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By Lonnie Huhman

Staff Writer

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Lighthouses

The Friends of the Northville District Library will present "Lighthouses - From Ancient Times to Modern Michigan" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, at the library.

Photographer Lori Feret will present a fascinating visual presentation about lighthouses.

The free program is presented courte-sy of the Friends of the Library and will the Library and Will be held in the Carlo Meeting Room at the Library. Please call 248-349-3020 to reg-ister. The library is located at 212 W. Cady Street. For more informa-

tion contact Chris Litka at 734-420-4452 or at clitka@gmail.com.

Northville students back in class

Winchester 'larger and busier' on opening day

to their classrooms.

Due to the district attendance boundary changes, some students that were going to Ridge Wood Elementary last year are now going to Winchester. Messing said the enrollment probably has gone from 436 to just over 560 students. Along with this come six new teachers.

One task Messing and teachers were doing early the first day was directing students to the correct classroom. Many of the new students along with their parents had the opportunity to visit the school last spring and during an open house last week, but for many it was still an anxious day.

'I'm a little nervous because



I'm transitioning from second to third grade, so I'm learning a new part of the school," said third-grader Sam Stinson.

It wasn't all nerves for Sam though.

"I'm looking forward to a fun year and seeing all my friends each day," he said.

Winchester teacher Ashley Hoonan gets some help from fourth grader Lilyan Vingren in organizing class supplies on Tuesday – the first day back at school after the summer break. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

This year Winchester is implementing the Leader in Me program, which has had success at other Northville elementary schools like Silver Springs and Moraine. Messing said the goals will be to help students take

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Emperor's New Clothes

Northville's Marquis Theatre is currently running the musical "Emperor's New Clothes" through Sept. 22. Showtimes are Saturdays, Sept. 7, 14, and 21 at 2:30 p.m.; and Sundays, Sept. 8, 15, and 22 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets for all

performances are \$9 each.

For more informa-tion, call the Marquis Theatre at 248-349-8110 or visit www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.



This piece from O'Brien is called "Forgotten Window" and it will appear at ArtPrize. JOHN O'BRIEN

Special ed students headed to P-CCS

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Northville Public Schools have again entered into a cooperative education program agreement that will send a small group of special education students to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools to participate in its GOALS program.

"Both districts feel comfortable that this agreement is fair," Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher told the Board of Education prior to it approving it by a 7-0 vote.

"The Goals program is a post-secondary transition program for students who are eligible for special education services from ages 18-26, who will receive a certificate of completion. The program is designed to support each student's transition from school to community," Gallagher said. This is a renewal of an agreement that has been in place the last two years. Under the contract, Northville will pay Plymouth-Canton \$11,000 per student per year. Six students from Northville will be participating in this program that provides education to special needs students. "If we were to do this program internally, for the number of students we have, our costs would be greater than that," said Gallagher, explaining the logic of the agreement. The GOALS (Growing Our Achievements for Life Success) program is a vocational and life skill based training program for young adults. It's based in Canton and serves students from the Plymouth, Canton and Northville communities.

Power of the lens

Photographer to be showcased at prestigious ArtPrize

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

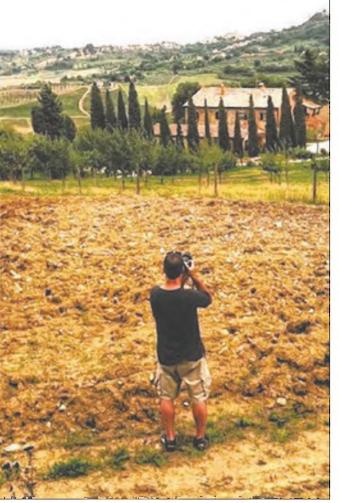
ombining his love for photography and the outdoors has earned Northville resident John O'Brien a place at this year's prestigious ArtPrize event taking place in Grand Rapids.

"I never thought I would be select-ed to be part of such a great event," O'Brien said of the event, which begins later this month and runs into October. "It has been a humbling experience for me. I'm excited and nervous to be showing two of my favorite photos.'

ArtPrize is an international art competition with an unprecedented \$200,000 top prize decided entirely by public vote. For 19 days, art pops up all around the city of Grand Rapids. Riverview Center is one of many venues in Grand Rapids that will organize exhibits for ArtPrize as a way to support the arts and be a part of the exciting event.

O'Brien grew up just down the road from the event in Grandville, Mich., and inherited his love of photography and the outdoors from his father Jack O'Brien. Although much of his photography reflects the landscapes he first discovered and explored in his youth while camping throughout Michigan, he said he has brought his camera on extensive travels through Italy, France, Sweden, Finland, Germany, the Nether-

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Northville resident and photographer John O"Brien, here in Tuscany, Italy, will have two of his photographs competing in ArtPrize later this month in Grand Rapids.

Cooperative agreements

Gallagher said the Cooperative Agreement Program Agreement brought forward for school board consideration was simply the agreement for how the per student funding for the program will be handled between Northville Public Schools and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

'We have other similar agreements between educational entities - for example, we have an agreement with Oakland Schools for a Virtual

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LOCAL NEWS

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Northville's Yakima advances to two-woman finale in 'So You Think You Can Dance' show

By Patricia Montemurrl Gannett Michigan

With her performance two weeks ago, Amy Yakima, 19, of Northville advanced to the twowoman finale to compete for the title of "America's Favorite Dancer" on Fox TV's So You Think You Can Dance.

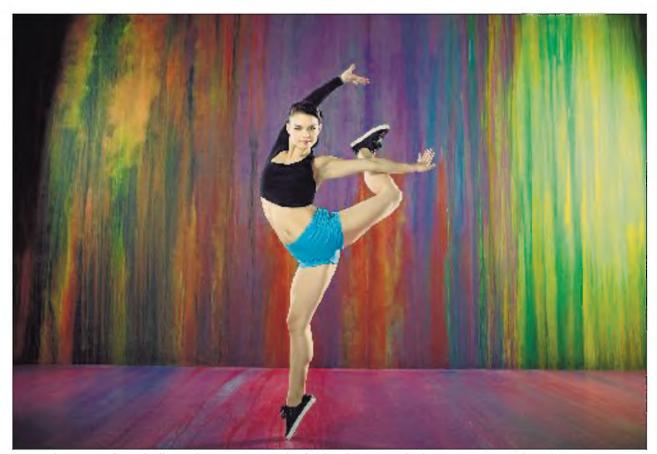
Yakima stood with her eyes closed on stage during the live broadcast last week, holding hands with her two other competitors, as her name was announced for the finale. Her parents, Mary Beth and Dan Yakima, were in the audience in Los Angeles.

The 2011 Northville High graduate made it to the Tuesday, Sept 3, final performance based on viewer votes from her live dance routine on the Aug. 22 episode. She was scheduled to compete Tuesday for the title of "America's Favorite Dancer" against Jasmine Harper of Rochester, N.Y. Viewers voting afterward by text, phone or online will determine the winner, who will be announced during the Sept. 10 show.

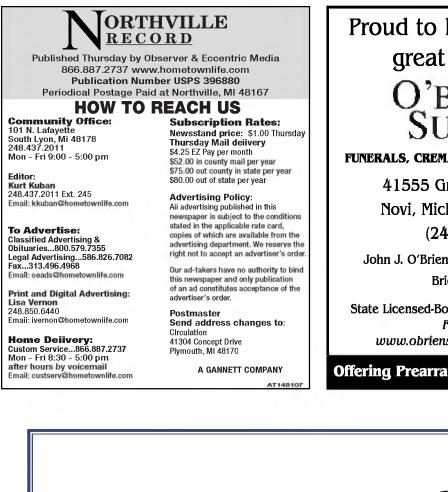
The show crowns both a male and female top dancer. Each will win more than \$100,000.

On last week's show, each of the remaining six contestants performed a solo and two duets before the finalists were announced. Yakima did a contemporary dance solo and then partnered in a duet featuring Bollywood-type moves, as well as a sexy hip-hop number, with Fik-Shun, a hip-hop specialist from Wichita, Kan., who has often partnered with Yakima on duets during the season.

Complimenting Yakima's hip-hop performance afterward, celebrity judge Nigel Lythgoe suggested that performer Miley Cyrus, who outraged many with a performance on MTV



Amy Yakima, 19, of Northville made it to next week's finale of "So You Think You Can Dance" based on viewer votes. MATHIEU YOUNG/FOX



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widely criticized as vulgar, could take a lesson from Yakima's dance.

"Just goes to show, you don't have to put it in someone's face to be sexy, Miley Cyrus," Lythgoe said.

For Yakima, the Sept. 10 show will cap a run of acclaimed dance performances that started with *SYTYCD* auditions earlier this year in Detroit.

If Yakima wins the title, she would be the first person from Michigan to win a nationally televised performance talent competition since the debut of national network talent competitions ushered in by shows such as American Idol, America's Got Talent and SYTYCD.

Yakima took lessons at a Dearborn studio, Noretta Dunworth School of Dance, from ages 3-17. She studied ballet, tap, jazz, contemporary and hip-hop and danced in competitions until graduating high school.

When Yakima was 9, she beat out hundreds of applicants for the coveted role of Clara in *The Nutcracker*, part of the Rockettes' "Radio City Christmas Spectacular" at Detroit's Fox Theatre. She danced there for three seasons before being cast in the Rockettes' New York production.

On Oct. 1, at East Lansing's Wharton Center, Yakima and other dance finalists from the show will kick off a multi-city SYTYCD tour. It starts at the Wharton Center on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing.

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Bentivolio stands by impeachment comments

By Jay Grossman Staff Writer

Representative Kerry Bentivolio is standing by his statement that "it would be a dream come true" to impeach President Obama.

The Michigan congressman spoke publicly Thursday for the first time about several remarks aimed at the president that were made at an Aug. 19 gathering of the **Birmingham Bloomfield** Republican Club.

The conversation, which took place between Bentivolio and one of his supporters, was videotaped and posted on You-Tube. Since then, he has faced a firestorm of controversy: A column in the New York Times by Maureen Dowd suggested his comments were racially motivated, while the Michigan Democratic Party released a video on

YouTube this week, titled "Kerry Bentivolio Deserves a Lump of Coal for Wrong Priorities. Democrat Carl Levin,

a member of U.S. Senate since 1979, offered a one-word reply over e-mail when asked about Bentivolio's comments:



U.S. Rep. Kerry BentÍvollo "Pathetic." FILE PHOTO Bentivo-

lio, first elected to Congress in 2012, does not appear fazed by the criticism.

"I'm going to be quite frank here," he said in a phone interview. "I'd hate to do that to any president because it's a smudge on our government. It's a bad thing and it's bad for the presidency – and I hold that position in high esteem. To be president is a great honor and a privilege. And when I see it being tarnished, whether he's responsible or not, it concerns me.

"I would not do something like this lightly," he continued. "But if he's found to have committed high crimes or misdemeanors as outlined in the Constitution of the United States, my job is to protect the rights of my constituents. If anybody, whether it's a Republican or a Democrat, commits high crimes or misdemeanors, I'm going to put aside party politics and go after that person."

Asked whether he thought there were any grounds to impeach Obama, the congressman said no.

"I don't really give it much thought," he said. "There are other people more concerned about that. I'm more concerned about getting bills

through Congress."

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Bentivolio said he was well aware the conversation with the G.O.P. club was being recorded and would be posted online. He estimated about 20 people were at the meeting, which was held at the Big Rock Chophouse.

He even knew the person who asked him what could be done "to stop this runaway train in the White House." Bentivolio said the constituent is a supporter and that he gave her a hug when he first saw her.

"I said basically you need proof and we don't have the proof. I made that perfectly clear." He also explained

Thursday what he meant when he told the supporter he recently stood 12 feet away from the president "and couldn't stand being there."

Bentivolio said he was referring to a visit Obama had made to the Capitol Building several weeks ago, where the president met in private with G.O.P. House members

"I listened to him when he came to speak to the Republican Party - there were no Democrats in that room – and what he was saying was completely contrary to my belief of a limited and fiscally responsible government," Bentivolio said.

"I do respect the presidency and when I speak to him I'll call him Mr. President. But those policies I'm going to fight because they're not the right policies for America.

He added the president refused to answer any of the questions asked by the House members, and "was preaching more than communicat-

"I serve on the Oversight Committee and we're investigating Benghazi and the IRS as part of that job," the congress-man said. "These are scandals that are going on and people are saying they're not real and they're not a big thing. But when the IRS spends \$3 million for a conference and does a movie for \$50,000 where someone dresses up as Spock, people are a little concerned how they're spending their money. They're curious, naturally curious."

Šo, is it still his dream to impeach the president?

"We have the IRS scandal," Bentivolio said. "It would be a dream to draft such legislation if we found him in violation of committing some high crimes and misdemeanors.'





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Northville High athlete infected with MRSA

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

A case of MRSA has appeared at Northville High School within the athletic program.

In a statement released by the district, Northville Public Schools stated it was notified on Aug. 29 of one confirmed case of MRSA (Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus) at Northville High School (NHS), with an individual in the athletic program. "The District initiated a prescribed cleaning regimen

of the team locker rooms at NHS last evening and is continuing with additional cleaning today until the regimen is completed," according to the statement sent out on the af-

ternoon of Aug. 30. According to the Oakland County Department of Health, MRSA is a type of staph infection that is often found in hospitals or other health care settings. It is resistant to certain antibiotics. MRSA may cause infections in the skin, lungs, and blood.

Factors that have been associated with the spread of

MRSA skin infections include: close skin-to-skin contact, openings in the skin such as cuts or abrasions, contaminated items and surfaces, crowded living conditions, poor hygiene and medical procedures or a stay in the hospital.

Staph bacteria, including MRSA, can cause skin infections that may look like a pimple or boil that can be red swollen, painful, or have pus or other drainage. More serious infections may cause pneumonia, bloodstream infections, or surgical wound infections.

The Department of Health states many staph skin infections may be treated by your doctor by draining the abscess or boil. This should only be done by a health care provider.

Other staph and MRSA infections may require treatment with antibiotics. If you are given an antibiotic, take all of the doses, even if the infection is getting better, unless your doctor tells you to stop taking it. Do not share antibiotics with other people or save unfinished antibiotics to use at another time

Good hygiene helps in preventing infections.

"We appreciate the prompt reporting of this information, and will monitor this concern should there be any additional reports," the school district stated. "Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work to ensure the health and safety of all of our students."

To learn more about MRSA, go to http://www.cdc.gov/mrsa/ groups/advice-for-athletes.

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Locker check

Our Lady of Victory sixth grader Maeve Lopus retrieves some stuff from her locker during the first day of classes on Aug. 27. Some of the young ladies at OLV have tricked-out their lockers, as seen here, with small rugs, wallpaper, and as Maeve has here – with a small motionsensing automatic light. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Madonna professor graduates from SMI

In order to remain at the top of his game preparing students majoring in sports management for careers in the sports industry - Madonna University Assistant **Professor Kevin King** graduated earlier this year from the Sports Management Institute (SMI) executive training program.

King, director of Madonna's sports management program, was one of 23 participants in the 2012-13 SMI training program, which involved two face-to-face courses; one in June of 2012, hosted at the University of Michigan, and one in January 2013, at the University of Texas. His fellow classmates were athletic directors, coaches and other sports pro-fessionals. The five-day schedule of classes was taught by business school faculty and leading sports administrators.

"We were trained in all areas of sports, from fundraising and sports law, to human resources and student-athlete development," King said.

Part of the training involved developing a project that could be implemented at each participant's home university. King was paired with a mentor from the University of Notre Dame, and via telephone and email, they developed a social media policy for student-athletes at Madonna. "It was perfect; two Catholic schools with similar missions, helping to develop a pol-icy for Madonna," King said. Prior to completing the program, he presented his social media policy to the SMI board, during the January session in Austin, Texas.

Once back at Madonna, King worked with Athletic Director Bryan Rizzo to share the social media policy with more

than 100 Madonna student-athletes, and the reception was great.

We made the presentation interactive, with students reviewing different posts on Facebook and Twitter, and I think they got a kick out of it. They also saw the value in following the guidelines outlined in the policy," King said. "Using social media wisely will help our student-athletes protect their reputations, and put their best foot forward as they prepare to enter the workforce."

According to Rizzo, the coaches liked the policy, too.

"I am very happy with what Kevin has done to involve the coaches and student-athletes in the process of creating a social media policy for our department," he said. "Social media is a part of our everyday life now so creating a platform for positive usage has been a nice thing to offer."





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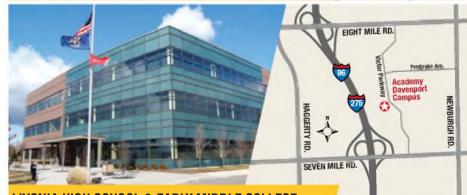




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Terry Lee Dill featured in Art House exhibit

Can a building be autobiographical? Yes, in the hands of artistarchitect Terry Lee Dill. For the past 20 years, Dill has conceptualized fantastical buildings as metaphors of his daily life. His drawings elaborate creations of black ink and gold leaf, shot through with imagery of nature, religion and desire - are constructions entirely for the mind to explore and enjoy. There are hints of Dr. Seuss, M.C. Escher and Erich Mendelsohn in this work.

Dill's work will be on display in a new exhibit at the Northville Art House running Sept. 6-28. Organizers feel the exhibit, called "Di-morphism," will appeal to adults and children alike. Jeff Cancelosi organized the exhibit.

Dill worked after high school in heavy construction on one of the first nuclear power plants in the United States, as the assistant to the head of structural engineering. He went back to school and received first an associate of arts degree in architectural engineering, then a B.F.A. in painting and sculpture from Drake University with the help of the first art scholarship awarded by that school

He earned both an M.A. and an M.F.A. in sculpture from the University of Iowa before he moved to New York City, where he won three New York Foundation on the Arts Fellowships (the first person to win such fellowships in both sculpture and architecture). He holds an M.A. in architecture from Cranbrook Academy of Art, has taught at Detroit's Col-



"Hierophant" (black ink/gold leaf)

ART HOUSE EXHIBITION BY TERRY LEE DILL

» When: Sept. 6-28 » Opening reception: Sept. 6 from 6-9 p.m. with a presentation by Dill at 8 p.m. » Where: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street. Northville

lege for Creative Studies, and has lectured on his work at numerous universities, including Stanford, Yale and Harvard. He continues to work on commissioned art projects, developing new architectural concepts including the design and fabrication of one of the smallest houses in Los Angeles.

The show will open in the Art House's upper gallery with a reception from 6-9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 6. There will be an artist's talk at 8 p.m. the night of the reception. The show will continue through Sept. 28 during Art House gallery hours (Wednesdays-Saturdays, 1-5 p.m.). For more information, call 248-344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org.

New Hope golf outing

New Hope Center for Grief Support will hold its 15th Annual "Good Grief" Golf Outing on Saturday, Sept. 7 at Tan-glewood Golf Club in South Lyon. This event raises money to support New Hope's grief support programs for adults and children. The cost of the outing

is \$125 per person. Nongolfers can also attend the "Gulf Coast" themed dinner and auction for only \$35 per person. Visit New Hope's website at

www.newhopecenter.net for more information. To register, call New Hope at 248-348-0115.

'Dinner with the Dead'

Before you put your Victorian costumes away after celebrating Northville's 25th Victorian Festival Sept. 13-15, move the party down to The Whitney in Detroit. At 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15 psychic and medium Kristy Robinett will host Dinner with the Dead.

Dine at the historic Whitney with guests invited to dress in Victorian costumes for this Victorian experience (costumes are optional). Robinett says spirits are comfortable and more willing to interact with those within their era.

Cost is \$100, and includes a four-course dinner and drinks with a champagne toast, and tour of the Whitney.

To reserve your seat, contact The Whitney at 313-832-5700.

Genealogical society

The Northville Genealogical Society will present "Coolest Find/ Show & Tell" at 1:15 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 8 at the Northville District Library, 212 West Cady, in Northville.

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newspaper clipping, old photographs, letters from family on distant shores? Did you go to a family reunion or visit the family homestead? Come join us and share your genealogical find.

The presentations will take a variety of forms, but all will encourage informal discussions and information sharing. Members will participate, and the public is encouraged to join in. There is no charge to attend the meeting.

Horseless carriages returning to Northville



Mill Race Village will come alive when 25 vintage horseless carriages arrive on Friday. The South Michigan Motorists Chapter of the Horseless Carriage Club of America and the Snapper's Brass & Gas Touring Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America will be hosting its annual Lansing to Dearborn Run preceding the Old Car Festival at The Henry Ford. They will leave Lansing on Friday, Sept. 6 and are expected to reach Northville around noon. For more information contact the Northville Historical Society at 248-348-1845 or visit their website at www.millracenorthville.org. Pictured is Ralph Hollis, a lifelong Northville resident, standing in front of Paul Schaefer's 1909 Brush model D from Valley City, Ohio. TILLIE VAN SICKLE

Individual help on genealogy is offered in the Local History Room at the Northville District Library on Monday afternoons 1-3 p.m. and also by appointment. For more information contact Mary Hazlett at 734-459-5493.

Emergency food

The next distribution of emergency food by Plymouth Community United Way is scheduled Thursday, Sept. 19. The Emergency Food Assis-

tance Program provides low-income Plymouth and Northville residents with canned, non-perishable and perishable items.

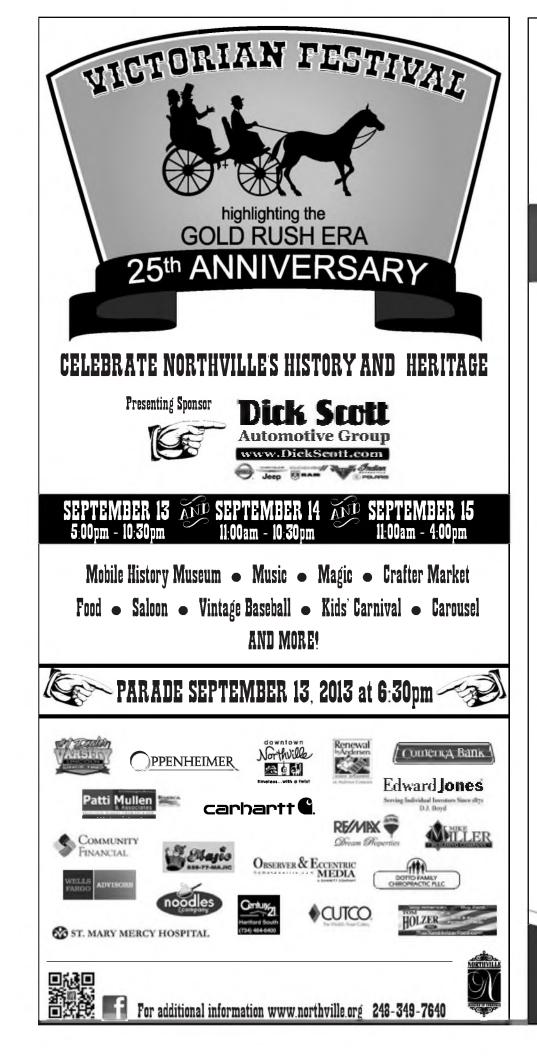
All recipients must pre-register at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth.

This is a supplemental food program that may be used in addition to other assistance programs. Bridge Card holders automatically qualify, but need to preregister. Recipients not currently on governmental assistance (food stamps, ADC and general) must provide documentation including proof of income and residency before receiving food on distribution days.

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

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Area culinary schools prep for offering four-year degree programs

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress knows how important accreditation is to his school's culinary arts program.

It's so important that before the school thinks about cooking up a fouryear degree program, it first wanted the accreditation of the American Culinary Federation, he said. It achieved that goal earlier this summer, earning an 'exemplary" mark.

"It says you know what you're doing and you're doing it well," he said. "I wouldn't be going after the baccalaureate without having first gone after the ACF accreditation."

Schoolcraft College and Oakland Community College recently received word their programs would be accredited for the next seven years, the maximum amount allowed. Both schools received the highest rating possible, which could open the door for the twoyear colleges to begin offering fouryear degrees.

Currently, 10 other institutions in Michigan are accredited with the ACF according to its website, including Macomb Community College, Henry Ford Community College and Washtenaw Community College.

The state approved a bill in the last year that would allow for two-year colleges to offer four-year degrees at their campuses for specific areas of study, including concrete technology and culinary arts. Schools looking to start fouryear programs need to have several approvals before they begin that process

Jeffress said he hopes Schoolcraft will begin offering those four-year degrees sometime in 2015, pending approval.

'We're probably going to be done with our curriculum changes by December; we're going to the HLC (higher learning commission) probably around June of next year," he said. "So the first baccalaureate students will be here probably in June of '15."

Chef Kevin Enright, chairman of the culinary department at OCC, said the college has looked into offering a fouryear degree in the culinary field at its Farmington Hills Orchard Ridge campus, but has nothing set in stone

He said the college's size will hope-fully help if the school decides to try to offer the program for four years.

"We've been encouraged by our administration, and we're kind of a bigger ship than some other colleges," he said. "We are definitely looking at it."

Rigorous program

Chef Shawn Loving, head of the culinary arts department at Schoolcraft, said if the college were to have a fouryear degree, the level at which he work



Culinary student Pajama Praphapantasak of Ypsilanti prepares petit fours, made with almond pound cake and raspberry jam.



Schoolcraft College department chairman Chef Shawn Loving, Chef Chris Misiak and Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress speak about the transition to a four-year BRESLERIS RAPHE

Culinary degrees provide a wide array of career options

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

Ferndale native Drew Sayes has worked as a chef all over the country after graduating with a degree in culinary arts from Oakland Community College.

He started in Dearborn at the Ritz-Carlton before going to places such as Chicago, New Orleans and Los Angeles. Now, he works as the executive chef at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, and said his program prepped him to handle all sorts of jobs in the culinary field.

Before becoming a chef, he had completed most of his requirements for a degree in criminal justice, before changing career paths and becoming a chef.

"I just decided to make it official," he said. "It was very accessible and a great program.'

Students who enroll in a culinary arts program are taught a wide array of subjects including ice carving, international and American cuisine and pastries. Both Schoolcraft College and OCC offer associate's degrees in culinary arts, and OCC also offers a one-year program certificate in pastrymaking

Chef Shawn Loving, director of the culinary program at Schoolcraft, said former students have worked at many high-end retailers and restaurants, including Joe's Produce in Livonia and the kitchens of Andiamo, which has restaurants in Livonia, Novi, Royal Oak and Bloomfield Township.

He said many students enter the program at Schoolcraft with high expectations of where they'll be after graduation. After going through the program, they realize there's a lot more than just going to class

"When they see the rigor, they realize it takes a little longer than they thought," he said. "The real-world experience is what we try to give them. We work in that mix. All of our chef instructors have a unique story."

He said the program watches the development of its students closely, and tries to match them with work that fits their skills. If they don't think the student will succeed, they shy away from recommending them "We won't recommend them in that job because they won't have success," Loving said. Sayes said he's known several students from the culinary program who have pursued careers outside the restaurant scene. Working in hospital kitchens is becoming more predominant, as well as working in research and development for food companies. "There are opportunities pretty much everywhere," he said.

with students would not change.

"I think right now our students are excited because they want to stay around more anyway," he said. "So when even the words came out that we were attempting to go down this road. the excitement became greater just because our students, in a good way, don't want to leave us.

"It's just a great way to continue them on a path."

Currently, an associate's degree from Schoolcraft and OCC in the culinary arts requires students to complete 73 credits in areas such as baking, culinary nutrition and dining room service.

Enright said, if offered, a four-year culinary degree could help teach students more of the necessities for the job outside of the kitchen, including running a restaurant from the business angle or other professions that use a culinary background.

"It would be a higher level of management. It would enhance your skills," he said. "There's more than just restaurants."

Alumni praise their schools

And the support for the schools doesn't just come from the instructors and administration. Students who have graduated and taken jobs in the "real world" attest to the level of education they've received in southeastern Michigan.

Diana Woodward, who teaches culinary arts for Plymouth-Canton Schools, said offering a four-year degree at her alma mater, Schoolcraft, would help keep many students more local.

"A four-year culinary degree is not easy to find. Many students seeking further education leave the state, or opt for a hotel and restaurant management degree at a university," she said. "The four-year program is the icing on the cake."

Currently, Madonna University in Livonia offers a transfer program with Dearborn-based Henry Ford Community College. Students enroll for three years at HFCC and then transfer to Madonna for their last year to complete a degree in hospitality management.

Chef Drew Sayes, a 2003 OCC graduate and Ferndale native, has worked across the country before returning home to Metro Detroit as the executive chef at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham

He said his instructors were clear with him on how the outside world works when it comes to the culinary arts, starting off with low pay and long hours.

"Once I got into the program, they did a great job preparing me for the real world," he said. "I really appreciate the fact that they didn't candycoat it.'

Enright said the Metro Detroit area has always had a strong presence in the culinary field; continued accreditation at area schools shows that southeastern Michigan schools take their programs very seriously.

"The area's always been really strong in culinary. We've been here forever; Schoolcraft has been around forever,' he said. "We're both very-well known in the ACF for quality education."

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"There's a lot of other options out there besides working in a restaurant and hotel."

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The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. The CIP will be available for viewing at the Township office between 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday and on the Township's website beginning September 5, 2013, at www.twp.northville.mi.us. Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Tim Zawodny, Vice Chair Planning Commission

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LOCAL NEWS

'Uncertainty' at Northville Downs has city pondering downtown's future

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

As the city of Northville moves forward on updating its Downtown Strategic Plan, a committee is being formed to look at both city-owned properties and properties that could be changing uses in the near future, especially Northville Downs.

According to City Manager Patrick Sullivan, there has been much discussion among the various city commissions, including the Downtown Development Authority and City Council, about underused properties and areas that could possibly be changing

"There are properties in and near the downtown that are vacant and may be transitioning," Sullivan told the Planning Commission at its July meeting.

Northville Downs

Northville Downs, on the south side of Cady Street, is one potential area that could transition. The horse racing track that has the ability to simulcast races from around the country is nearly 50 acres in size, so its future will play a big part in how the downtown could look years from now.

As far as its future is concerned, Downs operations manager Mike Carlo said it's still relatively unknown. He said the business has changed immensely since the track started in the 1940s

"The future of Northville Downs is uncertain, there's just a lot of uncertainty in our business," Carlo said. "Nobody in this industry has come up with a business model in today's competitive gaming market that makes horse racing stand alone as a profitable business.'

He said the track is breaking even, but has seen many customers leave for the casinos. Carlo said 13 years ago, the Downs was doing a \$150 million a year in business, but now that has decreased to \$50 million. Good cash management has helped the Downs survive, according to Carlo.

There has been state legislation that could have helped horse racing tracks expand their offerings, but it never received approval by the governor and has not been put into play. The track does get many party rentals, so it could become more of an entertainment venue in the future.

Carlo said the owners receive calls from interested parties looking to see if the Downs is willing to sell, especially individual pieces of its property, but no deal has made sense - yet.

"We will be here until we don't make any money," Carlo said.

City's plans

In turn, the revenue the city of Northville receives from the Downs has also decreased in the last decade.

The DDA feels some vacant downtown properties, including the Downs, should be looked at as possible areas to designate for residential zoning.

According to Sullivan, the DDA believes it would be a "good thing to add residential density" near downtown. This past May, a brainstorming session, which was open to the public, was held by the city to develop ideas for updating the plan. This was last done in 2006.

The City Council wants to create a joint committee with the DDA and Planning Commission members to look into the possibilities of the different properties.

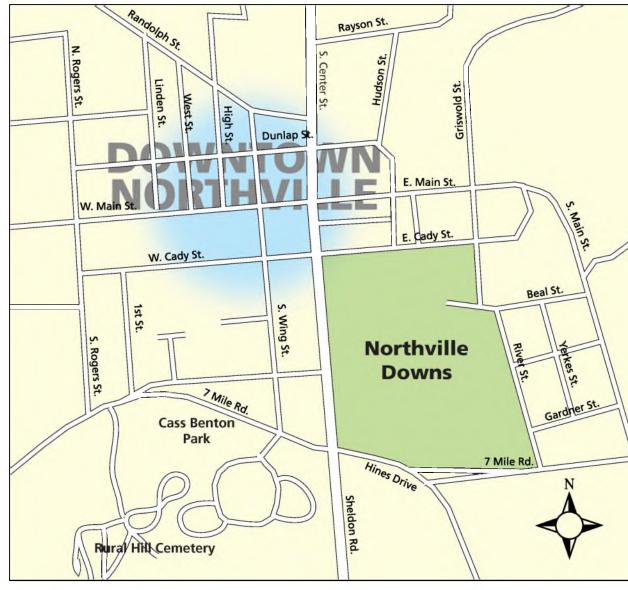
Sullivan said the goal will be "to discuss those properties that are close to downtown and how future land use and zoning might be beneficial to the downtown.'

There is no urgency, but city officials will begin this process in the coming months. This will include revisiting a former study on the possibilities of Northville Downs.

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Mike Carlo, as general manager, is looking for ways to bring more visitors to Northville Downs. Carlo said that since the casinos opened up in Detroit, its business is down more than 60 percent, but it still generates about \$50 million annually. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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Susan Rosiek, a veteran community journalist and publisher, has been named to head the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus and Livingstondaily.com, Gannett Michigan President Joyce Jenereaux announced.

Rosiek, publisher/ executive editor of Observer & Eccentric Media, will also continue to oversee the 13 **O&E suburban Detroit** properties, including Hometownlife.com. O&E and Livingston are both owned by Gannett Co., Inc., one of the nation's leading media and marketing solutions companies, with hold-



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> date upon which Livingston General Manager and Executive Editor Rich

Perlberg has announced he will retire.

"Sue will bring outstanding experience in community journalism to her new Livingston responsibilities and is well-qualified to carry on the tradition of excellence at the Press &

Argus that Rich Perlberg built," Jenereaux said.

Rosiek has spent more than 25 years in journalism, primarily at the Observer & Eccentric, in a variety of reporting and editing roles. She has served as publisher and executive editor of O&E since September 2009.

She is a graduate of Michigan State University and on the boards of St. Joseph Mercy Health System and the Livonia Community Foundation.

Rosiek lives in Plymouth Township with her husband Steve Barnaby. They have a son, Ian Barnaby.

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BRENGLE, RICHARD Ť.

By all accounts, Rick was an extraordinary person. Having grown up on a farm in Salem Township, and from later active study, Rick knew a good deal about how best to raise hay, corn and beans. He loved the roar and smell of a diesel tractor as well as the solitude of plowing fields into beautiful straight rows of little plants; and he could also find a way to fix almost any piece of farm equipment, used cars, or broken toys. Rick was born in Detroit on December 3, 1950. As a young teenager Rick was a State champion skeet shooter and continued to excell in and enjoy that sport for many years, often in the happy company of his brothers and nephews. In high school Rick worked on the year book, was the school newspaper editor, played baseball, was a four-year wide receiver on the football team, and apparently still found time to study as he made his way into the honors program in English at The University of Michigan. Rick finished his MA in both English Language and English Literature and completed the course work and exams for the PhD. While at U. of M. Rick taught himself how to use computers for tracking assessment data on freshman essays and wrote the programs used by the English Composition Board at a time when computer usage was still innovative rather than the norm. In later years he also figured out how to build the two desk top computers in use at home today. After marriage to Ellen and the birth of Andrew and Abigail in Ann Arbor, the family moved to Evansville, IN where Allison was born and where Rick worked as a professor at The University of Southern Indiana. After the death of Rick's mother, Geraldine, the family returned to South Lyon to care for his father, Rolland, where Rick continued to write, earned a contractor's license and a CDL for driving big trucks something he always wanted to do. While living in South Lyon, the family was finally able to have a lovable springer spaniel (Ben) whom Rick would often consider as one of his best friends. In addition to his wife, children, and young grandson, Luca, Rick will be remembered by his many friends, extended family, and his brother Larry (Carolyn), his sister Judith (Michael Finn), brother William (Jill) and brother Robert, for the caring, accomplished and remarkable person he was. Friends and families are invited to join us at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon on Saturday, September 7 from 12:00-2:00 P.M. for conversation and fellowship followed by a short memorial service at 2:00 in Rick's honor. Please also continue celebrating Rick's life with us after the service at the South Lyon Hotel from 3:00 - 6:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rick's name to English Springer RescueAmerica.

BURT, PHYLLIS Age 88, passed away August 29, 2013. Funeral Sat., Sept. 7 10am at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. phillipsfuneral.com



KINNAMON, **BETTY JANE M.**

Age 96. August 25, 2013. Betty Jane was born March 3, 1917 in Detroit, MI to Lola Mary and Frederick William Korness. In 1943 she married Van Buren Gilchrist Kinnamon and were together until his passing in 1962. She is also preceded in death by her sister Fern Caroline Korness-Mitchell in 1992, granddaughter Fern Sarah Nelson in 1999, and son-in-law Robert Paul Barber in 2006. Betty Jane is survived by daughters Fern R. Barber of Farmington Hills and Leah Mary Nelson of Howell; grandchildren Julie Anne Barber-Blankenship (Steve), Randall Scott Barber (Melissa) and Jim Andrew Nel-(Suzette); son greatgrandchildren Korah Marie Nelson, Nicholas Cain, Mason Shane, Nolan Payne; and greatgreat granddaughter Amayah Sarah. Betty Jane graduated as Valedictorian, Class of 1933, at the age of 16 from Detroit Mackenzie High School. She worked for the City of Detroit and private C.P.A. firms. She was a musician/pianist, landscape artist, English saddle rider, and a great Mom! A private family graveside service was held at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi. Memorial tributes may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, Detroit Center, 7401 Chrysler Dr., Detroit, MI 48211 or Farmington Community Band, P.O. Box 3091, Farm-ington Hills, MI 48333-3091 www.thayer-rock.com

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McCRUMB, GERALDINÉ 'GERRY Age 92, a longtime resident of

Northville and Plymouth, passed away August 26, 2013. She was born March 21, 1921 in Northville, Michigan; daughter of Charles and Irene (Fisher) Johnston. Gerry was born and raised in Northville; she graduated from NHS class of 1939. She was united in marriage to Jack B. McCrumb on January 14, 1943; they spent more than 49 loving years together until his death on October 30, 1992. She has lived in Plymouth since 1963 and has enjoyed spending almost every summer in Raber (U.P.) since 1949. Gerry was a dedicated homemaker and a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Northville. She was a member the Questers Club in Northville and a Docent with the Mill Race Village in Northville. She was also a member of the Women's National Farm and Garden Club in Plymouth; where she held many titles including the National President. Gerry loved to garden, travel all over the world, and enjoyed reading. She was an avid craftsperson; she made everything from can-dles to clothing. She was a strong role model for her grand-

children whom she adored. She

is survived by her son David

(Roni) McCrumb; her grandchil-



SMITH, GUY RAYMOND JR.

Of Brighton, Michigan was born June 9, 1931 in Chicago, Illinois and died August 29, 2013. Be-loved husband of Carol for 55 vears. Loving father of Ruth (Ron) Kadykowski and Russell. Loving grandfather of Ronnie Kadykowski. Mr. Smith started his 28 year career in business as a field agent with the IRS. He held positions in underwriting and tax analysis with Chrysler Corporation, Manufacturers Life, and Federal Mogul Corporation. Retiring from Federal Mogul in 1986 as a tax accountant. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Accounting (1958) and a MBA (1976) both from Michigan State University. He had also completed work toward a doctorate of history at Michigan State University. Guy was highly dedicated to community service with involvement in the Boy Scouts of America, a variety of community musical organizations and the City of Novi. He served as councilman for the City of Novi from 1977 to 1983. Guy was actively involved in politics serving as campaign manager for mayoral, council and school board candidates in Novi. He also acted as political advisor for multiple county and state level candidates. Recipient of the "Distinguished Citizen" award from the City of Novi in 1975, he was given a "Special Tribute" by the 83rd State of Michigan Legislature in 1986. Guy's dedication and love of music started at an early age and continued on throughout his life. Studying at the Chicago Conservatory of Music and the Vandercooke School of Music, while still in high school, he eventually studied music as a student at Michi-gan State College and was a member of the marching band. He has played with the Chicago Symphony, Gross Point Symphony, Mount Clemens Symphony and conducted both the Livo-nia Community Band and St. Clair Shores Symphony. In 1971 he founded the Novi Community Concert Band and served as conductor until 1980, he rejoined the band in 2009 as a musician member playing tuba. In 1979, Guy joined the Fifth Michigan Regiment Band as conductor and music arranger. The Civil War reenactment group has performed at many events through-out the United States under his 34 years of dedication, friendship and leadership. Guy's interest in history and music came together in his genealogical research and heraldry. He published the history of one branch of his family - Captain John Smith and his wife, Margaret - from 1698 to 1978, and also published transcriptions of Civil War music for a Brass Band. Guy was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather. In his free time he enjoyed traveling and with his wife Carol to historic spots around the world. He was a member of the Augustan Society; Hereditary Order of Armigerous Augustans; Society of Mayflower Descendants; Colonial Order of the Crown; Plantagenet Society; Magna Carta Barons; Heraldry Society of the USA; Society of Descendants of Knights of the Most Order of the Garter; Missouri Historical Society, and Phi Mu Aplha. Visiting hours will be held from 9:30AM - 11:00 AM on Saturday September 7th at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Avenue. Novi MI 48375-1822. Followed by a memorial service held at 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Saturday, September 7th at O'Brien/ Sullivan Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be directed to Angela Hospice or Michigan Heart.

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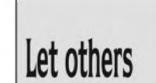
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Age 84 of Milford, passed away Friday, August 23, 2013 surrounded by her loving family. She was born August 31, 1928 in Helena, Montana, the daughter of Minor D. and Violet I. (Jovin) Vanderpool. Wife of the late James Ted Fleming (9/17/1972), whom she married May 17, 1947. They raised their children in Westfield, Massachusetts and Bay City, MI; daughter, Barbara (Bruce) Shaw of Howell, MI, Constance Fleming of Milford, MI and Lynn (Scott) Jenkins of Rapelje, Montana. Also surviving are five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and her brother, Dennis Vanderpool. Visitation held was at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Mass of Christian Burial was at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 2099 N. Hacker Road, (at M-59), Howell, MI 48855. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Bay City, MI. Memorial contributions may be to the Church or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please visit the family's

online guestbook at macdonaldsfuneralhome.com MacDonald's Juneral Home



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Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Web: www.emmanuel-livo-

nia.org

Contact: 248-442-8822 Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30

a.m. and 11 a.m.

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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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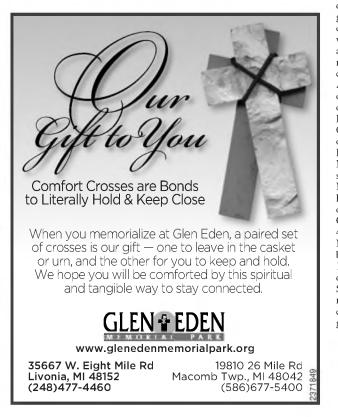
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Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org

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Thursday schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study

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Location: 200 E. Main Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.fpcnorthville.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

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Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Contact: 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org

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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)

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September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the Northville District Library joins with the American Library Association and public libraries nationwide to make sure that students have the most import school supply of all - a free library card.

Resources at the Northville District Library are available to anyone who has a library card. Students can turn to the library for materials, programs and services that support academic achievement.

Students can use their library cards from home, too. Northville District Library offers access to

important educational resources, like online research tools covering all subjects from science to social studies to the arts; free daily on-demand online homework help from Brainfuse certified tutors; language learning help and much more.

"Our library provides students with the tools they need to succeed," says Julie Herrin, Library Director. "Our newest online resource is National Geographic Virtual Library, which allows library cardholders access to National Geographic Magazine and full-text books published by National Ĝeographic. Research resources like this, plus so many more that students can access from the library or from home - all with a free library card benefit students.3

Throughout Septem-ber, any child who is a Northville resident, and who can write their own name, can get their own library card and receive a fun gift bag.

The library is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m, and Sundays from 1-5 p.m. Call 248-349-3020 or visit www.northville library.org for more information.

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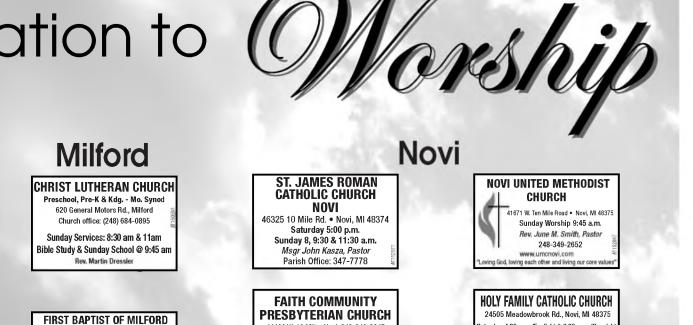
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Wish you were here



Northville residents Doc (second from left) and Maggie (third from right) Fletcher took their Northville Record with them on a paddle down the Pere Marquette River in northern Michigan over the Labor Day weekend. "The P.M. is my favorite river, as well as the subject of my new book, and seemed like the perfect place to bring my hometown newspaper along for a ride," said Doc Fletcher, who has published several books about canoeing in Michigan. The next time you go on vacation, take along The Record, snap a photo, and email it to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com.

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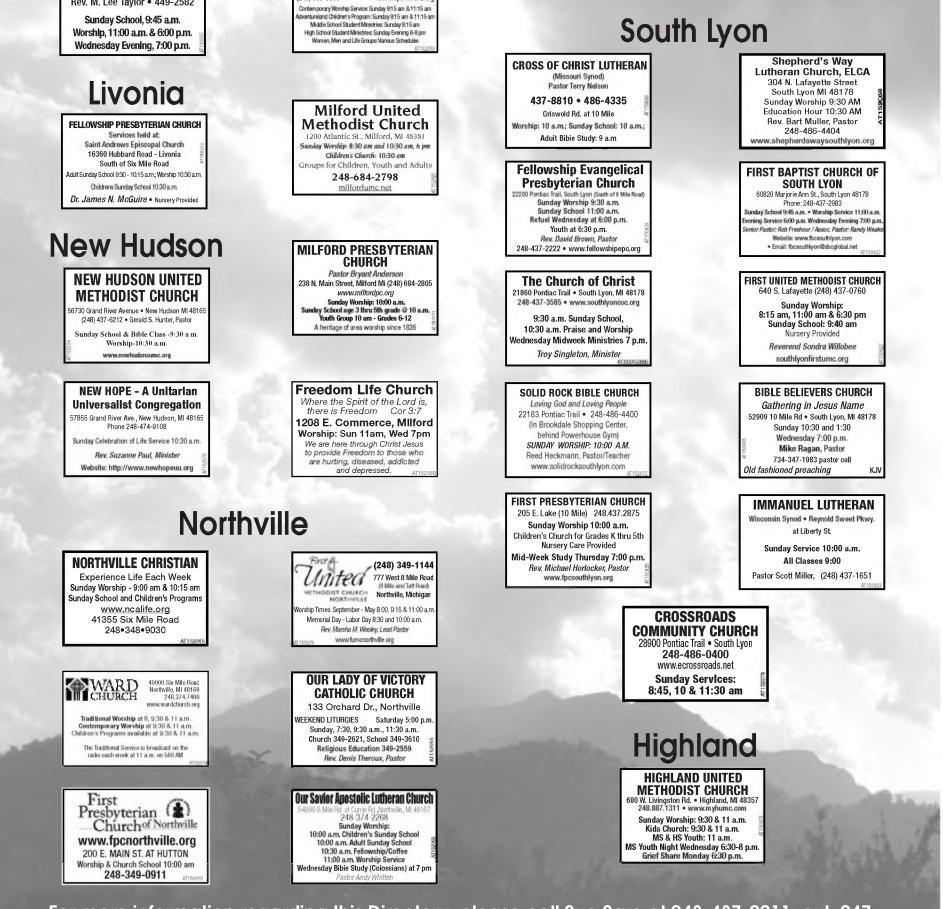
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Annual AAUW tour to feature 'three centuries of homes'

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

If you'd like to learn more about local architecture, the doors will soon open wide.

The Northville-Novi Branch of the American Association of University Women will hold its 18th annual Home Tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21.

It features six homes in Novi and Northville with varying architecture and interior design.

'It's three centuries of homes, so there's a variety of homes," said Jane Hecker, an AAUW member and Northville Township resident chairing the fundraiser. "This is our major fundraiser. We are supporting a number of community initiatives."

Those include scholarships for students from Novi and Northville headed to college, as well as transition-type programs for women at Schoolcraft College and **Oakland** Community College.

AAUW works toward



This attractive home will be featured on this year's AAUW Home Tour.

promoting equity, education and development for women in local, national and international communities. The Northville-Novi Branch also supports the Mercy Education Project in Detroit, along with the local math enrichment program, Let's Read Math, offered to second- and third-

graders.

The group also supports, through AAUŴ, doctoral-level studies. "Most of what we raise stays here locally,"

Hecker said. Tickets for the Home Tour are \$20. Tickets are on sale at:

» Starring "The Gallery," 118 W. Main St.,

Northville

» Gardenviews, 117 E. Main St., Northville » Pear-Aphernalia, 184 E. Main St., Northville » Meadowbrook Art Center, 41200 10 Mile,

Novi » Calico Corners, 25875 Novi Road, Novi » Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 S.

Main St., Northville. Tickets are also available online at www.aauwnn.org Tickets ordered online can be picked up the day of the tour at Starring "The Gallery" in the 120 W. Main Hallway from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Parking is available on Main Street or at the rear of the store.

Hecker is working with Karen Zyczynski of Novi, last year's chair, with Zyczynski on acquisitions, lining up homes.

'There are two Victorian homes," Hecker said. One home will offer tour visitors a private estate sale.

The tour is self-guided, with hostesses at each home to note architectural features and furnishings.

Two homes will feature recent total kitchen remodels, with the designer available for questions.

One home on the tour is owned by an interior designer.

Craft items will be sold at one site, with a couple showing vintage cars. Hecker mentioned a 1936 Packard, as well as a restored Mustang and restored Corvette.

The ticket purchase price is fully fax-deductible. Last year's event drew 500 and Hecker and other organizers hope to equal or exceed that.

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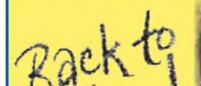
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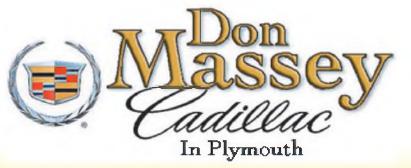
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OPINION

Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

School's open: Slow down and watch for kids while driving

Now that school has started for most area students, we encourage motorists to watch out for young pedestrians.

Crashes involving vehicles and pedestrians make up less than 1 percent of total crashes, but fatalities involving pedestrians make up nearly 22 percent of all fatalities, according to the South-east Michigan Council of Governments. And pedestrian accidents are on the rise in southeast Michigan, as more people are walking as part of a healthy lifestyle, SEMCOG reports.

Keep in mind that children are often distracted or are unable to accurately judge traffic situations while on their way to and from the bus stop or school

Motorists should:

» Watch for pedestrians at all times and always be prepared to stop for them.

» Before making a turn, look in all directions for pedestrians crossing.

» Keep the windshield clean and headlights on.

» Stop or yield to pedestrians at crosswalks, whether marked or unmarked.

» Never pass/overtake a vehicle that is stopped for pedestrians.



» Obey speed limits in school zones. They are in place to save lives. According to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, a pedestrian struck by a vehicle going 25 mph is nearly two-thirds less likely to be killed as compared to a pedestrian struck by a ve-

hicle traveling 35 mph.

Motorists should also learn and obey the school bus laws.

Each year, nationally, about 19 children are killed in school bus-related traffic crashes, according to AAA. On average, six are passengers on the bus and 13 are pedestrians.

» Yellow flashing lights indicate that the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop.

» Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop sign is withdrawn and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.

Parents can help their children stay safe by teaching them the following rules for walking to and from school or the bus stop:

» Use extreme caution when crossing the street, especially when dark.

» Walk, don't run, when crossing the street. » Stand clear of hedges, parked cars or other

obstacles so drivers can see you.

» Always walk on the sidewalk; if there is no

COMMUNITY VOICE

How do you feel about the state Senate passing the Medicaid expansion bill last week?

This question was asked in downtown Northville.



"I'm for it. It's really a necessity."

Grace Traicoff Northville



"It's a complex issue, but in general I'm supportive of it."

> **Gary Kaufman** Northville



"I'm not really fond of government expansion."

Sandy Washburn Northville



"It's a bad thing. They just want us dead and the debt is so high I'm not sure how our younger generation will deal with it."

Brad W. Northville

LETTERS

Let it stand

I think that neighbor, Maureen Hayes, needs to find something else to occupy her time. At this point it looks like the home is already constructed and almost finished. I am not sure how Ms. Hayes expects the Brossoits to get the home within compliance, short of tearing it down. Since the home has been built on the previously existing foundation of the original home, I don't see a problem, and the design received HDC approval. I am saddened to see a neighbor go to such extremes as to take this family to court.

This looks like a beautiful home which will be a welcome addition to the community. Maybe Ms. Hayes would prefer to live next door to an abandoned, burned out house.

Carol Maynard Northville

Delicious food truck fare

While visiting the Northville Food Truck Rally on Aug. 25, I was shocked to find a very unique truck. The Shimmy Shack, a food truck serving vegan and gluten-free versions of typical rally fare, was one of the best meals I have eaten - which was particularly surprising, as I would describe myself more as a "meatitarian." What I ate there was some of the best rally food I have tasted made with some of the most peculiar, but tasty, ingredients. I would recommend this truck without hesitation. While there, I ordered a burger made with a garbanzo bean patty, tomatoes, and lettuce; a chocolate shake; a cookie; and sweet potato fries. At first, I was not sure what to expect when I asked for the burger, as I had never eaten something like it. After one bite, though, I was satisfied. It also had a unique, but flavorful taste, something that can be hard to get with a "standard" meat patty with "standard" condiments. The cookie was enjoyable, and the shake had a delicious banana undertone. The best part of the meal, though, were the fries. When I had eaten sweet potato fries before, they had either been sweet, which really was not enjoyable, since I had expected something savory, or they had tasted like orange potato fries. However, these fries were different. They had a taste of their own, not too sweet but not the same as potato fries, that I truly enjoyed. In my experience, it has been hard to find vegan versions of common fare that are enjoyable in their own right It is not hard to find the Shimmv Shack, though. They post their upcoming locations to their website at shimmyshack.com. They have been in existence for only a few months, but this truck from South Lyon is currently the only food truck in Michigan to serve vegan and gluten-free food as its main cuisine. They are already gaining recognition for this; Shimmy Shack has been featured in many area newspapers and programs. But Shimmy Shack has not let this influence their food. It is wonderful, and whether or not you are looking for vegan or gluten-free food, Shimmy Shack is worth at least a try. Their bestselling burger is the Southwest burger, but anything they have is tasty and well-made. To find their next location, simply visit their Web page

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Work still needed

"I Have A Dream" is probably one of the most famous phrases in today's society. Everyone from the very young to the very old can tell you where this phrase commenced. However, not everyone who knows where this phrase originated, can tell you what the speech or the March on Washington was drawing to its attention.

The big issues were protecting the right to vote, unemployment and employment discrimination. A few of the issues discussed at the 50th Anniversary March, held recently on Aug. 28, are voting rights, inequality and injustice relating to jobs.

Fifty years later, our nati

employment insurance, lost tax revenue, and many other social costs due to the 700,000 jobs per month that were lost each month in the final months of the Bush Presidency count?

The national debt is approaching \$17 trillion, but in connecting the dots to this problem, you have missed most, if not all of the "dots" that got us there. It took 200 years and 40 presidents to amass one trillion in national debt prior to Ronald Reagan. After eight years of Reaganomics, and what George Bush Sr. called "voodoo economics," the debt was almost \$3 trillion. Spending on things like Star Wars, tax breaks for the well off, interest on the ever increasing debt, etc. started a debt spiral that has had real staying power. Especially since President Clinton raised taxes, and helped create 23 million jobs and handed George Bush a 500 billion dollar annual budget surplus, which President George Bush promptly squandered, and proceeded to double the national debt in his eight years in office to \$10 trillion.

You see Mr. McLaughlin, many people have a hard time admitting that Republicans haven't a problem with spending money, they have proven they have a beyond serious problem paying for their spending. I'm not surprised you give no facts to support your claim of "give away spending" under President Obama, but many on the right make wild statements and accusations, thinking that everyone just crawled out from under a rock, and haven't actually witnessed what Republicans have done over the last 30 years. Until those on the right are willing to look for solutions to the deficit problem, it will continue. President Obama has repeatedly proposed multiple things that would begin to address this and many other problems, but when your only purpose in governance is to obstruct, you aren't really conservatives, you are just obstructionists.

sidewalk, walk facing traffic.

» Watch for cars reversing in parking lots and near on-street parking spaces.

» Cross streets at marked crosswalks or intersections, if possible.

» Obey traffic signals such as walk/don't walk signals.

» Look left-right-left before crossing a street or stepping into traffic.

When riding a school bus, children should be instructed to:

» Get to the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive and stand at least five giant steps (10 feet) away from the edge of the road

» Wait until the bus stops, the door opens and the driver says it's OK before stepping onto the bus

» If you must cross the road to enter the bus. walk in front of the bus; never walk behind the bus

After exiting the bus, children should be reminded to:

» Be alert to all traffic.

» Be sure the bus driver can see them and they can see the bus driver. Tell the bus driver if they drop something beside the bus. Never try to pick it up because the driver may not be able to see them

» Take five "giant steps" out from the front of the bus and make eye contact with the bus driver if they have to cross the street in front of the bus.

The start of school is an exciting time of year. As motorists and/or parents, let's do everything we can to make it a safe time of year.



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Kurt Kuban, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor

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Anthony Volk Northville

grapples with the same issues. The national unemployment rate was 5.6 percent when the march took place in 1963. Fifty years later the unemployment rate is 7.8 percent – 2.2 percent higher. Although, the labor force, the recession and the economy play a role in the lack of employment; we as individuals can do something to help.

How? We can offer to start an employment training program at local community centers or churches. Baby Boomers that are capable and more experienced can help the younger generations by mentoring them. Most of all, we can encourage the unemployed and underemployed not to give up.

I salute how far we've come, and so many great victories for economic justice and civil rights have been won in the decades since the March on Washington. Of course, there is still much work to be done. In 2013, the economic gap between the haves and have nots still persist.

As I reflect on this historic event, I know that if we remember and believe that everyone plays a part, then the decline in unemployment and struggle over voting rights will be more immediate and that part of the dream can be realized

Nancy Quarles Oakland County Commissioner

Connecting the deficit dots

Man was I grateful to read that Ernie McLauglin (Letters, Aug. 22) agrees that President Obama has "basically been under the Bush tax policies since he has been in office." Does that mean that you agree that the real reason for the continued deficits and increasing national debt since President Obama took office is because we are still under the tax and revenue deficit policies created by President Bush? Does that mean that you also realize that President Obama inherited a structural deficit, which included two wars that were unpaid for; huge tax breaks for the first time in our history in a time of war – unpaid for; a prescription drug program passed under President Bush unpaid for. Do increased un-

Steve Lawrence Northville Township

Enact an alternative

As our state government continues to wrestle with the issue of Medicaid expansion and the implications of enacting Obamacare, I would like to encourage everyone to take a minute and look at a proposal from State Sen. Patrick Colbeck that would enact a free market alternative to expanding Medicaid. Colbeck's plan would provide greater access to quality care at a lower cost rather than expand government and place a greater tax burden on the backs of our residents

In particular, Colbeck's bills (SB's 459 and 460) would return healthcare decision-making to doctors and patients, promote the return of insurance to risk management not benefit management, limit government control of health plans to definition of minimum essential benefits, protect patient health information from government and significantly reduce the costs for quality care yielding savings for taxpayers and a boost to our economy.

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Interstate 275 ramp work to start with I-96 shutdown on horizon

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

Construction will most likely begin later this month on a temporary ramp widening on I-275 in Livonia in anticipation of larger traffic volumes due to the I-96 shutdown next year.

The Michigan Department of Transportation is set to widen the southbound exit ramp to Six Mile off I-275 this fall. The \$195,000 project

The \$195,000 project will extend the left turn lane on the ramp to accommodate the larger



volume of traffic expected to get off at the exit next year when I-96 is closed through Redford and Livonia.

"The existing turn lane is a single lane. At the top of the ramp, it flares out," said Rob Morosi, spokesman for MDOT. "We are going to extend that left turn lane about halfway down the ramp."

Morosi said while the project was originally announced as starting this week, he doesn't expect any work to begin on the ramp until next week. It's expected to last until November.

With the additional pavement, more cars will be able to sit and wait at the stoplight on the ramp, as opposed to backing up and extending out into traffic during busy times on the freeway.

This modification is the only one scheduled by MDOT on other state roads to accommodate traffic in anticipation of next year's shutdown, Morosi said.

He said the I-96 project, which will shut down the freeway from Telegraph in Redford to Newburgh in Livonia, still remains on schedule to begin sometime in late January-early February.

The \$150 million project will reconstruct both sides of the freeway and include renovations to 37 bridges in the two communities.

Some other ramp work along the freeway is expected to take place at the end of this year.

The City of Livonia is currently making repairs to Schoolcraft Road eastbound between Newburgh and Farmington in anticipation of higher traffic levels on that road as well.

He said the ramp extension would only be temporary and will not be a permanent fixture at the southbound exit ramp.

The improvements will only last as long as the I-96 shutdown.

Afterward, the ramp will return to its current state.

"The pavement we're putting in is designed and expected to last 16 months," he said.

"If we were to put this in for the next 30 years, the price could have been five, six, seven times the cost."

The official detour around I-96 during the shutdown will include other state trunklines such as the Southfield Freeway, I-275, I-94, I-696 and the Lodge Freeway.

Morosi said the work will be done during daylight hours, and that workers will not interfere with traffic looking to exit during the construction, but drivers may reduce their speed when they see the work crews out.

"There will be work taking place in close proximity to traffic, that will slow people down more," he said.

"For the next month and half, you will see slower traffic."

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Powerhouse demolition complete



Contractors have completed the demolition of the old powerhouse and maintenance facility at the site of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile. The two buildings were close to the hospital's south property line and adjacent to Maple Hills Subdivision and Northville Trails subdivision. Demolition began last year, but was halted due to large amounts of asbestos found in the powerhouse boilers. In April, the Northville Township Board of Trustees allocated funds from the general fund to cover the extra costs not covered by a federal grant. Adamo Group, Inc., the contractor hired by the township, finished the demolition last week. "They completed their work in a professional and timely fashion and under budget," said Tom Casari, director of Public Services.

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ownership over their learning and set their own goals.

Another big task for the first day and weeks will be drop-off and pick-up. Messing said they have instituted a newer way of doing things. As parents pull into the one way drive in front of the school there is a red stripe along the sidewalk that signifies the no parking area during the morning arrival and afternoon pickups. The school is looking for parent volunteers to help with this procedure.

With more students it means there are more parents, so Messing also said they hope parents will take advantage of the different groups they have at the school. PTA, the Lighthouse Team and the newly created Dad's Club are some of the ways parents can get involved and become engaged. "We're excited

we re excited about this year and having a full house," said Messing. "All of these new things are coming together at the right time, and we will have an opportunity to redefine who we are and what we want to accomplish."

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Winchester students leap around during their gym class Tuesday on a new surface recently installed in their gymnasium. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Winchester teacher Ashley Hoonan leads her classroom in a late morning session on Tuesday. Northville school kids had only a half day on their first day of classes. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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lands and the Caribbean. He is thrilled to represent his hometown as artists from around the world converge on Grand Rapids to show their work, spark conversation and vie for the

valuable cash awards. Two photographs of his have been selected for an exhibition at Riverview Center, an office building at 678 Front Avenue adjacent to the historic Sixth Street Bridge and Grand River Walk. It's estimated 200,000 vehicles pass the site on any given day and many more people will see it as well when they visit to walk around and see the many great works of art.

O'Brien now lives in Northville with his wife Terri and daughters Lauren and Darbi, who he said grew up in front of their father's lens and helped deepen his appreciation of the power of photography.

His wife entered him in ArtPrize and the Riverview Center immediately jumped on the chance to display "Tracks on Tin Shanty Bridge Road" and "Forgotten Window." To support O'Brien's

work during ArtPrize, vote for No. 54774.

ArtPrize takes place from Sept.18 through Oct. 6.

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Learning Academy Consortium High School program, and a Cooperative Education Agreement with Livonia Public Schools for Career Technical Education," she said. "These programs add to the range of educational opportunities available to students, based on their specific needs." There were two parents on hand at the school board meeting to voice their concerns, but not necessarily about the GOALS program. It was about the district's options for autistic students and the idea of having some students sent to other school district programs.

The parents said they have autistic children and want to see Northville expand rather than see the school district send some special needs students out of district. "We need an expansion of the program here in Northville," said parent Ed Omahen.

Gallagher explained it's been a common practice for the district to look for help from other established neighboring community programs.

"Entirely separate from the programs having cooperative education agreements, Northville Public Schools is part of the Wayne RESA Special Education Plan, wherein there are county-funded Special Education Programs that are a part of our continuum of services for students with special needs," she explained the funding process for programs like this.

She further said these programs are funded through Wayne County Act 18 Special Education funding, and are located in districts across Wayne County. Cooke School, for example, is an Act 18 funded Special Education program located in Northville that draws students from Northville, as well as from other Wayne County Districts. Similarly, other districts have County funded Special Education Programs drawing students from across Wayne County.

The school board did assure both parents their concerns were heard and would be considered.

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Mustangs start slow, but beat Plymouth

Soccer team has strong second half for victory

> **By Sam Eggleston** Correspondent

It wasn't the kind of game coach Henry Klimes wanted to see his team play, but when all was said and done Aug. 28 in the match against the Plymouth Wildcats, the Mustangs

still walked away with a win. The team had a rough start throughout the first half of play, but bounced back to earn a goal and the 1-0 victory.

'It was not a good start, but we played the second half much better," said Klimes, who noted his team had to start showing signs of improvement to compete with the better

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys soccer team will be back on the pitch when it visits Salem at 7 p.m. today and hosts Novi at 7 p.m. Monday. The team will then visit South Lyon at 7 p.m. a week from today.

teams in the division, like Livonia Stevenson, a team the Mustangs were slated to play Tuesday (after the sports section went to print).

Despite the less-than-stellar play in the first half, the Mustangs led the only statistical category that mattered when the game was finished, and that was the score.

Northville's lone tally came off the foot of senior Collin Watkins, who picked up the goal with a nice shot past the

Wildcats goalie. None of Plymouth's shots were able to penetrate the Northville defense, as senior Steve Jansen earned the shutout between the posts. Northville climbed to 3-1-1 on the season with the victory.

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Northville stalls against Lakeland

By Jeff Theisen Sports writer

Lakeland quarterback Ross Heiman admitted he was tired after securing a 14-10 win in the opener at home against Northville.

He should be.

Heiman ran for 179 yards on 22 carries and also hit 2-of-6 passes for 62 yards. One hundred of those yards came in the second half. It was yards came in the second nair. It was also Heiman's dodging and weaving 58-yard TD run with 7:37 to play that put the Eagles ahead for good. "It was amazing," he said. "Our line battled against that big defen-

sive line they had.

"They smoked us two years ago on our home field. I know we beat them last year, but we still didn't feel like we had their respect after last year, so we had to gain it here.'

Northville had one last drive to try to pull out the win, but Beau Wilhelm batted away a deep pass in the end zone on fourth down to take over with 1:11 to play. Heiman ran the clock out from there.

Lakeland lineman Austen Yeomans had three sacks on the night and was second on the defense with seven tackles. One of his sacks came on Northville's final drive.

'It was the most fun I've had playing football," he said. "I didn't think we were going to hold them to 10 points. The corners and safeties and everything came out to play



Shamrocks showcase talent at invitational

Michael Dube compiles 6-0 start to season

> **By Sam Eggleston** Correspondent

Playing in the Forest Hills Central Invitational is a great way for any tennis team to start the season, giving players plenty of talent to test themselves against while still being competitive enough to learn and grow.

For Detroit Catholic Central, there was plenty of education happening, with Shamrocks on both the receiving and the giving end of the lessons.

At No. 1 singles, it was Detroit Catholic Central's Michael Dube running the clinic. He educated several opponents on his way to a flight championship and a 6-0 start to his senior season.

He started the day with a victory over Rockford's Mark Veitengruber before defeating Thomas Bellio of St. Joseph 6-2, 6-2. In the champi-onship game, Dube picked up a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Forest Hills Central's Evan Taylor for the title.

"Michael has been a tremendous leader for us on and off the court," coach Joe Stafford said.

"His attitude and on-court sportsmanship are everything you would nope for from a CC senior captain. His game is bigger than last year and he is motivated to win the elusive No. 1 singles state title that

Northville scored on its opening drive, when senior quarterback Joe Hewlett scampered in from 51 yards out

Heiman answered with 1:38 to play in the first quarter from 4 yards out.

The second quarter was scoreless, but Northville fumbled twice in the red zone, one of which was at the 1-yard line to keep the game tied at 7-7 at the half.

"I'm very disappointed in the outcome, obviously," Northville coach Mike Ladach. "We've got to

Mustang running back P.J. Schnepp gets past Lakeland's Colin Papler for a gain during the season opener on Aug. 29. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

protect the football better. That is the primary principal of what we teach - ball security. When we turn the ball over and the other team doesn't, our chances of winning are cut down tremendously.

"Our defense did play well. I'm not at all disappointed in our players' effort. We did not tackle very well and that's concerning. They were trying to make plays, but we've got to do a better job of playing within

the framework of our defense and playing disciplined football.'

Northville kicker Zach Wilds had the lone points of the third quarter with a 39-yard field goal midway through. It would be the last points for the Mustangs.

"That was just a great high school football game," Lakeland coach John Maltese said. "Both schools played

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ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central tennis team will be back on the court when it plays at 4 p.m. today at DeLaSalle before hosting the Catholic Central Invitational at 8 a.m. Saturday. The team will then play Tuesday against West Bloomfield and visit Brother Rice a week from today, with both matches starting at 4 p.m.

Girls cross country squad already looking strong, as expected

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs Invitational is a non-scoring meet designed to help coaches see how their team is running, give harriers live competition experience and keep the pressure of scoring out of the equation

But if anyone had been keeping notes last week at Cass Benton, the end result would have been a dominant victory for the Northville Mustangs girls cross country team at both the junior and senior level and the freshmen and sophomore race.

'It was extremely hot and humid, but I was pleased with the performances," Nancy

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls cross country team is slated to run again Saturday at West Bloomfield before hosting South Lyon East at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Smith said of her team. "The humid conditions took a toll on a lot of the runners as they have not really been exposed to these conditions much this summer."

It's hard to tell that any of the girls were slowed by the conditions. In the junior and senior race, Rachel Coleman took second in 19:30, followed by Erin Zimmer in fourth with a time of 20:24. Not far behind was Nicole Mosteller, who ran a 20:36 for fifth place, while

Alison Robinson ran a 20:51 for seventh and Megan Kerr finished with a 22:33 for 23rd.

In the underclassmen race, Lexa Barrott won it all, turning in an impressive time of 19:38, while Emma Herrmann finished with a 20:15 for third and Cayla Eckenroth was sixth with a 20:36. Taylor Gattoni ran a 21:33 for 10th, followed by Hailey Harris with a 22:04, which was good for 12th. Emma Smith finished in 22:18, while Paige Zimmer ran a 22:50.

"Lexa Barrott clearly showed that she is ready to run, winning the freshmansophomore meet and at the same time making the record

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The Northville girls cross country team gathers together following the Northville Mustangs Invitational last week. Though the meet was not scored, the Mustangs had standout performances throughout the lineup. NANCY SMITH



Mustangs boys have strong showing at invitational

Boys cross country team showcases depth, speed

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

It was a race that carried no final scores, but that didn't stop the Northville Mustangs boys cross country team from turning in its absolute best performance.

And had scores been kept? Well, Northville would have walked away with pretty impressive season-opening scores, having run to some of the top spots in the annual Mustangs Invitational.

"We had the overall winners in both (the upperclassmen and lowerclassmen) races: Dan Sims and Conor Naughton," Northville coach Chris Cronin said. Sims ran a 16:30, which was 33 seconds faster than his nearest competitor.

"It's pretty impressive considering the heat and humidity, but it also shows the caliber of runner Dan Sims is right now," Cronin said.

Sean McCullough also ran a fine race, finishing third, just one second behind Livonia Franklin's Keenan Jones.

"Sean is ready to have a fantastic season and

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys cross country team will be back in action when it runs at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the Bath Invitational before hosting South Lyon East at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

today he showed he is ready to challenge the top runners in the conference," Cronin said.

Also finishing well in the upperclassmen race were Alex Chevoor (23rd place, 18:35), Sam Kremke (24th, 18:38) and Jacob Kamm (27th, 18:53).

"We have a number of runners vying for the sixth and seventh spots on the team this season and it was nice to see these three juniors step

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board in the 10th posi-

up and run well today," Cronin said.

"I think the heat impacted some runners more than others. We should have more contenders for a varsity spots emerge in coming weeks."

Had scores been kept in the upperclassmen race, Northville would have finished in second with 78 points, while Livonia Churchill would have won with 59 points. In the lowerclassmen

"She is going to be an incredible asset to the varsity seven this season."

Smith said she was very happy with her freshmen, who ran their race, which consisted of freshmen and sophomores, Naughton took the top spot in 17:40, while Ben Cracraft ran to seventh in 18:47 and Peter Martin ran to ninth place in 18:56.

Northville also had solid finishes from Peter Begin (14th, 19:27), Sean Coleman (20th, 19:45) and Andrew Lewis (25th, 19:53)

Naughton pulled away from the field at the twomile mark to earn his first invite victory as a Mustang.

"I see Conor growing as a runner at every practice and in races," Cronin said. "He possesses the speed and

first five-kilometer race as high school students. "Cayla Eckenroth,

Taylor Gattoni and Emma Smith all had great performances," she said. "I am excited to see what

endurance combination that makes his potential limitless.²

Cracraft was the first new member of the varsity squad to cross the finish line for the Mustangs, but his coach wasn't surprised.

"We have a solid group of freshman runners this season and Ben looks to be leading that group right now," Cronin said.

Had scores been kept, Northville's underclassmen would have won the invitational with 51 points.

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we can do as the season progresses."

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hard, played well and there's talent on both sides. It was a great game to come and watch. It was a very nervous game to coach.

"There were some fine efforts on that defensive side. To hold that offense to 10 points is pretty impressive.'

Hewlett finished with 79 yards on 14 carries and completed 14-of-21 passes for 153 yards. Receiver Sean Conway grabbed six catches for 71 yards. Running back P.J. Schnepp carried the ball 13 times for 42 yards.

Wilhelm had both Lakeland catches for 62 yards, while running back Andrew Bovay picked up 29 yards rushing on just three attempts. Colin Papler led the Eagles' defense with nine tackles while adding a fumble recovery.

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Catholic Central dominates opening contest

Squad defeats Detroit Cody with shutout

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

There were some murmurs in the stands last week when the Detroit Catholic Central football team took to the field for the first time on defense

Something wasn't right and it didn't take long to figure out what it was. Just 10 players left the sidelines and took up defensive positions against Detroit Cody one player short of a typical high school football team.

What many people didn't know was the 11th player was indeed there but, unfortunately, just in spirit.

"We started the game on defense with a 'missing man' formation, putting just 10 on the field and leaving the middle linebacker spot open because that would have been David (Widzinski) on the field," assistant coach Michael Mach said

Widzinski died Dec. 3,

2012, from a heart condition. This year, he would have been a junior and likely getting playing time at fullback and linebacker for the Shamrocks.

Prior to the game, Widzinski's father Paul came into the locker room and spoke to the Shamrocks. Mach said it was "extremely inspirational.'

The Shamrocks took that inspiration to the field, pounding out a 52-0 victory over Detroit Cody to start the season with a 1-0 record. The linebacking corps was led by junior Jordan Jenkins, who transitioned from outside linebacker to middle linebacker this season.

The defense did not allow Detroit Cody past the 50-yard line at any point in the entire contest, even after the team's starters were pulled and second-string players put in to play.

'We were very happy with the effort and execution, especially for a first game," Mach said. "There's always a lot of question marks going into the season opener,



CC's Michael Bifano runs past a Cody defender for a 49-yard touchdown. DENNIS BARNES

but our kids responded well.²

The Shamrocks do have many players on both sides of the ball who do not have much game experience, but they came out and took multiple steps in the right direction.

"You saw that out on the field tonight," Mach said. "We made a nice jump forward in one week's time since our scrimmage.'

The Shamrocks scored on just about every opportunity, putting the first points on the board on a 9-yard pass from senior quarterback Sean Birney to Zach Bock for a 7-0 advantage.

The defense got in on the scoring, too, making it a 14-0 contest with 4:34 left in the first quarter, when Daniel Collins snagged an interception and returned it for a touchdown.

The game went completely in the Shamrocks' favor after that and the team added two more touchdowns, both from senior Connor Holton, in the second quarter.

Detroit Catholic Central added a touchdown from fullback Dylan Roney in the third for a 38-0 lead before the team's backups tallied two scores of their own. The first was a 1-yard run by Nick Giese and

the second came from Mike Bifano on a 46-yard jaunt with just over two minutes left in the contest

Birney ended the game with 41 yards on 4-of-6 passing and Holton led the rushing attack with 82 yards on eight carries. Roney led the defense with seven tackles and a sack.

CC soccer team wins two

It was a productive week for the Detroit Catholic Central soccer team, coached by Gene Pulice.

The squad picked up two big wins, though the weather did force the cancellation of a third game for the Shamrocks.

The squad picked up a nice 7-1 victory over Garden City last week before collecting a 3-1 win against a tough Rochester Adams squad. The Shamrocks' game against Midland was canceled due to inclement weather conditions.

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Mustangs have strong first week

Squad wins Northville Quad, holds its own at Grand Blanc

By Sam Eggieston Correspondent

Northville Mustangs boys tennis coach Matt Stetson is pretty happy with how his team came out of the gates to start the 2013 season, especially with them defending their home turf and winning the Northville Quad Tournament.

The team earned 22 points in the quad to defeat Clarkston (19), Plymouth (11) and Lakeland

"It was a good showing for our first matches of the year," Stetson said. "It was clear that

many of our young players were nervous about their first varsity ac

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys tennis team is slated to be back in action when they travel to South Lyon today and host the University of Detroit Sunday. The team will then play host to South Lyon East on Monday and Novi a week from today. All matches are slated for 4 p.m. starts.

show in Connor Johnston, a sophomore who is playing at the No. 1 singles position for the Mustangs this season. Johnston defeated three solid players, including one of the top players in the area in Lakeland's Alex Kim.

Also winning their respective flights were Dan Baldwin and Umais Rao (first doubles), Nicholas Chatas and Sam McCutcheon (third doubles), Michael Pui and Jonathan Oh (fourth doubles) and Robert Hong and Jonathan Bi (fifth doubles).

Oliver Daniel (second singles) and Andrew Schafer (third singles) each took second in their flights, as did Veer Shah and Evan Simoff (second doubles).

Grand Blanc Tournament

The Mustangs also played in the Grand Blanc Tournament and did a nice job against some very tough competition that included Troy, Port Huron Northern, Detroit Catholic Central, Lakeland, Clarkston, Grosse Pointe North and Grand Blanc.

"The tournament featured a couple of the top teams in the state," Stetson said, referring to top-ranked Troy and Port Huron Northern.

He said he was happy with how his team performed against some very stiff competition "We are continuing to improve with each out-

ing." The Mustangs were without Johnston, who was attending his sister's wedding, but still showed some impressive play in other flights. Shah and Simoff took second at the No. 2 doubles flight, defeating CC in the semifinals before falling to Troy. Baldwin and Rao, at No. 1 doubles, took third in their flight, as did Pui and Oh at No. 4 doubles and Hong and Bi at No. 5 doubles.

Taking fourth in the third doubles flight were Chatas and McCutcheon, while Schafer took fifth at No. 3 singles and Daniel took seventh at No. 2 singles.

Stephen Freeman did not place, but played well as the substitute at No.1 singles for the Mustangs.

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Golfers collect **KLAA** victory

Katie Childes turns in meet's best score

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Prior to the start of the season, Northville girls golf coach Jeff Balagna said that there would be multiple players on his squad who would be capable of leading the team on the golf course.

This past week, junior Katie Childes made it clear she intends on being one of the top competitors week in and week out, shooting a 43 to earn the medalist position in the dual meet between the Mustangs and South Lyon East. Northville took home a 180-203 victory

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls golf team will hit the links again when it visits South Lyon at 3 p.m. today before taking a road trip to Marian at 1 p.m. Sunday. The team will then host Novi at 3 p.m. Wednesday.

mance from junior Maddy Berman, who shot a 44 on the day, while junior Elizabeth McGowan carded a 46. Shooting a 47 in her varsity debut was sophomore Alyse Clevenger, while senior Chloe Page shot a 48 and sophomore Jen Kowalczyk recorded a 49.

One thing that is so exciting is the underclassmen," Balagna said. "Three juniors and a sophomore making up our four lowest scores is great to see. I know the type of player Chloe is, so I am not worried at all about her game, but seeing the underclassmen step up is huge. The more experience in the varsity lineup they have, the better we are going to be at the end of the season." Northville is now 1-0 on the season in dual meet play.

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Detroit Catholic Central harriers shine at invite

Squad showcases several strong runners at non-scoring Mustangs Invitational

By Sam Eggleston

Correspondent

It was a race that carried no final scores, but that didn't stop the Detroit Catholic Central boys cross country team from turning in its absolute best performance.

And had scores been kept? Well, the Shamrocks would have walked away with a 10th-place finish in the upperclass-

men portion of the annual Mustangs Invitational with 318 points, while the underclassmen would have finished fifth with 145 points.

In the upperclassmen race, the Shamrocks were led by Zach Bowling, who ran a 20:42, while Spencer Doyle ran 21:24. Ben Phillips recorded a time of 21:37, while Ryan Doyle ran 21:44 and David Day

ON TAP

Detroit Catholic Central will run again at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at West Bloomfield before hosting University of Detroit at 4:30 p.m. Monday.

21:47. Turning in a time of 21:51 was Matthew Pochowicz.

In the lowerclassmen race, it was Ean Maloney who turned in the top time for the Shamrocks, running a 20:02, while Brenden Hein finished right behind him in 20:05. Finishing with 20:37 was

Ben Ludtke, while Mark Borek ran 20:40 and Sean Hyaduck turned in 20:54. Kyle Giusti ran a 21:00, followed by Matthew Michuta's 21:06 and Sebastian Miner's 21:10. The teams that would

have turned in victories in the invitational were Livonia Churchill in the upperclassmen race and Northville in the lowerclassmen race.

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The Northville Rush U12

girls won the Powerade Invitational, held Aug. 23-25 in Brighton. The team

consists of (top row, from

left) Claire Wan, Gabrielle Price, Alyssa Kroll, Julia Straky, Alyssa Knoth, Alesandra Daskal, Coach Dave Hart, Madelyn Ebach and

Lauren Marshall (kneeling,

from left) Erica Toupin,

Amelia Nam, Carrie Jefferson, Tara Beason, Kayla Perkins, Ellie Thallman and

Danae Moriarty; and (in

front) Mackenzie Fifer.

in the KLAA matchup Aug. 29.

"It wasn't a great day, but in the end, a win is a win," Balagna said. "During the KLAA portion of the season, the goal is to just win – win by one stroke or win by 29 strokes.

"I thought we could have played better, but I was happy with the outcome. As long as we improve and continue to play better with each match, that is all I am looking for."

The Mustangs also had a strong perforSam Eggleston is a freelance writer covering sports for the Northville Record and Novi News

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Powerade Invitational champs



TENNIS

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eluded his older brother Joe, who lost three times in the state final."

Dube wasn't the only champion for the Shamrocks. Also taking the top spot in their flight were Austin Beyer and Caleb Roberts at No. 4 doubles. They have a 5-1 record so

far this season. In the opening round, the duo defeated Forest Hills Central's Mitchell Timyan and Humzah Azeem, 6-4, 6-2, before defeating Grand Rapid Christian duo Gabe Vandye and Sam Poortenga. The finals match resulted in a hard-fought, 6-2, 6-2, victory over St. Joseph's Fangbo Yan and Alex Lubek.

At No. 3 singles, Jesse

Jenter put up a good fight, winning the first two rounds before bowing in the championship to St. Joseph's Kenny Garstecki.

Steve Magagna took fourth place in No. 4 singles, while Gabe Apaza took eighth at No. 2 singles.

The No. 3 doubles team of Nick Landi and Andrew Hijaouy finished fourth and the No. 2 doubles duo of Tommy Dooley and Tommy Swad won the consolation bracket after falling in the opening round. The No. 1 doubles team of David Killian and Matt Wolfe finished in seventh.

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Next wave of new phones: Bigger, better and faster

ome weeks I feel like this column is just like a T-Mobile commercial. The second I write about what new phone to buy, there are 10 more bigger, better faster phones on the market. This week is no different as the rumor mill about Apple's new iPhones is picking up steam.

According to numerous reports, Apple will unveil two new iPhones this month, which would be the first time Apple has released two phones at the same time.

In August, mashable.com reported there may be high-priced and low-priced options of the popular phone. The high-end version may even come in a gold or champagne color and feature fingerprint scanning (as if typing in a passcode wasn't annoying enough).

Even if you aren't interested in the new iPhones or the Samsung Galaxy 4 and new Blackberrys that I've written about this summer, you might be interested in a few of the lesser known smartphones that are out there.

One of the most exciting new phones is the Droid Ultra, which I was able to test courtesy of Verizon Wireless. The Droid Ultra is possibly the thinnest, yet most durable phone available. It is 7.18 mm thick but reinforced with a Gorilla Glass Screen and Kevlar. Don't know what that means? Well, it is thinner than you can imagine and won't break when you constantly drop it.

The Ultra also has a slew of unique features that you will probably



never use, but are cool to brag about anyway. First, the Ultra can operate in 100 percent handsfree mode using voicerecognition. If your phone is sitting on the table, you can say "Droid, call home," and it will. Unlike other popular phones, the Ultra's voice-recognition system can launch apps too.

The Ultra also has 1080p video capabilities (not all phones do), a 10 megapixel camera, and a five inch LCD HD touchscreen. For \$199 with a two-year activation, you could do a lot worse.

Verizon is also selling the Samsung ATIV for free with a two-year agreement. The phone runs on Windows' tilebased system, which is actually pretty fun and easy once you get used to it.

It has an 8 megapixel camera and a 4.8 inch AMOLED display. (AMOLED is fancy for 'really good quality").

The ATIV doesn't have processing speeds as solid as the Ultra, or say, the iPhone, but it does have some nice capabilities such as the camera for a user who doesn't need all the extras

While discussing new phones it is always important to talk about contracts and carriers. Earlier this summer I wrote about T-Mobile's new contract-free plans and how they benefit consumers. AT&T has

jumped on the bandwagon and implemented a service meant to challenge T-Mobile – except their version is really crummy.

While AT&T's new plan allows users to get a new phone or tablet every year without upgrade fees or activation fees, the money doesn't make sense. Users are required to finance the phone or tablet for 20 months to be eligible for this program. So after 12 months, you can get a new phone, but you still are paying for the old one for eight months after upgrading.

Essentially, under AT&T's new plan you will always be paying for two phones at once, which is pretty much the most AT&T thing ever.

Not interested in the iPhone? There are still plenty of other phones in stores such as the Windows ATIV and the Droid Ultra. I tested both of them courtesy of Verizon Wireless.

The Windows ATIV is an interesting phone because of its tile-based operating system on Windows 8. It also has a great price point which is sometimes even free through Verizon with a two-year agreement.

It is a great phone for someone who wants to use basic Internet browsing, texting and calling on their phones. For the more advanced user, something like the Droid Ultra may be the better choice.

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Co-owner Jerry Parker recently opened up Northville Roast, Northville's newest place to get a cup of coffee, inside Northville Square. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A NEW 'ROAST'

Coffee shop takes root in Northville Square

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Northville Roast is a new coffee shop in a familiar downtown location.

Opened this summer in the old Solid Grounds spot inside Northville Square, this new coffee shop aims to bring in the former customers who used to frequent there as well as some new ones with a taste and atmosphere that will appeal to anyone.

"We have a comfortable feeling in here with a climate controlled setting, but also with seating on our patio and out in the courtyard," said co-owner Jerry Parker. "They're has been former customers of Solids Grounds coming in here since we opened and they're glad to see us, but we want others to know that we are offering another option for a good cup of coffee."

Parker is the day-to-day manager of the shop and owns it along with Steve Prokes, who owns Plymouth Coffee Bean, and John Coffey. All three have business owning experience. They see Northville as a great place to start this kind of business, with its vibrant downtown area

They liked the location because it was already built out and established. Plus, Northville Square has a variety of other business that helps bring in customers. But what will make them come back are their tasty offerings.

The selection of drink items range from a variety of coffee drinks to smoothies. There's also a variety of food items to go along with a drink.

NORTHVILLE ROAST

Owners: John Coffey, Steve Prokes and Jerry Parker

Address: 133 W. Main Street, Suite 222, Northville

Hours: 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Sundays

Phone: 248-349-9999

Website: Find them on Facebook at "Northville Roast."

Using fresh-roasted beans and locally bought product, Parker said it's their goal to make Northville Roast a go to location.

According to Parker, business started off a little slow, but has been picking up. He said they will be looking to begin open mic nights and host musicians twice a week starting this month. They want to be the most welcoming coffee shop that they can, so they are looking for customer input.

"There has been a nice reception and the people here couldn't be more pleasant," said Parker. "Northville is a really great community."

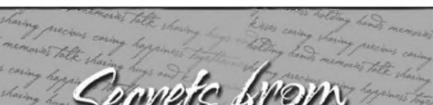
Northville Roast is located at 133 W. Main in Suite 222. Its hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sundays.

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Piazza Dance Company to host open house

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ny, which has been located in Northville for more than three decades, has moved to a new state-ofthe-art facility in the Ridgewood Plaza at 16807 Ridge Road in Northville Township.

The new 7,000 square foot school features four spacious studios, resilient dance floors for safety and comfort, observation windows and a nurturing, family-oriented training environment.

To celebrate the opening of the new facility, Piazza Dance Company will host a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house beginning at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7.

The public is welcome to attend the event, and will have the ability to: » View the new facil-

ity. » Meet the faculty.

» Watch dance demon-



strations throughout the

day. » Take advantage of registration specials for new students.

"We have the finest dance instructors in the area and now have a school that reflects this excellence. This new school is amazing opportunity for our students and we look forward to welcoming new students," said Gina Piazza, who co-owns the business with her sister Marilynn Piazza-Esper.

For more than three decades, Piazza Dance

Company alumni have danced professionally with the Cirque Du Solei, on Broadway, in Las Vegas and touring dance companies. Additionally Piazza dancers have garnered numerous highly-regarded regional and national competition awards and have been recipients of dance scholarships to acclaimed universities such as the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

For more information visit www.piazza danceco.com.

SOCIAL SECURITY

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

approximately 60% of those who

apply for disability benefits. Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear personally at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.



Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the

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

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

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

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Company has moved into this 7.000 square foot facility in the Ridgewood Plaza.

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Duane Marsh takes reins at Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors

By Julle Brown Staff Writer

Duane Marsh is pleased to be the new CEO of the Farmington-based Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors.

'Both my wife and I are native Michiganders and we wanted to come home,' he said. "GMAR offered a great opportunity.'

He's following in the footsteps of Dale E. Smith, who retired. Marsh took over July 1, previously serving as executive director of the Illinois Funeral Directors in Springfield, Ill., where he was for five years.

Marsh has about 25 years experience in association and chamber of commerce work. He earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration in 1982 from Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, and also holds an M.B.A. from CMU.

Before the Springfield, Ill, position, Marsh was president of the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce.

He noted both funeral directors and Realtors work in licensed professions. "As a result of being li-

censed, they're highly regulated." Both fields call for continuing education, ethics training and advocacy. "Different pro-fessions but similar needs," Marsh said.

He's originally from a small town in Michigan's

Thumb, Marlette, while wife Nancy, a dental hygienist, hails from Saginaw. They have a 22-year-old son who recently graduated from the University of Illinois-Springfield with a bachelor's degree in economics.

Marsh

The couple is trying to sell their Springfield, Ill., home and will relocate here. "Just grateful to be back home for our old friends and family," he said.

The GMAR office is now on Drake in Farmington, although efforts are under way to sell the building and move to a more central location. GMAR was

formed several years ago with the merger of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors and the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors. Its metro Detroit area members include Macomb County now so a more central location makes sense.

The last few years have been very difficult" in real estate, Marsh agreed. "We're having new people enter the field in relatively large numbers." Home sales are up significantly, too.

Marsh has appreciated the warm welcome he's received, including help from the board, committees and staff. "It's a new field," he said of real estate's particulars. "They've all been very helpful."

He has two sisters, several cousins and a couple aunts living in Michigan.

"Being from Michigan and knowing the quality of people here, it's just overwhelming," he said of the welcome.

In addition to family and friend time, Marsh enjoys golf and other exercise.

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Check with lawyer on pontoon boat use on lake

Q: Our association is considering prohibiting the use of pontoon boats on the lake adjoining my property. I am wondering if it has the authority to do that since it is an adjoining lake that we

are talking about. What do you think?

A: It all depends on the facts and provisions of the particular documents, but in a re-



cent case out

Robert Meisner of an Illinois appellate court, a homeowner's association was not required to have express

rulemaking authority in order to limit the types of watercraft that residents can use on an adjoining lake. The court basically concluded that the association had implicit authority to regulate the use of the lake as common property. The court cited the Restatement of Property: Servitudes which makes clear that where the homeowner's association has the responsibility of administering the common property for the common good of the members, it must have the implicit power to make reasonable regulations regarding the use of the common property. You are best advised to consult with a community association attorney.

Q: I am an apartment owner and I am worried about liability for a drowning by guests of my tenants – and I am wondering if you have any case law that would help the landlord in that type of situation.

A: In a Mississippi Supreme Court case, recently decided, the landlord owned an apartment complex with a swimming pool. The property's regulations required guests to be accompanied by a tenant in order to enter the pool area. A 17-year-old boy visiting his uncle who lived in the apartment complex went to the pool without his uncle and drowned when he went in the deep end of the pool despite being unable to swim. In that case, the plaintiff sued for wrongful death alleging that the landlord breached a duty to keep the pool in a reasonably safe condition. However, the court concluded that the defendant could only be liable to willful and wanton conduct because the plaintiff's son became a trespasser once he entered the pool without his uncle. You should check with your attorney regarding your jurisdiction for further advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 20-24, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 29 through May 3, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

15621 Buckingham Ave 16156 Elizabeth St 22446 N Nottingham Dr 31363 W Rutland St BIRMINGHAM 1055 Donmar Ct 1898 Latham St 1532 Mansfield Rd 1700 Pembroke Rd 323 Wimbleton Dr **BLOOMFIELD HILLS** 2553 Yorkshire Ln 3987 Oakhills Dr **BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP** 2801 Acorn Rd 6810 Cedarbrook Dr 3555 Middlebury Ln 4178 Stoneleigh Rd

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\$470,000	207 Charlotte Dr	\$175,000
\$243,000	41510 Cypress Way	\$225,000
\$195, 000	44582 Ellery Ln	\$166,000
\$161,000	42601 Faulkner Dr	\$255,000
\$205,000	23569 Londonderry	\$121,000
\$165,000	41151 N McMahon Cir	\$155,000
	24934 Portsmouth Ave	\$330,000
\$138, 000	28476 Traci Trl	\$220,000
\$135,000	40539 W 10 Mile Rd	\$150,000
	40080 Whispering Ln	\$215,000
\$125,000	SOUTH LYON	
\$191,000	54807 Brentwood Dr	\$299,000
	58697 Castle Ct	\$338,000
\$176,000	55116 Glenwood Ct	\$320,000
\$390,000	25115 Martindale Rd	\$163,000
\$294,000	SOUTHFIELD	
\$170,000	21721 Frazer Ave	\$15,000
\$433,000	19186 Midway Rd	\$33,000
\$140,000	25559 Southwood Dr	\$150,000
\$123,000	27855 Tyler St	\$84,000
	WHITE LAKE	
\$132,000	9357 Mandon Rd	\$182,000
\$477,000	1263 Round Lake Rd	\$30,000
\$269, 000	325 Shotwell Ct	\$173,000
\$257,000		

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and

the author of " Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buving. 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. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Seminar

The Meisner Law Group announced that Robert M. Meisner will conduct a four-week course Tuesdays in October from 7-9 p.m. covering "Introduction to Successful Condominium Operation."

This seminar is designed for board members and officers, managers, developers, and association members living in or working with a condominium, subdivision, cooperative, or community association.

Explore the many legal issues involved in the successful operation of an association. Cost is \$95 (\$85 per person when two or more enroll from the same organization).

For registration information, con-

tact The Meisner Law Group at 248-644-4433 or 800-470-4433, via email at: bmeisner@meisner-law.com, or visit the seminar page on the website: Meisner-law.com.

Short sales

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

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

Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

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

Free foreclosure tours

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

Seminar on Tuesdays, Thursdays

A free seminar on governmentinsured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 2 p.m., held at various locations. **RSVP** with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

Investors

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

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

Any questions or concerns, call Wayde Koehler at 313-277-4168.