview Trl \$230,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

2760 Aldgate Dr \$295,000
400 Billingsgate Ct \$181,000

2549 Bloomfield Crossing

925 Dursley Rd \$225,000

264 Eileen Dr \$80,000

2440 Emerson Ave \$235,000

2974 Woodcreek Way \$440,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

325 Anaconda St \$315,000

3570 Clark Cir \$260,000

563 Cranbourne St \$70,000

5287 Lancaster Ln \$285,000

5968 Majestic Oaks Dr \$360,000

3856 Sleeth Rd \$315,000

5880 Turnberry Dr \$459,000

FARMINGTON

32100 Grand River Ave \$48,000

Unit 1

23098 Orchard Lake Rd \$55,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

31007 Applewood Ln \$236,000

27127 Arden Park Cir \$153,000

37026 Aspen Dr \$386,000

27845 Berrywood Ln Unit \$52,000

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35420 Blue Spruce Dr \$220,000

31228 Country Blf \$95,000

35637 Cross Crk N \$270,000

29143 Glencastle Dr \$190,000

38313 Golfview Dr \$329,000

35195 Hillside Dr

27864 Kendallwood Dr

28851 Kirkside Ln

29648 Middlebelt Rd

31145 N Park Dr

29614 Pendleton Club Dr

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3917 Old Plank Rd

432 Pondview Ln

3842 S Shoreline Dr

2925 W Commerce Rd

2487 Woodridge Ct

NORTHVILLE

1176 Concord Ct

38187 Connaught Dr

20858 E Glen Haven Cir

37760 W Greenwood Dr

874 Yorktown Ct

NOVI

\$137,000

\$132,000

\$222,000

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\$223,000

\$362,000

\$477,000

\$80,000

\$400,000

\$729,000

\$130,000

\$399,000

\$115,000

\$285,000

\$67,000

\$242,000

\$125,000

43286 Ashbury Dr

30145 Brightwood Dr

30146 Brightwood Dr

45727 Bristol Cir

50651 Glades Ct E

50932 Glades Ct W

40658 Lenox Park Dr

25558 Portico Ln

22813 Renford St

24411 Surfside Rd

28296 Wolcott Dr

SOUTH LYON

24352 Brentwood Dr

61343 Dean Dr

1032 Gentry Dr

61001 Preakness Blvd

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 13-17, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

50481 Amberwood Rd \$77,000
41697 Bedford Dr \$26,000
50294 Black Horse Ln \$77,000
8301 Chatham Dr \$560,000
369 Elmington Ct \$405,000
51134 Federal Blvd \$77,000
7089 Foxcreek Dr \$235,000
2321 Hogan Way \$174,000
45197 Horseshoe Cir \$137,000
4621 Pond Run \$210,000
6265 Porteridge Ln \$150,000

1732 S Pennfield Ln

1803 S Pennfield Ln

1839 S Pennfield Ln

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33240 Alvin St

647 Belton St

31764 Rosslyn Ave

LIVONIA

19335 Antago St

29454 Bobrich St

29686 Clarita St

34047 La Moyné St

17961 Lathers Ct

18906 Melvin St

37434 N Laurel Park Dr

15049 Nola St

35900 Orangelawn St

19733 Osmus St

19645 Parker St

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\$79,000

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\$60,000

\$55,000

\$83,000

\$44,000

\$45,000

\$41,000

\$163,000

\$56,000

\$118,000

\$150,000

\$135,000

\$141,000

\$95,000

\$134,000

17367 Pershing St

34617 Pinehurst Ct

20225 Rensellor St

38117 S Vista Dr

31634 Scone St

9633 Stark Rd

14207 Stonehouse Ave

31636 W Chicago St

27861 W Stanmoor Dr

18832 Westmore St

27995 Whitcomb St

15613 Woodside St

NORTHVILLE

16897 Carriage Way

48913 Freestone Dr

109 N Rogers St

PLYMOUTH

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9254 Northern Ave

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\$180,000

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\$138,000

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