



Fall Fun Day

The Thayer's Corner Nature Area Fall Fun Day will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5. Participants will be able to paint pumpkins, make a scarecrow, and go on a hayride.

Cost of the event is \$8 per person, which covers all supplies.

Pre-register by Sept. 28. RSVP by mail to 40138 Bexley Way, Northville 48168.

For more information, contact Marv Ganns at 734-751-1567.

Shred it

The Northville Township Beautification Commission will offer on-site document shredding from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14, in the parking lot at Northville Township Hall, located at the corner of Six Mile and Sheldon roads.

The cost is \$3 per car for up to six grocery bags of documents (paper bags only). Additional bags will be 50 cents each.

Drivers should enter from Sheldon Road only. They can drop their bags off or they can wait and see them shredded.

It's Victorian time!



Ridge Wood Elementary School students laugh out loud during a performance by magician Doug Scheer during a Victorian Festival stop in downtown Northville last year. FILE PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Festival activities going on all over downtown area

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

It's that time again, when Northville residents, business owners and community supporters transport themselves back in time for the annual Victorian Festival.

This year's festival is a bit of a big deal, too, because it is the 25th annual event, meaning an idea hatched a quarter century ago has grown into the signature community event for a generation now. Organizers are putting on the finishing touches in what they hope will be the best Victorian Festival ever.

"We're finalizing all the details now, making sure everyone knows where they are supposed to be come this weekend," said Traci Sincok of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, which coordinates the festival.

While the chamber does make some

money through the carnival rides and the Victorian Saloon, where there will be beer served, Sincok said that's not the point of the whole thing.

"The festival is and has always been about celebrating our community," she said. "This has really become a very important weekend for the whole Northville community."

While the festival unofficially kicks off with the parade on Friday at 6:30 p.m., there will be other activities going on throughout the day. Third graders from Northville Public Schools will be out and about downtown for their annual history program Friday afternoon, and will be dressed in period clothing as they learn lessons about Northville's Victorian past.

In addition, the carnival rides, non-profit activities and face painting all kick off at 5 p.m. on Friday.



Linda Losse rides an interesting Victorian-era tricycle in the parade.

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'Career criminal' charged in credit card theft case

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Northville Township Police are confident the "career criminal" they have behind bars is the man responsible for a string of credit card thefts from the locker rooms of area golf courses.

Northville Township detectives arrested 53-year-old Matthew Ward Phelan, of Plymouth Township, Aug. 29 as he was exiting the clubhouse at the Spring Meadow Country Club in Linden, located in Genesee County. Phelan had been under surveillance for two days after police received an anonymous tip about his

identity.

Police say Phelan stole credit cards from locker rooms at area golf courses and athletic clubs, then used the cards to make transactions at local stores including Meijer, Kroger and Mobil gas stations. They released

surveillance photos taken from those stores and enlisted the public's help in identifying the suspect. In most of the photos, the suspect is seen wearing a white golf hat with the logo from "Pine Lake Country Club" on the front. The suspect also wears various golf shirts and pants.



Phelan

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A sure sign of fall



Bill Davis, an employee at Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill, bottles a few jugs of apple cider Sept. 5. That day's mix of ciders contained juices from Paula Reds and Early Golden apples and was listed as being "TART!" on a board at the cider mill. For more photos and a story about what's new at the local cider mill, which is now open seven days a week, see our business page on A8. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

New Town Square policy includes no smoking

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The City of Northville has adopted a new use policy for Town Square, which includes prohibiting smoking at the location on Main Street, and any rental of it must be approved under city ordinance.

"Due to the popularity of Town Square, a set of policies are needed so that the general public will continue to be able to utilize this area during operating hours," Northville Parks and Recreation Director Jason Spiller told the Northville City Council on Sept. 3.

The City Council agreed and by a 5-0 vote adopted the new policy. Spiller said many past rentals have recently hindered the gener-

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I-96 public meeting scheduled for this month

By David Veseienak
Staff Writer

Interested residents, business owners and commuters will have another opportunity to ask questions later this month regarding next year's I-96 project.

Another public meeting is scheduled to take place 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, in the auditorium of Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center. The meeting will allow interested parties to get re-acquainted with the project, Michigan Department of Transportation spokesman Rob Morosi said.

"We'll go over the entire project again," he said. "We're looking to re-engage the public with the project, show them what we planned to do with the proposed freeway and bridge work."

The meeting is one in a series scheduled by MDOT to help inform those interested in the

project, which will begin in late January and last throughout 2014. During that time, I-96 will be shut down from Telegraph in Redford to Newburgh in Livonia. A total of 37 bridges will also be repaired during the reconstruction, which is expected to cost \$150 million.

Morosi said the meeting format will be an open house, allowing those who attend the ability to go around and ask questions. While much of the meeting will consist of reviewing information that's already been released, Morosi said a three-dimensional rendering of what the freeway will look like after completion will be available to those who attend.

Some work is expected to begin in anticipation of the project on a nearby freeway soon. MDOT says the exit ramp for Six Mile off I-275 will see some temporary widening to help

accommodate traffic the state expects to see with the shutdown next year. Morosi said construction on that ramp is expected to begin next week and go until November.

The city of Livonia is currently repairing parts of Schoolcraft in order to handle the increased traffic it expects to see.

While this meeting will take place several months before the construction begins, another meeting will most likely be held sometime this winter. Once a contractor has been selected, something that's not expected to happen until closer to 2014, another meeting will be held, Morosi said.

"I believe we will have one more when we have a contractor on board. That will be very brief," he said. "That (could) be right before the Christmas holiday."

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Eight Mile Road construction impacting school buses

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The start of the school year always presents a number of challenges for everyone involved. This year in Northville, at least for those driving along Eight Mile Road, the biggest one right now is probably road construction.

There have been some late buses and a lot of headaches for school officials, bus drivers and parents, especially at Hillside Middle School, and Moraine and Amerman Elementary schools.

"Summer in Michigan generally comes with a number of road construction projects that will ultimately improve the condition of our roads, traffic flow, and/or add features such as non-motorized access. In the meantime, however, please expect some delays, particularly with the added traffic that comes with the opening of school," Northville Superintendent Mary



The construction along Eight Mile in Northville is causing some issues at Moraine Elementary as parents waiting to pick up kids are crowding onto the road – as a lane has been replaced by orange barrels. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kay Gallagher told families in a welcome back letter last week.

Eight Mile Road is the main place for this work, happening in both the Oakland and Wayne county portions of Northville.

Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) officials said that there will likely be delays all along Eight Mile Road and at the Beck Road intersection during September. At the intersection of Beck and Eight Mile, county crews are installing gutters and curbs for new turn lanes. There have been some significant delays for southbound Beck at that intersection.

Additionally, along Eight Mile Road between Beck and Napier, workers have also been busy with construction. It has been down to one lane of travel at times and delays of ten minutes or more as flagmen direct traffic.

Down the road east at the Center Street in-

tersection, Wayne County is doing its own improvement work to that rough patch of pavement that helps deliver students to Amerman and Hillside. This work was expected to be done before the start of the school year, but weather and utility concerns delayed it.

To move it along though, Wayne County officials did approve using a faster curing cement mix to reduce the closure of that intersection.

The work on Eight Mile will continue this year as both counties move down the road to make improvements.

"Our transportation department is aware of the road construction work and has planned routes accordingly to the extent possible. Please plan extra time (and patience!) for commutes involving Eight Mile Road," Gallagher wrote.

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Teacher moves into new role at Ridge Wood

Heather Bauer, who has been a Northville Public Schools educator and teacher leader for 20 years, has been named assistant principal at Ridge Wood Elementary School.

The addition of a full assistant principal position at Ridge Wood will increase administrative support for the students, staff and families at the school, according to Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher. At the same time, it also creates an opportunity for Ridge Wood Principal Alicia Parsons to expand her leadership role to assist schools and school improvement teams across the district in their use of data to promote student growth and achievement.

Bauer previously served as interim assistant principal at Ridge Wood for the 2012-13

school year. Her role as a full-time assistant principal will differ significantly from her interim role, as Bauer will be a partner with Parsons in assuming the full range of leadership and administrative duties at Ridge Wood.

Bauer joined NPS in 1993 as a third grade teacher at Moraine Elementary School. She also was a fourth grade teacher at Thornton Creek Elementary School before joining the staff at Ridge Wood in 2003 where she has served as an elementary learning consultant, in a supervisory support role, and as interim assistant principal. In her tenure at Ridge Wood, Bauer also has facilitated the Ridge Wood School Improvement Team; assisted in the creation and implementation of daily intervention time for all grades;

developed and facilitated multiple professional development opportunities for Ridge Wood and district staff revolving around the English language arts curriculum; organized and facilitated state and district-wide student assessments; facilitated parent educational workshops; developed and implemented early reading intervention programs for students; supported classroom teachers in their curriculum needs; and implemented a systematic method for communication regarding student office referrals.

Bauer is a graduate of the Galileo Teacher Leadership Academy and also has worked with Ridge Wood staff as the



Bauer

school community continues its journey with The Leader in Me. She is certified as a trainer for the “7 Habits of Highly Effective People” and the “7 Habits of Highly Effective Families.” In addition, she is a member of the Michigan Reading Association and the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association.

“Heather brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this new position — as an educator, teacher leader, administrator, and long-time member of the Ridge Wood school community,” Gallagher said. “Through the years, Heather has made significant contributions at Ridge Wood and across the district in the areas of early intervention, school improvement, and professional development, as well as in her

role as a Galileo Teacher Leader.”

Bauer has a Bachelor of Arts in history and biology from Hillsdale College, and a Master of Education in reading and language arts from Oakland University. She also has her Education Specialist degree in leadership and administration from Oakland University.

“I am elated to continue to play a role in making Ridge Wood an outstanding school,” Bauer said. “With this new role, I will work diligently to continue our commitment to excellence through our work with The Leader In Me and our school improvement efforts, focusing on building capacity through the use of new technology and our new math materials to support learning.”

Student pianist’s performance raises money

Northville High School senior Annelie Herrmann performed her senior piano recital in front of about 100 people on Aug. 28 at the Steinway Piano Gallery in Commerce. The concert was performed entirely from memory and comprised of over an hour of music composed by classical legends Bach, Rachmaninoff, Chopin, Beethoven, Mozart, Schubert, Satie and Debussy as well as some contemporary pieces that Herrmann sung while accompanying herself. Herrmann has been selected for the Michigan All-State Choir for the past three years. She created a CD of the performance and is offering them for a donation, which she will give to the American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association (AARDA). Thus far, she has raised more than \$800, and still has CDs available for a donation to those wanting to contribute to the charity. If interested, call 248-231-7887. Annelie is the daughter of Fred and Mindy Herrmann.



Holzers honored at football game for stadium upgrades

Connie Holzer and the members of the Tom Holzer Ford team were at Friday’s varsity football home opener, where they were honored during the game’s opening ceremonies for their financial contributions that helped make Tom Holzer Ford Field possible.

At midfield, Connie and her son Buzzy Holzer were presented with honorary NHS varsity jackets and a plaque to display at the dealership.

Renovations of the field, which include new concessions and welcome center, new restroom facilities, new team rooms, and improved walkways, added to the excitement of opening night.

The Holzer Team also provided a fantastic new showpiece with the arrival of a sparkling black Mustang with orange detail.

After the official ceremony, the Holzer Family was treated to an informal gathering by members of the Turf Club, school officials, and dignitaries. Then all settled in to watch the Mustangs defeat the visitors from Waterford for their first victory of the season.

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SCHOOLCRAFT CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA

Vendors offer signature dishes at event

Program benefits culinary program

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Whether you say “tomA-to” or “tom-AH-to, chef Steve Allen of Steve & Rocky’s Restaurant in Novi hopes you’ll get a chance to taste his fresh, heirloom varieties at this year’s Culinary Extravaganza at Schoolcraft College.

“I grow a huge garden. I grow a lot of heirloom tomatoes. So I’ve got to imagine it’s something that’s going to be with heirloom tomatoes,” said Allen, envisioning his menu for the event, an annual fundraiser for the college’s culinary department and student scholarships.

“Last year, it was a pretty big success. I brought 300 pounds of beautiful colored tomatoes. We had a tomato frenzy. People were lined up out the door for just beautiful tomatoes (in) different vinaigrettes, different salads, sauces. I’d ask them what they’d like, I’d season it up.”

Steve & Rocky’s will be among approximately 50 food and beverage vendors that will serve tastings of their signature dishes, delectable desserts, fresh fare, wine and more, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22 in the VisTaTech Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Tickets are \$50, \$20 of which is a charitable contribution. Order them at 734-462-4689 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation. For sponsorship information, call 734-462-4518.

In addition to food and beverage sampling, Culinary Extravaganza will feature a silent auction and a raffle of cash and dinner gift certificates at the American Harvest Restaurant at Schoolcraft College.

Certified master chef Jeff Gabriel, and wine expert Lee



Chef Jeffrey Gabriel checks chicken consommé prepared by student Dawn Shock at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hershey will share their expertise in a joint session on wholesome, healthful food and wine pairings. In the past they’ve presented separate programs.

“We talked and said we should combine these,” Gabriel said. “I have to give him a menu. I know I’m going to do a salmon dish and I’m probably going to do something vegetarian.”

“I think people are more health-conscious in general. Every culinary school is now

cooking lighter. We’re trying to limit the amount of fat and salt and we’re trying to incorporate more vegetables.”

Watch the Lions

But guests who prefer traditional football fare to lighter cuisine will find it at this year’s Extravaganza. Marjorie Lynch, special events coordinator, said she hopes to attract a few restaurants that serve pub-style food. They’ll be stationed near a viewing area for the televised Detroit Lions-Washington Redskins game.

“We usually don’t plan to turn the Lions game on the TV,” Lynch said. “But people see the TV and ask if we can turn it on. Last year it was an exciting game that was tied until the end.”

“This year we’re planning for it. This year we’re making it festive in one area that will highlight the game.”

Lynch said Culinary Extravaganza raises approximately \$60,000-\$65,000 every year. Some of the proceeds benefit the culinary arts program, funding its special projects, seminars by guest chefs and the culinary competition team. The rest of the money goes toward scholarships. It’s not limited to culinary studies.

“It’s a worthy cause,” said



Chef Jeffrey Gabriel of Schoolcraft College will demonstrate healthy and wholesome food at the upcoming Culinary Extravaganza. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

“Last year, it was a pretty big success. I brought 300 pounds of beautiful colored tomatoes. ...”

CHEF STEVE ALLEN
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Allen, a former Schoolcraft student. “Not everyone can meet the financial obligations to go to college.”

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Tipping Point opens with ‘Blithe Spirit’

Tipping Point Theatre has opened its 2013-2014 season with a production of Noel Coward’s “Blithe Spirit”. The play, which began Sept. 5, runs through Oct. 13 at the theater, located at 361 E. Cady Street in downtown Northville.

The story is about novelist Charles Condomine, who is torn between two lovers: one dead, and one alive. At the top of the play, Charles and his wife, Ruth, are preparing for a dinner party with a medium, Madame Arcati, as research for Charles’ newest novel “The Unseen”. What should be an amusing evening of observation turns on its head when the unlikely Arcati inadvertently resurrects Charles’ first wife – Elvira. Only seen by Charles, Elvira is soon creating trouble



Angela Plank, Ryan Carlson and Emily Sutton Smith perform in “Blithe Spirit”.

between Charles and Ruth.

The production features actors Ryan Carlson as Charles Condomine, Emily Sutton-Smith as Ruth Condomine, and Angela R. Plank as Elvira. It is directed by Suzi Regan.

The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. A special matinee performance has been added on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$29 to \$32



Actress Leslie Hull

for adults and \$27 to \$30 for students and senior citizens. They are available now by calling the box office at 248-347-0003.

The play is supported in part by an award from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Colbeck ponders top job in Senate

By **Matt Jachman**
Staff Writer

A year before voters will decide whether to send him back to the Michigan Senate, Patrick Colbeck has set his sights on the top leadership role there.

Colbeck, a freshman Republican from Canton Township who also represents the Plymouth and Northville communities, confirmed Friday he plans to seek the job of Senate majority leader if he is re-elected in 2014. Current majority leader Randy Richardville, R-Monroe, cannot seek re-election next year because of

term limits.

Colbeck said he is already a part of Senate leadership and has shown bipartisanship in co-founding, with Rep. Jim Townsend, D-Royal Oak, a caucus of southeast Michigan legislators from both parties.

“I’ve got a lot of experience cooperating with folks of all kinds of ideas and persuasions,” Colbeck said in a phone interview.

Tea Party backing



Colbeck

The senator, elected in 2010 with strong support from Tea Party activists, will have to convince Senate colleagues he should be chosen as their leader. Colbeck has been a voice for Tea Party ideas of limited government. He recently led the Senate opposition to Republican Gov. Rick Snyder’s bid to expand Medicaid to cover more uninsured people through the federal Affordable Care Act and came up with an alternative proposal.

The Senate eventually voted with Snyder, 20-18, Aug. 27 after Colbeck sat out the first vote, which prevented Lt. Gov. Brian Calley from casting a

tie-breaking vote.

“I think people are looking for principled leadership, folks who say what they are doing to do and do what they say they are going to do,” Colbeck said.

He said he will continue to focus on representing his district and on re-election efforts and that his work should speak for itself when it comes to making his case to fellow senators next year.

“They all know I’m a man of principle and a man who’s led inside our caucus,” he said.

Draft movement

Others reportedly considering bids to succeed Richard-

ville are Sens. Arlan Meekhof, R-West Olive, the majority floor leader; Mike Kowall, R-White Lake Township; and John Proos, R-St. Joseph.

Colbeck brushed off the movement among some Tea Party activists, pleased with his opposition to expanding Medicaid, to draft him to challenge Snyder next year. A bid for governor, he said, would take more resources than he could muster and “is not in my wheelhouse” for 2014, he said.

“I can’t imagine doing that at this point in the game,” Colbeck said.

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Trott announces bid for 11th Congressional District

By **Jay Grossman**
Staff Writer

Lawyer Dave Trott announced last week that he plans to run against fellow Republican Kerry Bentivolio to represent the 11th Congressional District.

“As a job-creator, I will work every day to create an environment where our economy can grow,” said Trott, who lives in Birmingham with his wife and their three children. “I am committed to cutting spending, lowering taxes and promoting the free enterprise system that made our country great. Washington is not working and needs a leader with the common sense and courage to tell the truth. Someone who will spend time helping the constituents of the 11th District, as opposed to someone who is only concentrated on getting re-elected, that is why I am announcing my campaign for Congress.”

Bentivolio, who lives in Milford, was first elected to Congress in 2012. He was recently in

the headlines for saying “it would be a dream come true” to impeach President Obama.

Bentivolio also said he was opposed to any type of military strike against Syria.

Asked about Trott and the likelihood of a primary battle next August, Bentivolio spokesman Matt Chisholm released the following statement:

“The congressman is focused on bringing jobs to Michigan, fighting back against Obama-care, balancing our budget and getting our debt under control. Those are the issues he ran on, and those are the issues he is working on. He will continue working hard for the good people of the 11th District.”



David Trott



Kerry Bentivolio

Trott, on the other hand, was in the news after his Farmington Hills law firm handled the eviction of a 101-year-old Detroit woman who had been living in her home for 58 years. Trott & Trott is one of the largest foreclosure law firms in the country.

Trott, who arranged to have Donald Trump speak at a Republican gathering earlier this year, has some powerful Republican heavyweights in his corner. He listed former state Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, former congressional candidate Rocky Raczowski, and Ronna Romney McDaniel as his campaign co-chairs.

Romney McDaniel stated: “Dave Trott is a true conservative that won’t say one thing and then do another. Dave’s reputation of being a man of uncompromising integrity with deeply-held conservative values is what we need in Washington now more than ever.”



An actor playing Rev. Charles G. Finny will re-create his April 13, 1849 sermon on Sunday in the Victorian Saloon.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

‘Rev. Finny’ to speak

The members of the First Baptist Church of Northville during a historical rendition of the Rev. Charles G. Finny, as he speaks about “The Joy of God’s Salvation,” just as the real Finny preached back on April 13, 1849. The event will take place during the Victorian Festival at 10 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 15 in the Victorian Saloon.

Heroes on Hines

Wayne County Parks will sponsor the Heroes on Hines half-marathon and 5-kilometer races Saturday, Oct. 5, with proceeds going to the First Responders Memorial to be erected at Hines Drive and Haggerty.

The half-marathon starts at 8 a.m., followed by the 5K at 8:30 a.m. The event is sponsored by Running Fit and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

The cost is \$49 (half-marathon) and \$29 (5K) if registered by Sept. 5. The cost is \$34 (5K) and \$59 (half) if registering Sept. 6 through Oct. 3.

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Art House fall classes

The Northville Art House will soon begin its fall classes for adults and children. The classes will cover a number of subjects, including Art Exploration, drawing, watercolor, oil, mixed-media, calligraphy, and color-workshops. New this year will be classes designed for homeschoolers (kindergarten through 12th grade).

For more information about the Northville Art House, which is located at 215 W. Cady Street in Northville, call 248 344-0497 or visit www.northvilleart-s.org.

Friends of Island Lake

The Friends of Island Lake meet the fourth Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7 p.m. at the Island Lake State Recreation Area headquarters at Kensington and Grand River. Meetings are open to any interested individual.

The group’s purpose is to support,

enhance, protect and promote the natural, historic, and recreational features of the park and the Huron River by increasing awareness of the parks assets through the education and outreach activities, encouraging and facilitating communication and cooperation between diverse users of the park and its staff, organizing volunteers and stewardship activities and fundraising through contributions and grants to support these initiatives.

For more information, visit the group’s website: www.islandlakefriend-s.org.

WWC Genealogical Society

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will be meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday Sept. 16, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia.

The guest speaker will be Gregg King, author of Michigan Historic Cemeteries Preservation Guide presenting “Tombstone Restoration.”

He will present the complete aspect of preservation, reconstruction, and restoration of headstones. He will give a better understanding of the evolution of cemeteries over the years, from frontier, churchyards, and rural to urban cemeteries and much more.

For more information, visit www.wwcgs.org.

NHS 1983 reunion

Northville High School Class of 1983 is having a 30 year reunion on Sept. 21 starting at 6:30 p.m. at Genitti’s Restaurant in downtown Northville.

Organizers would like guests to join their Class of 1983 website at www.classcreator.com/northville-Michigan-1983. It is free to join, share photos, and purchase tickets for the reunion.

The ticket price is \$40 and will also be available at the door. Organizers request classmates to register as soon as possible so they can obtain a proper headcount.

For more information, contact Mary Ross at mmross@dmc.org.

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Fall season gets sweeter at Parmenter’s

Bumper crop drops
cider, apple prices

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

There’s nothing much better than walking through the doors at Parmenter’s on a fall day and smelling the fresh doughnuts and apple cider.

It’s enough to make you want to buy two dozen and a couple of gallons.

Parmenter’s Northville Cider Mill opened its door at the end of August and is now in full swing making fresh cider and doughnuts, caramel apples, apple and pumpkin butter, maple syrup and a lot more. With a great growing season for Michigan apples the prices have gone down a bit, making a trip to the mill that much more attractive.

“It looks like a bumper crop this year and we’ve had a lot of good

PARMENTER’S NORTHVILLE CIDER MILL

» Address: 714 Baseline Road, Northville
» Hours: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m. seven days a week (through Nov. 24).
» Phone/Website: 248-349-3181; northvillecider.com

fruit coming in here,” said co-owner Rob Nelson. “We are getting a variety of apples and they are getting sweeter each week.”

This family-owned business understands what it takes to be a popular cider mill and it starts with quality products and service, according to Nelson. Parmenter’s knows it’s word of mouth that has driven its success over the years. Generations of Northville families have made this mill on Baseline Road a must stop for years.



Parmenter’s Northville Cider Mill employee Julia Winklepelck makes a sale of some cider to a customer on Sept. 5 at the Old Eight Mile Road establishment.

“Coming here has made a lot of people happy throughout the years. That motivates us to continue what we do best,” said Nelson.

The price of cider has gone down from more than \$10 to \$8.75 because of the increased apple supply. The mill is currently mixing batches of early season tart cider and expects it to get sweeter as the season

goes on.

The secret recipe for the doughnuts hasn’t changed over the years, if anything its gotten better. The mill employees begin making them in the backroom each morning.

Winery

The cider mill added a winery in the recent past and expanded this operation last year. It has tak-



Parmenters Northville Cider Mill is located at the eastern end of Old Baseline Road in Northville.



Parmenter’s employee Judie Gorden bags some of the hundreds of dozens of donuts the Northville business sells on an average day in the fall.

en off as well.

Nelson said the winery’s wholesale side has grown with the help of people’s love for craft beers and locally made adult beverages. Hard cider has played a focal point for the winery’s early success.

“It’s something different and a lot of people like that,” Nelson said of the winery’s hard cider.

They are also producing a lot of grape wines, around 15,000 gallons worth. The grapes and apples are brought in from the west side of the state. They do all of the pressing in the cider mill, and fermenting and bottling in the winery building. Every bottle is

filled and labeled by hand.

This makes their products a true locally-made venture. Their hard cider will be featured at the upcoming Victorian Festival.

Parmenter’s is located at 714 Baseline Road. Its open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. from Aug. 31-Nov. 24. Winery tasting hours are: 1-8 p.m. on Thursdays, noon to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Wine can be purchased by the bottle Mon-Wed, but not tasted.

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NHS grad found dead at CMU

Cause of death unknown for public relations major

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Kelly Markatos, 22, a 2009 Northville High School graduate, was found dead in her Central Michigan University apartment on Sept. 3. As of earlier this week, the cause of death was still unknown. Mount Pleasant Police do not think it was criminal in nature.

Late last week, authorities told news outlets the autopsy results were "inconclusive" as to how she died and were waiting to see what toxicology results would show, if anything.

Mount Pleasant police and fire departments, Central Michigan University police and MMR personnel all responded to her West Campus Village apartment after 9 a.m. She was found by her roommates unresponsive. Attempts to resuscitate her were unsuccessful.

"We did everything in our power and within county guidelines to resuscitate (her)," Sgt. Michael Dunham of the Mount Pleasant Fire Department was reported to have said.

Going into her senior year, Markatos was reportedly a public rela-

tions major at CMU and had just finished an internship at Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity in Holland Township, which assists people with building homes and home ownership. Her family now lives in Holland, Mich.

Regarding the death, CMU posted to its Facebook page the following statement:

"Central Michigan University is saddened to report the death of female student. According to Mount Pleasant Police, the CMU senior from Holland was found by her roommates this morning in the West Campus apartment they shared. No foul play is expected and police continue to investigate the cause of death. CMU is providing grief counselors to assist roommates, family and friends. Our deepest condolences go out to all impacted by this tragic occurrence."

She is survived by parents, John and Lori Markatos, and her sister, Sheridan and brother, Christopher.

Her funeral was held on Sept. 6 in Holland.

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Chase bank at 8 Mile/Haggerty robbed

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Novi Police are on the lookout for a man who robbed the Chase bank Sept. 5 of an undetermined amount of cash.

According to the Novi Police, at approximately 3 p.m., the Police Department received a 9-1-1 call from the Chase bank located near the northwest corner of Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. The caller was an employee who stated the bank had just been robbed.

Police said the preliminary investigation reveals a male suspect entered the bank, walked up to a teller and produced a note demanding money while implying he had a weapon. After the suspect was handed an undetermined amount of cash, he fled the bank through the front door.



Novi police are looking for this man caught on a security camera in connection with the bank robbery.

The suspect is described as a white male, between 50 and 60 years of age, between 6 feet and 6 feet, 6 inches tall, with a thin build. He was wearing a black T-shirt and camouflage pants and was also wearing a

tan or white baseball cap with an unknown dark colored design.

The photographs were captured by bank security cameras.

Police are asking anyone with information to contact Novi Detective

Kristie Gruenwald at (248)-348-7100 or remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAKUP.

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POLICE BRIEFS

reported smelling alcohol inside the vehicle.

After telling police she only had two glasses of wine, she was given the field sobriety tests and had trouble maintaining her balance and reciting the alphabet. She initially refused the Breathalyzer, but eventually did comply with the order. It registered a .21 BAC.

Marijuana possession

A Plymouth teenager was arrested for marijuana and drug paraphernalia possession after being stopped for driving with

a broken headlight.

Northville City Police spotted the van with the broken headlight as well as a loud muffler and hanging tailpipe near S. Main Street and Beal Avenue on Sept. 1. Upon making contact with the driver, who was accompanied by another teenager passenger, police reported the man was acting nervous and shaking.

After some questioning, he told police there was marijuana and a pipe inside a camera case in the rear of the vehicle. The passenger was

driven home while the 18-year-old was detained. He later posted a \$300 bond.

Property destruction

A newspaper box near 114 W. Main Street was damaged with graffiti, including a derogatory statement according to police.

On Sept. 3, Northville City Police reported discovering the damage to the box. On top of it, either scratched or painted, was a crude sentence and on the side was a face painted. There are no suspects at this time.

POLICIES

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al public's ability to enjoy the amenities available at Town Square. The new guidelines will aim to put an end to any confusion. There had been no policies set forth for public and private rentals.

Some of the general rules include:

» With the exception of any event designated a "Special Event" as defined by Northville City Ordinance, Town Square may not be rented for private functions which unreasonably disrupt or interfere with the general public's use. Any renters utilizing this space must have a com-

pleted rental agreement approved and on file with the Northville Parks and Recreation Department.

» Tables and chairs located in Town Square are to be used on a first-come, first-serve basis and shall not be reserved for future use. Tables and chairs may be moved briefly but in any event shall be moved

back to their normal positions as soon as possible.

» The stage area can be rented for private functions that do not unreasonably disrupt or interfere with the general public's use.

» Any event which does not have a complet-

ed and approved rental agreement with the Northville Parks and Recreation Department on file may be stopped immediately.

Spiller described Town Square as a public leisure area/open space. It's located on the south side of Main Street be-

tween Center and Hutton streets. The area is open to the general public throughout the year, and is equipped with several tables and chairs for use by the public.

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Mass Schedule
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First Baptist Church of Novi - Family Integrated Church

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile
Contact: 248-349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
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Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile
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Location: 200 E. Main
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First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon
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Sunday School (September-May): 8 a.m. Nursery; 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery sixth grade

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Location: 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
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Hope Lutheran Church

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

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Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Livonia Church of Christ

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

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

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

Northville Christian Assembly

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

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

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

Novi United Methodist Church

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433>
Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

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

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org
Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday

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ACKER, ALVIN W. JR.
Age 39, passed away on September 7, 2013. Beloved father of Roman, former husband of Gina Morrow. Son of Pamela (Rick) Hall & Alvin Acker Sr. Step son of Sue Acker-Bare. Grandson of Conrad Berghoefer. Brother of Chris (Stephanie) Acker. Nephew of John (Diane) Berghoefer & Tammy Berghoefer. Son-in-law of Mick & Pat Morrow. Brother-in-law of Anthony (Kelly) Morrow. Alvin also leaves 3 nephews, cousins and many loving friends. A memorial gathering will take place on Saturday, September 14 from 4-6pm at Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to his son Roman C/O Gina Morrow. Share memories: temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com

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Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services

BANYAI, ROBERT A.
Age 84, passed Sept. 3, 2013. Gathering Sept 7, 10 am -1pm at Phillips Funeral Home.




CROSS, RAE ANNA (RICHARDSON)
Age 78, passed away September 2, 2013. She was born on June 27, 1935 in Memphis, Tennessee. Daughter of the late Margaret and late James Richardson. Step-daughter of the late Katherine Richardson. She is survived by her beloved husband of 48 years, Carl Cross; her loving daughters Lynda (Gordon) Seeley and Cheryl (Tom) Deehr; grandchildren Ashley, Gillian, Kirsten, and Gianna; great-grandchild Jackson; brothers Virgil (Sally) Richardson and Richard (Betty) Troyanek; and many loving nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her daughter Susan (Dennis) Collier, her brothers Robert Richardson, Gordon Richardson, and Roy Richardson, her sisters Margaret Reed and Jacqueline Cianciolo. She was known for her kindness, unconditional love, and support given to her family and friends. "Dina" as her grandchildren named her, will be dearly missed & will always be in our hearts. No formal service is planned, but family and friends will gather for a celebration of her life on a future date. Online memorial messages at: www.phillipsfuneral.com


DIEHL, MICKEY
Age 81, of Commerce Twp., previously of Northville, passed away 09/08/13. Full obit at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

EDDS, JUDITH ANN
A resident of Milford, passed away peacefully on September 8, 2013 surrounded by her family. She is survived by her daughter, Diana (Stephen) May; son, Michael (Misty) Edds; 15 grandchildren, ten great grandchildren; brother, John (Susan) Herzfeld and extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Willis and Helen Herzfeld and brother, William Herzfeld. Services will be held privately. For further information phone 248.684.6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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HARRIS, CATHERINE P.
Age 62, of Brighton, passed away September 7, 2013. She was born on March 18, 1951, in Ypsilanti, daughter of Mary and the late William Phillips. Catherine was a 1969 graduate of Milan High School. In 1971, she began her career with U of M at the Hatcher Graduate Library. She retired in 2008, after 37 years of dedicated service. She enjoyed knitting and traveling with her husband. The heart of her life was her family and her church, the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon. She was a devoted member of the choir and could often be found at church functions. She is survived by her beloved husband of 34 years, Harry; her loving children: Rebecca Harris and William (Samsook) Harris. She is also survived by her mother, Mary Kenyon; her siblings: Carole (Kenneth) London, Colleen (Justin) Ridge and many nieces, nephews and loving friends. She was preceded in death by her father and her sister Connie Falk. Visitation was held on Wednesday, September 11, from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, Sept. 12, at 11:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon, 640 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

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HODGE, SANDRA GAIL
Age 65, of Flint, died Tuesday September 3, 2013 at Gentiva Hospice. Services were held Friday, September 6 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Miller Road Chapel, 8138 Miller Rd., Swartz Creek Chaplain Joy Fletcher-Thompson officiating. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the family. Sandra was born December 21, 1947 in Jamestown TN the daughter of Kirby and Nora "Billy" (York) Richardson. She married John Hodge on April 4, 1981 in South Lyon; he preceded her in death on April 23, 1998. She was a loan officer for many years for the Flint Municipal Credit Union. Surviving are: three sons, Kenneth (Wendy) Pilcher of Marysville, OH, Eric (Bridget) Pilcher of Flint, Bradley (Melissa) Hodge of Burton; 6 grandchildren who lovingly called her "Gigi", Alexander, Zachary, Isabelle, Leah, Natalie, and Ethan; brother Donald (Susan) Richardson of Plant City, FL; longtime companion Chris Sizemore. She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com

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NEIRYNCK, ROBERT
69 of Commerce, passed 8/23/2013. Preceded in death by father Joseph Neiryneck, brother Roger Neiryneck. Survived by wife Susan; children Rob (Tracy) Neiryneck, Jason (Kellie) Neiryneck, Michelle (Robert) Jackson, Nicole (John) Boland, D. David (Jody) Gayeski; 9 grandchildren; mother Ann Neiryneck. Funeral Liturgy held from St Mary's Milford. Memorials: ALS of Mich. Lynch & Sons, Milford.




PRATT, DONALD "DON" NORMAN
82, of Coldwater, passed away on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at his home. Services were held on Friday, September 6, 2013 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Quincy. Interment followed at Lockwood Cemetery in Ovid Twp. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War where he proudly earned his Purple Heart award. He married Beverly A. McDarr on June 1, 1953 in Angola, IN. Donald started his career as a baker at Sherlocks Bakery and finished his career as a Master Baker and plant superintendent for Koepflinger Bakery in Detroit, retiring in 1994. Memorials may be directed to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 295 N. Ray Quincy Rd., Quincy 49082 or the Branch Co. Humane Society, 969 Wildwood Rd., Quincy 49028.

Dutchess Funeral Home
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SHERRILL, EUGENE
Age 80, Sept. 3, 2013. Gathering Sept. 14, 1-2p.m. service 2p.m. Fellowship Evangel Presbyterian Church. phillipsfuneral.com

STEINBERGER, DOROTHY ALICE
Age 96, of Novi, passed away September 8, 2013, at Tecumseh Place in Tecumseh, MI. She was born October 2, 1916, in Parkersburg, West Virginia, to Grover C. and Alberta (Williams) Foutty. On September 27, 1941, she married Edwin M. Steinberger in Detroit. He preceded her in death in 1994. Dorothy was a graduate of DeSales Heights Academy and was a member of Novi United Methodist Church. She was a homemaker who dearly enjoyed her children and grandchildren. Dorothy is survived by her son, Francis Steinberger of Brighton, MI; and daughter, Josephine (Daniel) White of Hudson, MI; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters. Grave-side services for Dorothy will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at the Rockland Cemetery in Belpre Twp., Ohio. You may send condolences to the family at www.andersonfuneralservices.com

STEPHENS, ARVIZINE L.
Age 80, passed Sept. 4, 2013. Visit Sept 8, 3-8pm-Funeral Sept 9, 11am. Phillips Funeral Home.



TALLANT, BARBARA HOY
Age 77, a longtime resident of Milford Twp., passed away September 6, 2013. Preceded in death by Irby C. Tallant, Jr. her beloved husband of 33 years and grandsons Keven Tallant and Wesley Brown. Survived by son Dwayne Tallant and daughters Karylinda (Steven) Leatham, Merri (Kenneth) Bayard and Heidi (Kevin) Gilchrist; granddaughters Brooke and Savannah Bayard; grandson Ian Gilchrist; sister Lindagene (Richard) Giles also many nieces and nephews. Graveside Service to be held at Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak on Friday, Sept. 13th at 1:00 PM. Memorials encouraged to: American Diabetes Association or National Kidney Foundation For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford 248.684.6645 or visit: LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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TRUMBO, LYNN D.
Age 57, passed away September 8, 2013. She was born on September 12, 1955 in Detroit, daughter of the late Edward & Barbara Baginski. She was a 1977 graduate of Eastern Michigan University receiving her degree as an Occupational Therapist. She proudly cared for her patients for 30+ years at Rehab Institute of Michigan. Lynn loved to travel and was an excellent cook. She will always be remembered for her strong sense of personal morality and integrity. Lynn was known for always doing the right thing, and always putting the needs of others before her own. She is survived by her beloved husband of 30 years, Mark; her loving son Scott; and her sister, Sherrie (Don) Peterson. She is also survived by her loving extended family and many friends. Lynn was preceded in death by her parents. Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 12, from 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. with a memorial service at 5:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Trumbo family, please make checks payable to Mark Trumbo. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

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If you are anything like me, you were probably a bit bleary-eyed Sunday morning after staying up late to watch the University of Michigan take on Notre Dame Saturday night.

This column was written before the game, so I have no idea who won, but I do want our readers to know that they can now find coverage of college football on our website, Hometownlife.com.

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Larry Ruehlen

online. Thanks to a new partnership, Gannett Michigan, we are pleased to announce that coverage of state news and college sports has been added to our online content.

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That's why extending offerings into college sports and state news makes so much sense. So the next time you are

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And last but certainly not least, if you haven't already checked out our Facebook page, it is a great way to keep up with breaking news and win tickets to games and concerts. To join in the conversation on Facebook, go to www.facebook.com/OEHometown.

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OUR VIEWS

Step back in time and support the festival

Julia Vucinaj, a Thornton Creek third grader, models her new outfit, created by Janet Urbahns, owner of Stitches in Tyme, during the Victorian Clothing Sale over the weekend.

TILLIE VAN SICKLE



Although things have changed with the Victorian Festival over the course of the last quarter century, the annual celebration, which turns 25 this year, is still the Northville community's signature event.

The festival still honors the town's Victorian era, and many people around town will be donning the dress of our community's founding fathers especially during Friday's parade, as well as during other events going on throughout the weekend. Yet, the festival also recognizes the community as it is today.

The festival simply couldn't exist without the participation of so many local organizations,

civic groups, businesses and volunteers. Many of those groups will have booths set up or activities going on during the festival, and many will be raising funds for themselves through their activities that are essential for their operations. They could sure use the support. Most, in turn, use those funds to support the community in one way or another.

There will be a lot going on this weekend – from the parade on Friday to the duck race at Mill Race Village on Sunday afternoon, and lots of entertainment, games and activities in between. Countless hours have been spent by many, many vol-

unteers to make the festival a reality. And that is really the reason it has been such a staple of the community for so many years – the participation.

Yes, we do tip our caps to the Victorian past, but this is about us as well, and where we are as a community. The bottom line is the Victorian Festival is really a celebration of Northville – past, present and future.

We encourage you to head downtown at some point this weekend to see the sights and sounds of the 25th Annual Victorian Festival. We know you won't be disappointed. Its success depends on all of our support.

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Internet sales tax

Legislation will help level business playing field

When it comes to shopping we have always encouraged readers to do it locally, whether it's for a hammer, pair of shoes or piece of furniture. It's part of our fundamental purpose listed every week on our editorial page. But those local retailers are at a disadvantage in the marketplace.

The "Main Street Fairness Act," legislation introduced earlier this year in Lansing, will, if passed, help to the success of the mom and pop stores that make up the bulk of our community.

We hope the state legislature acts quickly to pass this legislation, a small step in leveling the playing field among stores in the community with online retailers.

Currently, online retailers don't have to collect sales taxes if they don't have a physical presence — such as a brick-and-mortar store or office — in the state. Some web-based companies collect the tax on a voluntary basis, but not all do. And that's the rub for state Rep. Eileen Kowall, R-White Lake, who is sponsoring the legislation.

"Our bricks and mortar businesses in our community employ our family and friends and neighbors," Kowall said. "They are getting harmed by the unlevel playing field this creates."

The legislation would essentially shift reporting responsibilities from individuals to companies, which would be required to collect and submit the tax under state oversight.

In 2011, only 107,900 people reported untaxed online purchases, paying about \$6 million in sales tax as part of their tax returns. The state Department of Treasury estimates that total represents only 1.4 percent of the total amount due. The department also estimates Michigan has lost \$204 million to \$249 million in sales tax revenue each year since 2011 because Internet retailers aren't collecting sales taxes.

That amount is expected to grow to \$272 million in the 2014 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1. Factoring in all other remote sales — which include catalog and other types of mail-order sales — the amount increases to



Allene Holman checks out the candle holders at Fragments in Highland last week.

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\$491 million in 2014.

In addition, a 2012 report by Lansing-based Public Sector Consultants stated the online sales tax loophole has a significant negative impact on job makers, too. The study found that closing the online tax loophole would lead directly to the creation of as many as 1,600 new jobs and increase investment in Michigan' economy in the form of sales at brick-and-mortar retail outlets by as much as \$126 million per year.

These are the business that pay local taxes, hire local employees and give back to their communities.

Kowall first introduced this legislation last year, but the legislature never acted on the measure. This time around, it appears elected officials will consider the measures. It was scheduled for a hearing Wednesday in the state Tax Policy committee. Whether or not the measure will be passed at the state level is still up in the air. Ari Adler, spokesman for Speaker of the House Jase Bolger, said the measure is something that seems better addressed at the federal level.

A House fiscal analysis of the bill agreed, indicating the impact would be far greater if passed at the federal level. Unfortunately, that doesn't appear to be happening any time soon. While the U.S. Senate passed legislation, it appears the U.S. House won't approve the measure, at least for the time being.

Correcting this loophole is a no-brainer, which is why Gov. Rick Snyder is among the governors in calling on Congress to act.

Not everyone, besides online retailers themselves, thinks taxing online retailers is the right move.

Critics of the national initiative are calling it a money grab by states that should be focused on reducing spending. Opponents say it's unfair to require online companies to pay sales taxes in all 9,600 state and local jurisdictions that levy a tax.

Ultimately, an online sales tax bill simply requires businesses to collect taxes that, legally, are already owed. That's only fair, and the state legislature and Congress should send the bills to the governor and president, respectively, for their signature. Michigan's passage of such a law will be another step to show federal officials the importance of its passage.

COMMUNITY VOICE

"Are you for or against a military strike on Syria?"

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



I would leave it up to the decision makers. It's beyond me to know all of the consequences to something like that. It's just silly for me to say yes or no.

William Beaver
Northville



I'm against it. As a Vietnam War vet, I have some experience with us getting involved with other people's business. We've got our own problems.

Jim Vannier
Northville



I'm against it. I'm not sure we fully understand the consequences of such a decision.

John Tarkowski
Northville



I'm against it. We don't belong there. Period. We have enough problems over here.

Mary Anne Fradette
Novi

LETTERS

Congressman unfit

Jay Grossman's article about Kerry Bentivolio in the Sept. 5th issue of the *Northville Record* was welcome but also infuriating, because it spells out just how unfit for national office this kook really is. After reading the article, the inescapable conclusion is that Bentivolio is the one who should be impeached.

The crux of this matter, of course, is Bentivolio's desire to impeach Barack Obama (his "dream legislation"), and his admitted lack of evidence or justification for said action. In the *New York Times* article by Maureen Dowd (mentioned by Grossman in passing), several additional facts about the impeachment-crazed, whack-a-doodle mind of Kerry Bentivolio have come to light and are worth repeating.

On the subject of finding some grounds for impeachment: "I went back to my office and I have had lawyers come in," [Bentivolio] said. "And these are lawyers, well — Ph.D.'s in history — I said, 'Tell me how I can impeach the President of the United States. What evidence do you have?' You've got to have the evidence."

On Bentivolio's 19-year-long portrayal of Santa Claus: "I have a problem figuring out which one I really am, Santa Claus or Kerry Bentivolio." (Dowd goes on to explain that because of this, Bentivolio sometimes uses the pronoun "we").

Dowd quotes Kathleen Gray in the *Detroit Free Press* on the Santa question: "To project authenticity, he's even sought clearance from Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Mount Clemens to fly his sleigh in its airspace on Christmas Eve."

Dowd reports that Bentivolio told *National Review* that he takes being called crazy as a compliment, so "it didn't really bother me when people were saying, 'That guy's kooky because he has reindeer.' No, they're kooky because they don't have 'em'."

Given Bentivolio's Tea Party affiliations, the campaign contributions from ultra-right-wing groups (The Freedom Project, Friends of John Boehner), his avowed disdain for organized labor, the middle class and seniors, and his amply documented mental instability, it's time to kick Kerry Bentivolio out of Washington, not Barack Obama.

Christopher Brodersen
Northville Township

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Quite a stretch

Frankly, I nearly choked on my morning coffee reading that freshman U.S. Republican Rep. Kerry Bentivolio "dreams of impeaching" President Obama. I can not figure if this reindeer farmer is arrogant, stupid or just audacious. Perhaps all, three.

This guy has been in office less than one year, yet his major claim in a recent town hall meeting is about his dreams. Of course, Bentivolio offers not a shred of evidence to support impeachment and admits to finding no evidence to support impeachment.

Bentivolio claims to oppose all that President Obama stands for, and that Obama's belief system conflicts with his. Well, reindeer farmer, you do not have to agree with President Obama. But impeachment is a bit more serious than conflicting political belief.

Perhaps Bentivolio missed his naps in making such outrageous comments. In so doing, he only makes himself look foolish. This has got to be a bit of a stretch even for his Tea Party supporters.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

Retreating from responsibility

General Russel Honoré summarized what now is "stuck on stupid." So goes the liberal rut retreating from responsibility, yet loading more chains upon the most vulnerable Americans and reassigning any problem issue in America to Bush. Progressives wag sabers with expected safety as diversions from a domestic load of scandals and results of pretty stupid progressive experiments upon America.

Rigid battalions of liberal

carpetbaggers still drone along with critics muted, never accepting responsibility but always sniping with their claims on their judgmental lexicon of vulgarity, like racism, or haters to the thinkers. Words designed to be swallowed with the trumped up platform of "justice" or "fair share" – a straw man foundation for their programmed victim cultivating initiatives.

Johnson's "War on Poverty" brought them to swarm into America's urban centers organizing the framework to build claims of victimization everywhere. That horrible liberal idea brought poverty climbing to its highest level and added supplemental entitlements illustrating the speed in which both socialized government unionized programs drift to incompetence. This war damaged women and families most, restructuring self reliance, hurting faith, family formation and the pile on of expanding dependency. Urban schools found more success in providing meals for children than good results in education. Children pressed and shackled to high power, low-quality progressive union teaching and given big city tattoo of low performance and poor expectations.

Johnson's busing threats worsened a social crisis in driving those actively critical and most demanding producers of revenue away setting in stone sadness for Detroit.

The well-financed, union-run education bureaucracy in Detroit mirrored liberal devaluation of public education everywhere. Parochial schools offering alternatives closed and with this loss fewer children found the better opportunities. Then came social promotions questioning literacy of those not previously dropping out.

A parade of pretenders followed the leadership of Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy and most significantly Reagan. Most of them so short of ability they merely squandered any domestic or international confidence, trust and respect each of those better men added to our nation. Fading memories of actual talent finally replaced by the IRS, NSA, the arrogance, a shaky huff and puff ineptness supported blindly by those stuck in the rut General Honore thoughtfully defined.

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College bound: Jump start your family’s college planning

Are you the parent of a high school freshman — Class of 2017? How about a Class of 2014 high school senior? Surely college planning has been on your mind and it's easy to get overwhelmed when thinking about planning for your children's college education. There are so many things to do and so little time. Where do you start and how do you stay on track?

Here are five little known tips on applying for financial aid. Sound like information you could use?

Tip 1: Don't hesitate to apply for financial aid, even if you assume that you won't qualify. As with any contest, lottery or sweepstakes, you can't win if you don't enter. This is also true in regards to college financial



Robert Hoyer and Richard Leidal

aid. A financial aid check is not going to appear in your mailbox by magic.

Even if you have been denied financial aid in the past (for an older child), it is always worth a try. Don't assume that you earn too much money and won't qualify. Also, try not to let the forms that appear very complicated, scare or deter you either. That would be a huge mistake.

Tip 2: There is no stigma attached with applying for college financial aid. On the flip side, you certainly don't want to pay "list price" for a college education. In the past, many college stu-

dents and their parents were embarrassed to admit that they needed financial aid to help defray the cost of tuition and accompanying fees. That's not the case these days. More and more college-bound students are seeking financial aid as the costs associated with attending college are on the rise.

Tip 3: You might pay less if your child attends a private school rather than a public school. Yes, you read that right.

Your son or daughter may be able to attend a private college at a lesser cost than a state university.

Many private colleges have greater funds available for student aid thanks to generous endowments and other income generators. Groups such as alumni

associations and corporate sponsors connected with the private institutions offer various financial assistance programs. Try not to let the initial "sticker price" of a private college shock you into passing them by.

Tip 4: Apply to more than one school. When applying for financial aid, don't put "all your eggs" in one basket. In general, students apply to more than one school to increase their chances of being accepted academically and to receive a nice financial aid package.

However, keep in mind that you need a "Plan B" just in case your top college choice says no, or offers you less than what you want or need in financial aid. Keep your options open.

Tip 5: Educate your-

self on the process. What you don't know could cost you. Paying for a college education for a family today can be a daunting task. Many times it tops the list as the biggest financial commitment in our lives.

Proper planning is a key element to surviving this expense and the earlier you begin the better.

By taking the time to educate yourself on all of the options, you will be better prepared to handle this expense head on. Being proactive is more productive than being reactive. Read college information packets, attend college planning events and classes, scour the Internet, and become informed.

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Collaboration makes book on teen boys insightful

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

In the spring of 2011, educator and author Rosalind Wiseman was in a Cartoon Network meeting to discuss an anti-bullying campaign. A participant said she had “boys in her eyes.”

Wiseman, a Boulder, Colo., resident, will speak at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville on her new book, *Masterminds & Wingmen: Helping Our Boys Cope with Schoolyard Power, Locker-Room Tests, Girlfriends, and the New Rules of Boy World* (Harmony Books/Random House).

“I laughed,” the mother of two sons, ages 10 and 12, said of that Cartoon Network meeting. “I felt revealed. The bloom is off the rose, as it were. It’s funny that people can see it on you.”

Wiseman, with 20 years of experience as an educator, earlier wrote, *Queen Bees and Wannabes: Helping Your Daughter Survive Cliques, Gossip, Boyfriends, and the New Realities of Girl World*, which became the basis for the *Mean Girls* movie. On *Masterminds & Wingmen*, published



Author and educator Rosalind Wiseman will speak Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Marquis Theatre in Northville. GREG POWERS AND AUDREY CREWE

Sept. 10, she worked with about 160 boy editors in middle school and high school, along with some 40 girls and men in their 20s. The young students ranged from fourth to 12th grade.

She’s looking forward to her Northville visit, hosted by Northville Youth Assistance.

“It was such a great community,” said Wiseman, who has spoken in Northville several previous times. “I wanted to come back.” She has a friend who used to live in Northville.

Wiseman was also pleased to see The Next Chapter Bookstore &

Bistro in downtown Northville: “It’s refreshing to find bookstores opening up,” she said. She was also impressed with local educators.

“I wanted to support it however I could,” she said of the community and region.

What boys need

In *Masterminds & Wingmen*, Wiseman writes boys need meaningful relationships, freedom to pursue what interests and challenges them, a feeling of belonging and social connection and a sense that they’re contributing to something larger than themselves.

Size of a school can make a difference, Wiseman and her boy editors found.

She said high school isn’t necessarily better for boys than middle school: “It really depends on the boy and the support he’s getting around him. It really depends on the kids.”

More affluent communities aren’t immune from social pressures. “Every community has its challenges, regardless of how much money there is,” Wiseman said. There are “haves” and “have-nots” in even the best-intentioned school.

Wiseman wouldn’t

buy her 12-year-old the \$300 headphones he asked for, saying he could buy the \$100 ones with his own money, “but, boy, does he take care of them, a lot better than if I bought them.”

Her *Queen Bees and Wannabes* helped girls and their families. “I’m hoping this helps to change the conversation we have about boys,” she said of the new book.

She wants parents and other adults to talk to boys, so they’ll talk in return.

Some boys will always say “I’m fine” and it’s hard to gauge how they’re doing.

Firsthand view

Wiseman said some will ask, “Why does she have the right to talk about boys?” Her boy editors made the book an accurate, collaborative project.

“Boys are emotional,” said Wiseman, who also wrote a companion book to help teen boys. “They just show it differently.”

She wants boys to express what they’re thinking and feeling “and be proud of themselves. Boys’ emotional lives are at risk. We as a community face the consequences of that. The stakes are really

high and we’ve got to be able to reach them as they want to be reached.”

She used to live in Washington, D.C., and agreed the sense of community in smaller towns has its benefits. “It makes life a lot better, but conflict is inevitable,” Wiseman said.

Parents need to take ownership when they and their children make mistakes. “That’s what makes communities strong,” Wiseman said. “They can take ownership when it’s hard.”

Sue Campbell, director of Northville Youth Assistance, said no tickets are required for the Marquis Theatre presentation, although donations to NYA are welcome. “I do expect really good turnout,” Campbell said of the theater, which seats 450 to 500. She recommends early arrival at the presentation, open to adults from nearby and neighboring communities.

‘Very engaging’

Campbell said of the author, “She works with the kids to figure out exactly what they’re thinking. She’s also very entertaining. She’s very engaging with groups of people. She really knows

what she’s talking about.”

Northville Youth Assistance works with young people ages 5-18, including a court diversion program for older kids. Mentoring is available for all ages, said Campbell, director for nine years.

“Kids have always had challenges,” Campbell said. “I would think they’re different now.”

You can call NYA at 248-344-1618 for information.

Campbell is mom to a son, 28, and a daughter, 25. She texted her son about the book, joking, “Sorry, I think I did everything wrong. He thought it was funny. Hindsight is 20-20.”

While in Northville, Wiseman will sign books at The Next Chapter, on Main near the Marquis, after her presentation. Her books will be sold.

“It’s a different world today than when they were growing up,” bookstore buyer Linda Caine said of parents. “When you think about all the bullying, things didn’t used to be as severe.”

Social media have changed young people’s lives, Caine added.

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GIRLS

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The ‘A’ team consisted of Rachel Coleman (second overall, 19:29), Lex Barrott (third, 19:32), Erin Zimmer (seventh, 19:51), Emma Herrmann (eighth, 20:01), Cayla Eckenroth (10th, 20:03), Alison Robinson (13th, 20:23) and Nicole Mosteller (20th, 20:54).

“Freshman Cayla Eckenroth ran her first invite on varsity and proved she has what it takes to compete with the experienced runners,” Smith said. “She ran the race like she was a true veteran of the sport.”

In the ‘B’ race, Northville’s second-place finish came with some outstanding performances. The team consisted of Hallie Harris (seventh, 21:20), Chloe Smither (10th, 21:28), Emma Smith (13th, 21:35), Megan Kerr (24th, 22:27), Julia Slatin (27th, 22:32), Paige Zimmer (28th, 22:40) and Katie Chevoor (22:44).

“Harris, Smither and Smith all ran season and career best times and showed that hard training is paying off and they have what it takes for a great season,” Smith said.

In the junior varsity race, Northville’s top three runners across the line were Helena Bryans (24:02), Frances Master (24:23) and Audrey Batez (24:25).

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CC defensive end Dylan Roney makes a tackle against Chicago Simeon.

SHAMROCKS

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smash-mouth style of football.

The Shamrocks opened up the scoring with their ground attack, scoring on a 28-yard scamper from senior Connor Holton for a 7-0 lead with 7:24 left in the first quarter.

On their following possession, the Shamrocks scored again for a 14-0 advantage, this time on a 61-yard rumble by senior Dylan Roney, who ended the day with 100 yards on five carries and added 12 tackles, a sack and a fumble recovery on defense.

Both the offensive and defensive play benefited greatly from the team’s linemen.

“I am very happy to see our line play as well as it did,” Mach said. “We have four seniors on the offensive line, tackle to tackle, but as a group they lack game experience. You wouldn’t have known it from the way they played, however.

They set the tone from our opening drive.”

Simeon managed to get on the board in the second quarter, but the Shamrocks scored soon after to maintain their 14-point lead. Zack Bock, who picked up 111 yards on the night, rushed into the end zone with 7:18 left in the half to give his team a 21-7 lead.

As usual, much of the credit for the victory goes to the Catholic Central defense, which held Simeon to less than 200 yards rushing and just 75 yards through the air. A big difference maker in keeping the Wolverines’ aerial attack under wraps was the play of senior Jack Van Acker, who snagged two interceptions, including one he returned 21 yards for a score.

Catholic Central’s other score came on a 3-yard touchdown run by Evan Stockton.

The Shamrocks are now 2-0 on the season.

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VOLLEYBALL

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rently stands at 592, and Abbott put up 65 in a single tournament.

Another impressive number was the serving of Cassidy Minghine, a senior.

“The team scored almost 30 percent of their points while Cassidy was serving,” Yaklin said. “Her court leadership through well-rounded volleyball skills and composure helped lead the team to a 7-0 day.”

In total, the team had 39 aces – 14 from Rachel Zawodny – and 75 perfect passes – 28 from Minghine. They also had 10 solo blocks, six assist blocks, 159 assists, 162 kills, 205 digs and 175 points on their serve.

Individually, Chloe Kiple had four solo blocks and three assist blocks and Katherine Boss had 146 assists and three assist blocks. Olivia Landis had 42 kills and three assist blocks, while Abbott added three assist blocks to her stats as well. Julia Colasanti and Minghine led in digs with 53 and 51, respectively.

Northville also played in a last-minute addition to its schedule with a seven-team tournament at Gabriel Richard High School. The team did well, going 2-2-1 with many young and inexperienced players on the roster. Its only loss came in the Gold Division finals.

The Mustangs defeated Westwood New Tech (25-7, 25-4) and Gabriel Richard (25-14, 19-25, 15-11) and tied Ann Arbor Huron (19-25, 25-23) and John Glenn (19-25, 25-23). Their loss came in the finals to Huron, 25-18, 25-17.

The team had 54 aces, 51 perfect passes, five solo blocks, 11 assist blocks, 78 assists, 86

kills, 124 digs and 127 points scored on its serve in the tournament.

Leading the team with aces was Emily Hogan with 12, while Kiera Borthwick and Anna Mae Crowley had 13 perfect passes each. Hogan had two solo blocks, while Olivia Boisenou had eight assist blocks and Claudia Ma had five assist blocks.

Zawodny had 42 assists in the tournament, while Emily Martin had 30 kills and Borthwick collected 40 digs.

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NORTHVILLE COLTS ROUNDUP

Varsity Colts down Cougars

Despite the rain, the varsity Northville Colts set the tone for the first quarter with their unstoppable defense Saturday afternoon against the Garden City Cougars.

Quarterback Abe Khoury connected with running back Marcello Gonzalez, putting their mark on the scoreboard. The extra point was made good by Elijah Gash, ending the first quarter with an 8-0 score.

Gonzalez scored two more touchdowns and an extra point in the second quarter, making the halftime score 22-0.

Joey Borthwick, Jake Khoury, Alex VanKnocker, Nolan Scott and Max Cooper all made outstanding tackles for the Colts in the third quarter.

The Colts held off the Cougars until the fourth quarter, when the Cougars scored their first touchdown of the game, making it 22-7. Borthwick answered a TD, with a Khoury extra point.

Both teams played tough defense for the remainder of the quarter, until the Cougars pressed one into the end zone, leaving the final score 29-13.



JV Colt Mick Farrell (9) hands off to isaiiah Gash (33), while Aiden Zook (10), Alex Condino (35), Shane Sandhu (5) and their offensive line push the Cougars back. KAREN SPENCER-GONDA

JV Colts get shutout

The JV Colts (2-0) played a strong first home game of the season, defeating the Garden City Cougars, 25-0.

The Colts defense was on fire, creating numerous Cougars fumbles. Early on a massive hit from Brennen VanRiper forced the ball from a Cougar's grasp; recovered by Isaiah Gash. Two plays later, Gash scrambled for the team's first touchdown.

In the second quarter, Shane Sandhu, Aidan MacDonald and

VanRiper led the defensive herd, pushing the Cougars back, forcing a punt. With 47 seconds left in the first half, Gash rushed for a touchdown followed by an extra point run by Mick Farrell.

Special teams made their presence felt with a kickoff fumble recovery by Ayden Oliver aided by Derik Roseberry. In the third quarter, Gash recovered yet another Cougars fumble, leading to his third touchdown. In the fourth quarter, Nolan O'Callaghan grabbed a fumble, positioning Zachary

Shoemaker for a final Colts touchdown two plays later. Solid tackling by Adam Harp and Alexander Ladach held the Cougars to a scoreless game.

– By Deanna Roseberry

Freshman team remains undefeated

The freshman Colts (2-0) second game of the year continued this season's momentum with style. The opening quarter was marked by a strong defensive stand, including a fumble recovery by Rocco

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The Northville Colts vs. the Walled Lake Central Chargers on Saturday, Sept. 15, at Northville High School. Freshman game starts 11 a.m., followed by JV at 1 p.m. and the varsity game at 3 p.m.

Giammarusti. The Colts capitalized on these turnovers on downs with two rushing scores – by Danny Sheehan and Parker Ladach – and one passing touchdown – from Jack Thallman to Danny Sheehan.

The second quarter became more of a defensive struggle on both sides. Sheehan's 35-yard touchdown run left the score 26-6 at halftime.

The Colts had many line changes, which resulted in two second-half touchdowns by Cole McGowan and a rushing score by Thallman. Fumble recoveries by both Peyton Bush and Mason Stewart and two sacks by Kameron Naujo-kas helped the Colts control this game throughout the second half. Points after touchdowns by Daniel Logan, Thallman, McGowan, and Massimo Porco helped in this overall team effort earning this 46-6 win.

– By James Davis II

NORTHVILLE STALLIONS ROUNDUP

Varsity Stallions win offensive battle

The varsity Stallions (2-0) took their game to Bentley Field in Livonia Sunday to meet the Livonia Blue Jays.

Jake Moody kicked off for the Stallions. After a short series of plays, the Blue Jays were intercepted in the end zone by Shane Rankin for the first Stallions touchdown. Moody added the two-point conversion, for a score of 8-0. Moody then kicked a squib to the Blue Jays, which was recovered by the Stallions' Rankin. The Blue Jays could not capitalize on a later fumble recovery and the ball was turned over on downs. After a long drive, Jonathan Michalak ran in the QB sweep and Moody again added the conversion, bringing the score to 16-0.

The Blue Jays' next offensive drive fizzled and the Stallions added another touchdown with a long pass from Michalak to Tyler Troyer, who ran it in. Moody again added the conversion, for a score of 24-0.

On their next offensive drive, the Blue Jays got it to the end zone, to bring the score to 24-6. And then the Stallions

defense stepped up. Dominick Martin, Jordan Grewe, Samuel Salah, Jonathan Ralph, Alec Stathakis, Keaton Strunk, Ben Schmidt, Alex Karam and Will Howe worked to hold the Blue Jays, but they scored again in the third.

The next offensive sequence by the Stallions resulted in a Troyer run into the end zone, followed by two points by Moody.

Grant Hood kicked the ball to the Blue Jays to start their offensive drive. They put six more on the board before the Stallions answered definitively, with one more rushing touchdown by Rankin. Moody's fifth conversion was good for a final score of 40-24.

– By Martha Michalak, Conrad Troyer and Lisa Moody

JV loses tough one, 19-13

The Northville Stallions JV squad (0-2) came up short in their game against the Livonia Blue Jays. The opening kickoff began with a big return by Brett Rankin, which gave the Stallions good field position to begin the game. After four and out, the Stallions defense took over. Gabri-

el Xuereb, Alex Gentner, David Olko, Max Barnes, Rob Reynolds and Cooper Leverton held the Blue Jays scoreless at the end of the first quarter.

The Blue Jays were first to score a touchdown in the second quarter, but Xuereb, Reynolds and Hunter Galindo stopped the extra point. The Blue Jays were knocking on the door on the Stallion 5-yard line when defensive men Olko and Gentner caused a fumble that was recovered by Rankin. The offensive line came out strong, led by Spencer Thakady, Luke Smith, Jack Story and Domenic Rodriguez. Quarterback Tyler Vos handed off to Leverton, who rumbled down the field 97 yards for a Stallions touchdown. Rankin converted the extra point on a strong run.

The second half kicked off with key defensive tackles by Parker Marquette, Josh Morrissey and Grant Lenton. Quarterback Nicholas Senawi led the offense to several first downs by Jack Bugar, Mitch DeGroff, Jack Rathwell and Lenton. QB Vos handoff to Leverton yielded a second Stallions touchdown. The Stallions' late rally started with Rankin

returning the ball on a monster run of 30 yards. With a 1:57 remaining in the game, the Blue Jays fumbled the ball and was recovered by Stallion's Gentner. An 8-yard pass to Rathwell moved the Stallions toward the goal line. Time ran out before the Stallions could score.

Freshmen record shut out, 39-0

The Stallions freshman team (2-0) traveled to Bentley Field in Livonia on Sunday to play the Blue Jays. The Stallions continued their season with a 39-0 shutout.

Livonia received first and the defense set the tone for the day forcing a turnover on downs, with stops by Angelo Rodriguez, Alec Maynard, Ben Thakady, Max Anderson and Grady Zoroya. The

first touchdown was scored after two carries by Tyler Ross and a conversion by Jack Ellis, making the score 7-0 Northville. After kickoff, the Blue Jays quickly drove to the Northville 4, until a fumble recovery by Ray Shukeireh ended Livonia's best chance of the day. Carries by Luke Pevovar and Ross and a touchdown by Ellis and conversion by Ross, made the score 14-0. The Blue Jays fumbled again, and after exchanging turnovers, including a fumble recovery by Jacob Merritt, Reece Jones scored. The second period featured defensive stands and runs by Luca Prior. The score was 20-0 at the end of the half.

Starting the third quarter, a kickoff return by Maynard and touch-

down and conversion by Zoroya led to a 27-0 score. The teams traded yards, with tackles by Michael Terrill, Anderson and others, an interception by Jones and runs by Mason Versosky and Tommy Mandell.

For the final quarter, a quick touchdown was scored by Anderson and the score was 33-0. Livonia took possession and tackles by Marco Caruana. Johnny Metrusias, and others led to another turnover on downs. Runs by Noah McCluskey, Rodriguez and others, and a touchdown by Zoroya, made the final score 39-0. Two more turnovers by Livonia and runs from Chase Pillsbury and other Stallions finished the shutout.

– By Justin Casagrande

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City of Northville and Northville Township Beautification Committee members Diane Pittaway (left) and Diane Jefferson congratulate Justin Hiller for his Haggerty and Five store's landscaping efforts last year. Hiller's was again recognized this year for their beautification efforts. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Businesses, others recognized for beautification efforts

Each year, the beautification commissions in both the city and township select businesses, groups and other property owners as recipients of the annual Beautification Awards.

The 2013 winners have been chosen and will be honored at a noon luncheon on Sept. 24 hosted by Northville Rotary at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

The beautification commissions from the township and the city have invited the winners, community officials, and guests to this luncheon and the award winners are presented with an award certificate. It is the 24th annual luncheon recognizing the winners.

The 2013 city winners are: Asher Citgo; Yerkes House at Mill Race; Angela Carson Photography; Begonia Broth-

ers; Kelly and Kelly, P.C.; The Rotary Well; Epiphany Kitchen; Northville District Library; The Tipping Point Theater; Water Wheel Centre; Planet Fitness; Poole's Tavern; Pizza Cutter; The Garage Restaurant; First Presbyterian Church; Town Square; Corriveau Law; The Northville Community Center; Northville Sports Den; Studio 324; Elizabeth's Bridal; Allen Terrace; Northville City Hall; Northville Garden Club Park; Northville Dentistry; VFW Post 4012; and Crossfit Northville.

The 2013 township winners are: Northville Hills Golf Club; ZF Technologies, I.C.; Rocky's of Northville; Oakmont Northville; Deadwood Bar and Grill; Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic; Applebee's Restaurant; Bushwood/George's Senate; Gerald's

Northville; Hampton Inn; Hiller's Market; Northville Police headquarters; Northville Township Hall; P.F. Chang's China Bistro; Papa Vino's; Sunrise Assisted Living; Haggerty Dental Associates; Top of the Cone and Northville car wash; and Wynwood of Northville.

The Honorable Mention winners are Huntington National Bank; Jeffrey Burstein, D.D.S.; Patio Plus Outdoor Furniture; Moose Lodge; Chiropractic Nutritional Serv; Northville Hearing Aid Center; Peter Ehlerdt, D.D.S.; Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Directors; Sheehan's on the Green; Sunoco Gas Station; Connor's Restaurant; Lake Trust Credit Union; Northville Brighton Gardens; and Redford Jewelry & Coin.

Career progression: Career portfolio the choice of a generation

The lingering belief that career progression is best represented by the slow, methodical climb up the organizational ladder is, at most, a thinly veiled desire for the days of domestic dominance and predictable patterns that dictated functional and territorial interactions.

The path of least resistance was reinforced for several generations as the cradle of fundamentally secure jobs and career movement. The measure of an effective career trajectory could be observed by the incremental steps within an organizational structure that rewarded the ascension, by many, into the middle ranks and the willingness to maintain layered order to ensure the ongoing success of the parent company.

At the same time, there was comfort in knowing that the experiences accumulated within the internal expansive landscape of the large and essentially unchallenged industrial giant would lead to broader opportunities that in subsequent years would lead to directorships, VP positions and, ultimately, to the seat in the big chair at the board room table surrounded by the many who coveted what you had achieved. It is the legacy provided by those who fought the good fight, did the right things, achieved the best results and knew the right people in forging their claim on the throne. The sum total of years spent in single company to achieve the seemingly elusive prize.

The measure of an effective career trajectory is measured by the accumulation of short-term experiences that ricochet from one organization to the next, and reinforcing the notion that the path to the "C" suite and, ultimately, the big chair is a through a broader array of skills from a broader array of experiences that have,



Lee Meadows
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hopefully, allowed for a broader perspective about internal activities that are triggered by global events. It is a legacy crafted by those who saw the impact of major corporate layoffs, adapted to the right things, achieved the necessary results and connected through the right social media sources to blaze a path to the throne.

So, in part, these two conflicting paths of career progression may be at odds with the volcanic eruption of new industries and new opportunities that have forced a 180-degree turn in the approach one has to take to find success, quickly and on balance with emerging beliefs about the importance of career above all else.

When an organization is considering a candidate for employment, the need for a balance of experience and education weighs heavily in making a final determination. However, when a candidate is considering an employer, the need for a balance of professional life and personal life, all things considered, weighs heavily when making a final determination.

What is clear is that there is more to career thinking than any ladder or portfolio can encompass. While the jury is still out as to whether or not the career portfolio is the best approach to career progression, in lieu of firmer commitments that came with climbing a career ladder, it is the choice of a generation.

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BRIEFS

Planet Fitness grand re-opening

The Northville Planet Fitness, located at 235 E. Main Street, has completed an extensive remodeling project. The \$700,000 project included adding new hydro massage tables and chairs, four new high performance tanning beds, new cardio and strength equipment, updated locker rooms and restrooms, and more than 20 new large screen televisions in the cardio room.

As the first Detroit area gym to open under the Planet Fitness brand in 2006, the Northville club has been undergoing renovations and equipment upgrades over the past year. Renovations were performed by Frericks Construction.

To celebrate completion of the remodeling, the club will be hosting a grand re-opening event from 5-9 p.m., Monday, Sept. 16. The event will be open to the public, including a special appearance by Buddy Shue, star of the "Biggest Loser" show. Shue will be there from 6-8 p.m. The event will also include pizza and free give-aways.

"This is a very special club because it was the first Planet Fitness to open in the Detroit area," said Chris Klebba, owner of the Northville club, plus seven other Planet Fitness clubs in Michigan. "Our members have been fantas-

tic throughout the re-modeling process, and we're all looking forward to this grand re-opening; this will make the Northville gym one of the most state-of-the-art gyms in the area."

The 16,000 square-foot Northville Planet Fitness is open 24-hours on week days, and 7 a.m.-7 p.m. on week-ends. For more information visit www.planetfitness.com/gyms/MI/Northville or call 248-449-7634.

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Plante Moran, one of the nation's largest certified public accounting and business advisory firms, has elected 12 new partners firm wide. Seven of them are based in Michigan.

Among them is Northville resident Dennis Bagley, who is based in Southfield and focuses on information technology and operations consulting for public sector clients across the United States. He holds a bachelor of science degree in computer science from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and an MBA from the University of Michigan - Ross School of Business.

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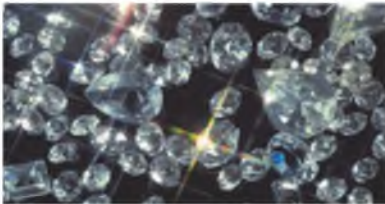
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HOUSING SURVEY: DESIRE TO BUY ON UPSWING

Americans overwhelmingly believe owning a home is a good financial decision and a majority of renters say homeownership is one of their highest priorities for the future, according to a survey by the National Association of Realtors. The 2013 *National Housing Pulse Survey* also found that renters are thinking more about purchasing a home now than in past years, while the number of people who say they prefer to rent has declined.

“Homeownership matters to Americans who consistently realize the many benefits it provides to communities, families and the nation’s economy,” said NAR President Gary Thomas, broker-owner of Evergreen Realty, in Villa Park, Calif. “Due to high housing affordability and today’s interest rates it makes sense for people to consider homeownership over renting. In fact, in many parts of the country it’s cheaper to own a home than to rent one. Therefore, it’s no surprise that renters recognize that owning a home offers tremendous long-term benefits and is an investment in their future.”

The survey, which measures consumers’ attitudes and concerns about housing opportunities, found eight in 10 Americans believe buying a home is a good financial decision and more than two-thirds (68 percent) said now is a good time to buy a home.

Since the last survey in 2011, more renters are now thinking about purchasing a home, up from 25 percent to 36 percent, while those who say they prefer to rent dropped from 31 percent to 25 percent.

Half of renters say that eventually owning a home is one of their highest personal priorities, up from 42 percent to 51 percent.

Attitudes toward the housing market have also improved over the years. Nearly four in 10 Americans (38 percent) identified an increase in activity within their local housing market in the past year, compared to just 22 percent who reported a slowdown in activity.

By contrast, in 2011 some 51 percent reported a slowdown in activity. There was also less concern than in the past about the drop in home values; a majority said housing prices in their area are more expensive than a year ago.

In addition to these improved attitudes about the housing market, respondents also showed an improved outlook about the national economy. Just under half (48 percent) said job layoffs and unemployment are a big problem, down from 61 percent in 2011. The concern over foreclosures



showed a steep decline from 2011 when 47 percent characterized distressed properties as “very” or a “fairly big problem;” today only 29 percent say it’s a problem.

For many Americans, the perceived obstacles to homeownership have remained unchanged over the years; low wages, student loan debt, and little savings for a down payment and closing costs continue to make it difficult for many to become homeowners. Respondents across the board – young and old, college graduates and non-graduates – consider student loan debt to be a large obstacle.

“Student loan debt is a concern for many consumers in today’s market, especially first-time buyers,” said Thomas. “Buyers with student loan debt may find it difficult to access mortgage credit, as well as save for a down payment. Pending mortgage finance regulations requiring higher down payments could also contribute to the already tight lending environment. Realtors are working with regulators to address this issue and are committed to making sure those who are willing and able to own a home have the opportunity to pursue that dream.”

When asked for reasons why home-

ownership is important, respondents’ top reasons underscored basic American values and freedoms; they were building equity, wanting a stable and safe environment, and the freedom to choose where to live.

While these reasons have remained virtually unchanged since 2011, they do vary slightly according to demographics.

The top scoring reason for African-Americans and Hispanics was that homeownership provides stability and a safe environment; women also placed more emphasis on environmental factors than men. Non-college graduates placed stronger emphasis on public schools, owning a home before retirement, and living in a safe and stable environment.

The 2013 *National Housing Pulse Survey* is conducted by American Strategies and Myers Research & Strategic Services for NAR’s Housing Opportunity Program, which aims to position, educate and help Realtors promote housing opportunities in their community, in both the rental and homeownership sectors of the market. The telephone survey polled 2,000 adults nationwide and has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.2 percentage points.

Outside attorney may be helpful

Q: I am on a board with an attorney and several other quasi professionals who seem to be relying on the attorney for all of their advice. I know a lot of about condos, having had experience in running them, and I know that this attorney is way off base in terms of his feelings about pursuing collections, bylaw enforcement and the developer. What can I do to get these other board members to wake up?

A: Unfortunately, in condominium governance, people who serve on boards are frequently volunteers who know nothing about business and/or legal matters as they relate to the condo association. They sometimes are gullible, naïve or, frankly, stupid in not opening their eyes to what is going

on. They will look for cheap ways to get matters resolved and not hire experienced outside consultants including CPAs, accountants and professional management companies to help them with their job. An attorney on a board, regardless of his or her background, is often deluged with questions and if the attorney is on an ego trip, he will provide his advice which may or may not be sound advice, and may well be self-serving depending upon the attorney’s connections, including whether his firm has any involvement with your developer by way of example. Get an outside attorney with broad-based and well-known experience to meet with the board and shake them up.

Q: I understand that there was a case in California where a lawyer was not allowed to attend a board meeting on a co-owner’s behalf. Do you have any information on that?

A: Yes. While the facts were somewhat more complicated in that the co-owner had formed an LLC, and wanted to appoint the lawyer as a representative of the LLC, the court held in that case that the master deed defined member as a record lot owner, and that the attorney was not a member of the LLC and was therefore not authorized by its Articles of Organization to manage the business or affairs of the LLC. Thus the LLC could not delegate management authority to the attorney. Furthermore, the court found that the master deed (Declaration in California) and corporate law prohibited the LLC from transferring any membership rights to the attorney except the right to vote by proxy. Additionally, holding a member’s proxy does not entitle a non-member to attend or speak at board meetings since no business is conducted by the association members at board meetings. You are best advised to check with your own attorney, but try to get the board’s approval to allow you to bring an attorney on your behalf.



Robert Meisner

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

16211 Amherst Ave \$150,000

BIRMINGHAM

915 Chester St \$684,000
1856 Cole St \$218,000
1954 Graefield Rd \$92,000
509 Lewis St \$260,000
291 Linden Rd \$1,110,000
639 N Old Woodward Ave \$289,000
642 Pilgrim Ave \$869,000
1653 S Bates St \$630,000
1090 Saxon Dr \$360,000
420 Townsend St \$1,255,000
272 W Brown St \$415,000
508 W Lincoln St \$385,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

4630 Kiftsgate Bnd \$919,000

757 Upper Scotsborough Way
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
4701 Ardmore Dr \$1,625,000
3435 Bradway Blvd \$975,000
6915 Cathedral Dr \$287,000
3375 Greentree Rd \$900,000
1975 Klingsmith Rd Unit 21 \$64,000
6467 Maple Hills Dr \$160,000
2464 Mulberry Sq # 23 \$72,000
2640 Roxie Rd \$250,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

3121 Belle Terre \$224,000
2281 Brigantine \$40,000
1771 Carriage Hl \$320,000
3460 Cranberry Dr \$295,000
4275 Creedmore St \$640,000
3982 Dun Rovin Ct \$320,000
5268 Oak Hill Trl \$519,000
3731 Stallion Way \$275,000
3892 Vanstone Dr \$360,000

FARMINGTON

33761 Schulte Dr \$190,000
33209 Shiawassee Rd \$195,000
33266 Slocum Dr \$157,000
36638 Vicary Ln \$169,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

25566 Kilreigh Dr \$205,000
32403 Nestlewood St \$200,000
29985 Pipers Ln \$220,000
34641 Princeton St \$199,000
22085 Tulane Ave \$58,000
30070 W 12 Mile Rd Unit 125 \$29,000

LATHRUP VILLAGE

27475 Goldengate Dr \$147,000

LYONS

18568 San Diego Blvd \$139,000

NORTHVILLE

869 Pond Island Ct \$565,000
40360 Prestwick Ct \$1,718,000
22335 Waterland Dr \$535,000

NOVI

45279 Bartlett Dr \$84,000
45297 Bartlett Dr \$111,000
45303 Bartlett Dr \$84,000
44599 Ellery Ln \$181,000
44654 Ellery Ln \$170,000
27879 Floyd Dr \$172,000
108 Maudlin St \$150,000
28630 Meadowbrook Rd \$150,000

28630 Meadowbrook Rd \$155,000

24472 Riverview Ln \$250,000
21735 Siegal Dr \$320,000
44842 Stockton Dr \$82,000
43338 Windmill Ct \$285,000

SOUTH LYON

595 Eagle Way \$215,000
790 Hidden Creek Dr \$240,000
1070 Paddock Dr \$213,000
61081 Palomino Ct \$312,000
59168 Peters Barn Dr \$81,000
24614 Ravine Dr \$65,000
909 Westhills Dr \$272,000

SOUTHFIELD

21885 Hampshire Ct \$106,000
15965 Jeanette St \$75,000
20141 Rodeo Ct \$28,000
20141 Rodeo Ct \$78,000
28600 Streamwood Ln \$205,000
20345 Thornwood Ct \$135,000
19699 Villa Dr N \$59,000
20050 Winchester St \$85,000

WHITE LAKE

293 Lisa Cir \$172,000
9357 Mandon Rd \$65,000

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BRIEFS

Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will hold a free Career Seminar, explaining the \$50,000 income guarantee, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100 Plymouth.

For more information, contact Mary Beth Kaljian at 734-459-4700 or mb@marybethk.com.

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, contact 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.

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.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 28-31, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

47627 Ashford Dr S \$348,000
2640 Barkhill Rd \$77,000
1969 Bellingham St \$150,000
2264 Berwick Dr \$129,000
39964 Coronation Rd \$166,000
39926 Edmundton Dr \$165,000
4126 Elizabeth Ave \$111,000
50943 Federal Blvd \$77,000
45802 Fountain View Dr \$215,000
223 Kings Way \$201,000
39954 Lynn St \$132,000
43919 Marne Ct \$128,000
4133 Monarch Ave \$173,000
47147 N Pointe Dr \$337,000
590 Roosevelt St \$225,000
1497 S Morton Taylor Rd \$273,000
3621 Shepherd Ln \$175,000
3789 Shepherd Ln \$165,000
356 Torrington Dr W \$295,000

1285 W Crystal Cir \$176,000
868 Westfield Ct \$177,000
GARDEN CITY
33500 Alvin St \$80,000
6464 Elizabeth St \$96,000
31443 Hennepin St \$74,000
32415 Maplewood St \$18,000

LIVONIA

14301 Bainbridge St \$135,000
29434 Barkley St \$70,000
14729 Blue Skies St \$152,000
16406 Edgewood Dr \$238,000
15062 Ellen Dr \$117,000
38526 Elsie St \$110,000
11325 Flamingo St \$135,000
19988 Gary Ln \$300,000
9808 Horton St \$66,000
15097 Inkster Rd \$80,000
29656 Lori St \$150,000
9814 Mayfield St \$116,000
17653 Parklane St \$216,000
30947 Robert Dr \$141,000
14707 Ronnie Ln \$155,000
8948 W Deborah Ct \$140,000
18665 Yorkshire Dr \$210,000

NORTHVILLE

44706 Broadmoor Cir N \$421,000
48077 Four Seasons Blvd \$135,000

19816 Irongate Ct \$88,000
42720 Lyric Ct \$100,000
17474 Maple Hill Dr \$338,000
44638 Oak Forest Dr \$495,000
18914 Overlook Trl \$145,000
42003 Pon Meadow Dr \$282,000
124 Randolph St \$800,000
19341 Upland Ct \$255,000
39552 Village Run Dr \$275,000
46280 W Main St \$403,000
17395 Willow Ridge Dr \$503,000

PLYMOUTH

600 Ann St \$335,000
590 Byron St \$208,000
9111 Corinne St \$190,000
8303 Liberty Blvd \$334,000
27610 Mackenzie Dr \$240,000
29058 Manchester St \$235,000
6950 N Farmington Rd \$365,000
38260 Overbrook Ln \$136,000
1406 Portland St \$310,000
7650 Rivergate Dr \$77,000
802 S Dowling St \$146,000
29900 Shackett St \$69,000
35838 Thames St \$52,000
34719 University St \$85,000
34169 Warren Rd \$44,000

12302 Wendover Dr \$415,000

REDFORD

17613 Beech Daly Rd \$43,000
24707 Donald \$55,000
25763 Dover \$79,000
9132 Hazelton \$58,000
19765 Imperial Hwy \$12,000
12063 Leverne \$23,000
26657 W Chicago \$60,000

WAYNE

35258 Ash St \$90,000
3624 Mildred St \$10,000

WESTLAND

36062 Abbey Dr \$133,000
8316 August Ave \$60,000
8303 Liberty Blvd \$120,000
27610 Mackenzie Dr \$110,000
29058 Manchester St \$38,000
6950 N Farmington Rd \$75,000
38260 Overbrook Ln \$207,000
1406 Portland St \$75,000
7650 Rivergate Dr \$77,000
802 S Dowling St \$146,000
29900 Shackett St \$69,000
35838 Thames St \$52,000
34719 University St \$85,000
34169 Warren Rd \$44,000