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The city of Northville and its Downtown Development Authority are expanding the Wi-Fi capability in downtown. The city council approved a recommendation to provide expanded Wi-Fi service for downtown for \$2,800 and an annual operating cost of \$3,600.

This expansion will expand the current coverage area from around Town Square to the area along Main and Center streets. It will not be for businesses, but only public use.

Skeletons
are coming

Northville takes Halloween seriously and the town is getting ready to kick off “October in the Ville” by welcoming 55 boney friends who will inhabit the downtown for the month of October.

The skeletons will be on display beginning Friday, Oct. 4, with a ceremony that evening 6:30-9 p.m. in Town Square. The event will also feature dancers from the Piazza Dance Co. and a performance from the band Social Bones.

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Storm rips through downtown

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Downtown Northville was hit by a powerful storm, which may have been a tornado or straight line winds, last week that left many trees downed and cars and homes damaged.

There were no reported injuries, but there were many close calls.

“I was trying to shut the windows when it happened,” Michelle Borthwick, who lives on Wing Street, said while looking at one of her favorite trees downed between her home and a neighbors’, the Shutt family.

“I feel grateful that it fell in the right spot, right in between both our homes,” she said.

Her neighbor, Dan Shutt, was

next door when the storm hit after 7 p.m. Wednesday and he thinks it was a tornado.

“There was stuff flying in all directions. It was a tornado from what I could see,” he said while assessing and taking photos in the darkness of the damage outside his home.

The tree fell on a vehicle in his driveway.

A storm front was reported by weather updates on television news earlier in the evening, but downtown Northville was caught off-guard a bit. Warning sirens never sounded to give downtown residents and businesses a heads-up.

Bealtown neighborhood resident Sue Marie Klimek said it

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‘It doesn’t get much better’

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

sors, including the Dick Scott Automotive Group and city of Northville, along with businesses in downtown and from around Northville. It’s this continual support that helped overcome the weather damage to make it a great festival.

“This community has always shown support,” Sincock said. “I want to give the city a special shout out for all the work it did in getting things ready after the storm.”

Power was off in parts of downtown for some of Thursday and trees and limbs were down all around town into the weekend as the Department of Public Works, DTE and

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Community support helps Victorian Fest overcome storm damage

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A wind storm that left power out for nearly a day after downing trees throughout town could not stop Northville and visitors from enjoying the 25th annual Victorian Festival over the weekend.

“It was a great time. The weather was tricky this year, but we can’t thank the city enough for its efforts in getting things cleaned up and going for this festival,” Northville Chamber of Commerce associate director Traci Sincock said.

The annual event was organized by the chamber and had a number of local spon-

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‘America’s Favorite Dancer’ says title ‘is only the beginning’

By Patricia Montemurri
Gannett Michigan

Northville teen and “America’s Favorite Dancer” Amy Yakima said last week that her new title “is only the beginning” of what she wants to accomplish.

“I want to keep training. I want to keep getting better ...

do movies, do companies. I want to do a music video,” said Yakima, 19, during a telephone interview Wednesday, conducted along with the show’s male title-holder, Fik-Shun.

Yakima, a 2011 Northville High graduate, said she plans to move to Los Angeles to give her entertainment industry

opportunities. She said it also puts her closer to her L.A.-based cousin and dancing inspiration, Elizabeth Bork, originally from Dearborn and a Farmington Hills Mercy High School graduate who performs annually as a New York City Music Hall Rock-

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Large, olde-fashioned bicydes were part of the Victorian Festival Parade. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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local tree crews worked to get things open and ready. A limb had ripped a hole into the festival's saloon/beer tent, but it was quickly patched up and crowds filled it all weekend.

The Shawn Riley Band played Friday night and Social Bones played Saturday. Sincock said the saloon was packed both nights.

With sunny weather Saturday, visitors made their way to downtown. The festival had some new touches this year with a stage coach, history museum and theater. The juggling show drew crowds, while the kid rides were busy.

"I came here because I knew he would have fun," Novi resident Jeff Anderson said, pointing to his 2-year-old son Ben as they walked toward the food. "We saw the carousel, so that drew us in. The food selection is pretty good, too."

Another visitor was Terry Braiker of Farmington Hills, who said the downtown with Mill Race Village and the variety of shops is a perfect place for this event.

"Northville is a great place to come, it's got a good variety, unlike some other downtowns," she said. "The people are friendly, plus today is a perfect day with the sun out,



Northville High School pom pon team members were some of the many non-profits raising money during the weekend's Victorian Festival in downtown Northville. From left are Marissa Lozser, Faith Horbatch, and Nicole Rister.



Members of the Northville Eclipse Base Ball team hit the field during their Sept. 14 exhibition match at Ford Field.



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Through Victorian eyes

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Third-graders in Northville got an up-close look at history last Friday through a field trip back in time to the Victorian era. More than 500 third-grade students participated Sept. 13 in the 25th annual Victorian Festival activities dressed in Victorian attire. They walked through downtown Northville, enjoying the different stops along their trip. A group of high school students, Northville Public Schools staffers and community volunteers, all dressed in period clothing, helped educate the students about Northville and Michigan's rich history during the late 1800s.

One attraction was the magic show at Town Square. For third-grader Hailey Lamers, this was the highlight.

"This is a lot of fun," she said after the show, dressed up in a Victorian-era clothes. "The magic show was really funny."

Her mother Leslie was along for the trip and she, too, liked the show, as well as the other stops along the way.

"This shows a great appreciation for history and what it was like then. The kids love this up-close look," she said.

The students explored five historic learning stations in downtown Northville, including: Victorian era children's games hosted by Northville Parks and Recreation; historic stories about the community's past at the Northville District Library; an interactive experience with a magician at Town Square; period music and entertainment at Genitti's Little Theatre, provided by Northville High School music programs; and a guided village tour at Mill Race, where students examined architecture, culture and community.

"I cannot think of a more memorable and wholesome experience for third-grade students from all public and private schools in Northville to participate in. This interactive learning experience allows history to come to life in meaningful ways for elementary students," said Bob Behnke, assistant superintendent for instructional services at NPS. "This is our community's opportunity to spark their interest in learning more about their personal heritage and vibrant history of Northville."

This longstanding program culminates the second-grade social studies curriculum focusing on community and introduces the third-grade curriculum on the state of Michigan.



Amerman Elementary School students enjoy a magician at Northville Town Square. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Christine Haverkate fights the wind to keep her large, ostrich-feathered hat on during a Sept. 13 stroll through downtown Northville. Haverkate was escorting some of the many Amerman Elementary School students through a series of stops in the Main Street area for their Victorian Festival experience.



Chloe Templeton-Eagle, 6, walks in the Victorian Festival Parade.

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Purdue grad

Shannon Kelly of Northville graduated from Purdue University following the spring semester. Kelly earned a B.S. in chemical engineering degree from the School of Chemical Engineering.

ASU grad

Benjamin Sherman of Northville recently earned his doctorate from Arizona State University. The son of Dave and Connie Sherman of Commerce Township and 2003 graduate of Northville High School, Sherman earned his PhD in chemistry. His research primarily centered on the development of electrode interfaces composed of catalysts, organic dyes, and metal oxide semiconductors for use in developing photoelectrochemical systems capable of using solar energy to form hydrogen from water.

Sherman earned several awards including:

» Distinguished Research Poster Award, Arizona Student Energy Conference on Renewable Energy Science, Technology, and Policy (April, 2013).

» Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant in Chemistry, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Arizona State University.

Awarded April 10, 2012.

Selected by Dayton

Corey Szmazdzinski of Northville is attending the University of Dayton this fall as part of an incoming class that is the most selective in school history, as well as one of the most academically prepared and geographically diverse.

The university recently welcomed about 1,900 first-year students when classes started Aug. 21.

Szmazdzinski comes to campus as part of the most competitive class in the Dayton's history. Only about one out of every two applicants was accepted, as competition to get into the private, Catholic university continues to rise. At 52 percent, overall selectivity is up nearly 30 percentage points in just a decade.

Purdue honors

About 13,600 Purdue University students earned semester honors for the spring 2013 semester. To earn semester honors, students must be attending at least half-time, have at least a 3.5 semester grade point average and at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA.

Students earning semester honors include **Tolerton Johnson** and **Olivia Niemiec** of

Northville, and **Brendan Jenkins** of Novi.

SVSU President's List

Olivia Gurizzian of Northville was named to Saginaw Valley State University's President's List for the winter 2013 semester. To be eligible for the President's List, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours and earn a 4.0 semester GPA.

St. Mary's grad

Anna Vandecaveye has graduated from Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind. Anna, daughter of Lisa and Andrew Vandecaveye of Northville, received a BS in nursing.

SVSU Dean's List

Saginaw Valley State University named 1,860 students on the Dean's List for the winter 2013 semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, stu-

dents must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours and earn a semester GPA of 3.4 or better.

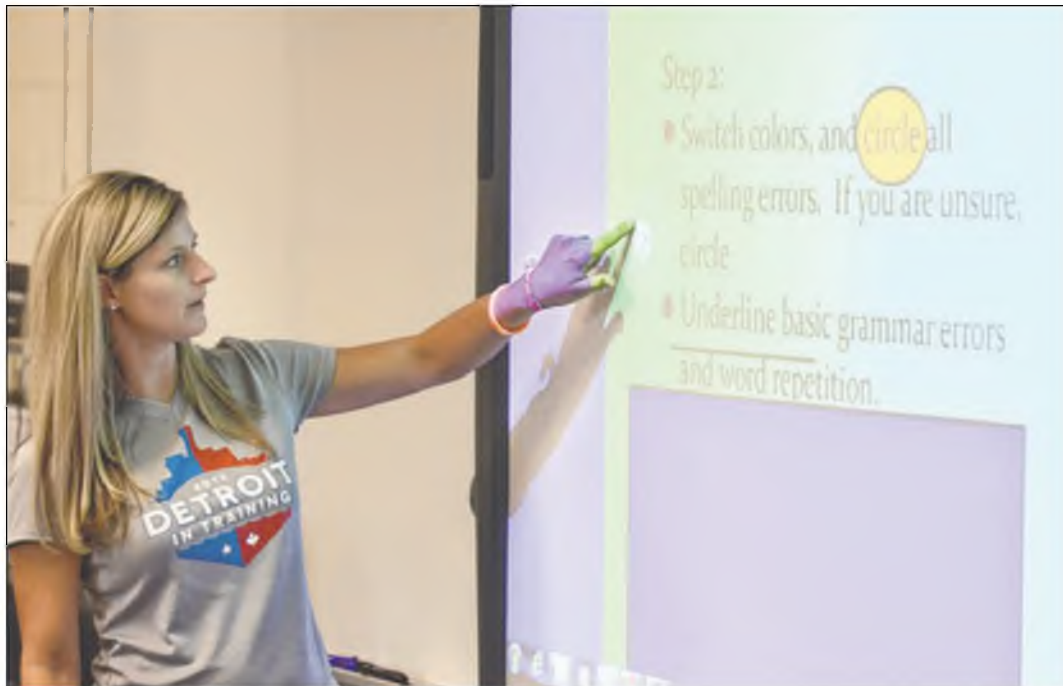
The local students who made the list included **Lindsey Dusablon**, **Nicholas Pankowski**, and **Matthew Stojkov**, all of Northville.

Purdue Dean's List

About 9,600 Purdue University students were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2013 semester. To be named to the list, a student must have completed at least 12 credit hours, be enrolled at least half-time, have a semester grade point average of at least 3.0 and have at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA.

Local students named to the list were **Amy Bernstein** of Northville, **Megh Dholakia** of Northville, **Tolerton Johnson** of Northville, **Olivia Niemiec** of Northville, and **Brendan Jenkins** of Novi.

A new way to teach



Hillside Middle School teacher Alissa Lohman uses one of the school's many 'Smartboards' during a Sept. 12 class. The boards, which can project images, relay Internet information, and allow teachers and students to 'draw' on them, are currently being used throughout the Northville School District. The new equipment was purchased after district voters passed a \$20 million technology bond last year. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Dance team car wash

Dance (actually drive) your way to the corner of Seven Mile and Northville Road on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for a car wash fundraiser for the Northville High School dance program. The varsity and junior varsity dance teams are raising funds for team competitions. Donations are gladly accepted.

Host families needed

The nonprofit International Experience is seeking families to host high school foreign exchange students for this school year.

Host families are needed for students coming from Germany, China, Columbia, Finland, Austria, Australia, Switzerland, Denmark, France, United Kingdom, Netherlands, Serbia, Sweden and South Africa.

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own health insurance and able to pay for all other expenses. Host families are needed for one semester and for the full year.

For more information, visit usa.international-experience.net or call Kevin Gebhard at 248-770-8608; k.gebhard@international-experience.net.

College information

Representatives from Eastern Michigan University and Hillside College will be available on Sept. 19 in the Northville High School counseling conference room at the following times during Seminar:

» Eastern Michigan 9:20 a.m.

» Hillsdale College 10 a.m.

The local reps are full of great information and updates including curriculum offerings, campus improvement, scholarships and more.

Continue to look for updates to the college visit schedule on the Counseling website at <http://nhs.northvilleschools.org/node/111>.

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Scout earns his wings with Lego project

Troy Stacer, a sophomore at Northville High School, earned his Eagle Scout badge by running the First Lego League (FLL) at Meads Mill Middle School while a student at the school. The Eagle badge is the highest honor in scouting.

Stacer participated in FLL Robotics at Meads Mill for three years. Based on a new theme each year, this competition includes building and programming a robot to accomplish tasks, problem solving to create a new product, presenting your project and participating in a teamwork challenge.

For his Eagle project, Stacer ran the first FLL at Meads Mill Middle School in 2012. This project consisted of many parts. It started in August with an orientation/informational meeting. From the group of interested students, he formed teams of five to 10 students and at least one adult coach. He provided each team with a competition field kit and an inventory of Lego parts.

He mentored the teams between September and the December by helping the with all aspects of their project including programming, building, teamwork, research and presentation skills.

He was also responsible for ordering custom T-shirts for each team. He attended the completions with the teams. The final piece of the project was to collect and re-inventory the Lego parts.

Part of the difficulty of this project was the required timing of Stacer's tasks, which were set by this national program and the regional competitions.

Even though Stacer completed his project last year and earned his Eagle award, he has decided to run the FLL program again at Meads Mill for the 2013 season. This year's challenge is called "Nature's Fury." Meads Mill will have five teams this year.



Troy Stacer

Asian-Indian Women's Assn. offers elder care summit Sept. 28

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Information on elder care will be the focus of a Saturday, Sept. 28, summit of the Asian-Indian Women's Association of Michigan, to be held at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center in Livonia.

People from India began to move to the U.S. in large numbers in the 1960s and early 1970s, said Daksha Pandit, a board member and a founder of the association. They were studying and working, also raising families.

"We realized this is our home and this is where we're going to be," the Plymouth Township resident said. "Our parents were not here. This is the first time for us to learn these issues."

People from the Indian community have aged and many need additional care. People from Indian descent

face issues with dietary restrictions and language, with some older people not speaking English.

The second annual Leadership Summit of the AIWA will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at Schoolcraft in Livonia. AIWA members will pay \$10, nonmembers \$20, which includes a Schoolcraft culinary arts lunch.

"We have some specific requirements to cater toward us," said Pandit, who helped found the association in 2000. "For our children, this is going to be something totally new for them, too. We want them to educate themselves."

Moving in with children is difficult, she noted. "We need our own space and they should be part of it," she said of the younger generation and challenges in elder care decisions.

Speakers Sept. 28 include state Rep. Sam Singh, D-

East Lansing, and Tina Abbate Marzolf, CEO of the Area Agency on Aging 1-B. Oakwood's Marcia Filek, resource manager for Senior Care Solutions, will also speak.

Exhibitors from independent living, assisted living, rehabilitation and nursing homes, home care, physical therapy and more will attend. Advance reservations are needed. For information, email aiwamich@gmail.com. The association has a website at www.aiwami.org.

Pandit's mother-in-law is alive at 91 and lives in Texas with family. "They will need help with the language," Pandit said of families with three generations here. "There is an immediate need right now."

She said transportation is often arranged to take many seniors to Hindu tem-

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WEEKLY EVENTS

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» **Thursday:** 9 a.m. Archives open; 5 p.m. rehearsal; 7 p.m. NHS Board of Directors meeting

» **Friday:** 9 a.m. Ar-

chives open; 1:45-3:45 p.m. wedding*; 4 p.m. rehearsal; 5 p.m. rehearsal; 6 p.m. King's 8th in Cady

» **Saturday:** 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. wedding*; 12:45-2:45 p.m. wedding*; 3:15-5:15 p.m. wedding*

» **Sunday:** 1-4 p.m. Village buildings open free to public; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. King's 8th; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #473

» **Monday:** 10 a.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers; 7 p.m. Victorian Readers

» **Tuesday:** 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 10 a.m. Northville Garden Club workshop; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #737

SENIOR SERVICES

The Northville Community Center is located at 303 W. Main Street. For more information about senior services, call 248-349-4140.

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» **Time/Date:** 1-2:30 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 24

» **Details:** The is a free event. Learn new strategies to maximize your social Security income. RSVP by Sept. 18.

» **Location:** Northville Community Center

Flu shots

» **Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m., Oct. 1

» **Details:** Northville Community Center. RSVP by Sept. 25

DSO – Fred and Ginger show

» **Time/Date:** Bus departs at 9:30 a.m., Nov. 1

» **Details:** RSVP by Oct. 1. Cost is \$35 per person.

Council approves improvements to Ely Street, Court

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

South Ely Drive and Ely Court will go from a concrete street to an asphalt one after a city-approved improvement project is completed.

On Sept. 16, the Northville City Council by a 4-0 vote awarded a contract in the amount of \$237,380 to Nagle Paving Company of Novi for the S. Ely Drive and Ely Court Improvement Project, which will start soon.

"The project calls for the milling of the existing concrete road surface, spot repair of the concrete curb and sidewalk, and the resurfacing of the roadway with a new three inch asphalt pavement overlay," said Northville Public Works Director James Gallogly.

The project calls for improvements to S. Ely between N. Center Street and Jeffery Drive along with Ely Court, which is located near the center of S. Ely Drive. Adding this court to the project just made sense, Gallogly said.

Nagle Paving was the contractor used for improvements to N. Ely Drive, which took place in 2012. The N. Ely Drive project was identical in design for the S. Ely Drive

project.

"They (Nagle) did an excellent job last year," Gallogly said.

Nagle was the low bid with Cadillac Asphalt at \$ 425,445 being the highest. The project was originally budgeted for \$220,000, but with Ely Court added in the price went up.

According to Gallogly, the Street, Drainage and Sidewalk Improvement Fund, which is the funding source for the City's local and major street improvements, has an adequate fund balance to cover this small overrun.

The city expects to complete this project before the end of this construction season.

Special council meeting

The Northville City Council will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 23 with the Joint Master Plan Committee, Historic District Commission, Planning Commission and Downtown Development Authority all in attendance to discuss the updating of city's five-year master plan. The meeting is open to the public and will be at either city hall or community center.

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ples and other houses of worship. "People do like to practice their religion wherever they live," Pandit said. "There might be a religious factor. I think personally it is not going to be a big factor."

Other Asian-Pacific organizations will also be at Schoolcraft for the summit, which is open to all regardless of ethnic group.

Pandit and others from her association are proud to present programs that help women and their families. The association also participates in the fall "Making Strides

Against Breast Cancer" walk of the American Cancer Society in Ann Arbor. Members also give 10 percent of membership to breast cancer research efforts and do other volunteer work.

Pandit is retired from her public relations and advertising business, and earned a degree in journalism from the University of Detroit, now U-D Mercy. She's mom to two.

Ramesh Verma of Novi is also pleased to see the Sept. 28 summit. He's commissioner for Asian-Pacific American Affairs, an appointment of the governor confirmed by the state Senate.

Verma noted the large baby boom population. "This needs more attention for our sen-

iors," he said.

Verma said nursing homes aren't found in India, although they do serve the Indian community specifically in other major U.S. cities. "This seminar will be very important," said Verma, also treasurer of the Michigan Democratic Party and a Novi library trustee. "They should know what they're getting into."

Last year's summit wasn't focused on elder care, said Verma, who's a senior. "We love to stay in our own home. My wife and I would love to stay in our own home." They've been in Novi some 24 years, the last 14 or so at their current home. A son's living nearby helps.

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Home tour

The AAUW Northville-Novi Branch 18th Annual Home Tour will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 21. The event's theme is "Three Centuries of Homes".

Tickets available online through Sept. 19 at www.aauwnn.org. Tickets purchased online may be picked up the day of tour from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Starring "The Gallery" in the 120 West Main hallway. Tickets are also available at Gardenviews, Pear-Aphernalia, the Northville Chamber of Commerce, Starring "The Gallery", Calico Corners, and Meadowbrook Art Center.

The self-guided tour will feature six Northville and Novi homes spanning three centuries of construction and varying widely in architecture and interior design.



The Randolph home is one of the homes that will be featured on the AAUW Northville-Novi Home Tour.

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Fall Fun Day

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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.

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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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.

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For more information, visit the group's website: www.islandlakefriends.org.

Share your favorite fall tradition

The school year has begun, leaves are starting to turn shades of red and orange and autumn is just days away. It's a special time of year for Michiganders. Fall festivals, harvest time at local farmers markets, cider mills, college football and much more.

What's your favorite fall tradition or memory? Share it with *Hometown Life Woman* readers and you could win a gas card or a gift card to Joe's Gourmet Market or Meijer to make more memories.

Deadline to submit items is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1.

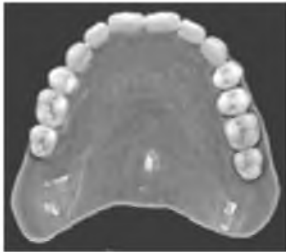
In August, we asked readers to share their best resale shop find and the responses were fun to read.

Thanks to everyone who emailed their photos and resale shopping experiences. We selected five "finds" in a random drawing for a \$10 gas card (so our readers could shop some more).

They went to **Sandra Kalagian** of Livonia, **Phyllis Hess** of Plymouth, **Michele Martin** of Northville, **Dar Cotham** of Westland and **Marsha Szmatala** of Livonia.

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Helen Keller's kin to tout fight against blindness

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Keller Johnson-Thompson, 43, has many reasons to be proud of her great-great aunt, Helen Keller.

"I think in many ways Helen Keller was a woman ahead of her time," said Johnson-Thompson, who'll speak in Novi Thursday, Sept. 26, to mark the 40th anniversary of the Novi Lions Club. "She certainly spoke out on many issues."

Those included women's suffrage and civil rights, her great-grandniece said, along with advocacy for the visually and hearing impaired, landmark work that carries on her name long after her 1968 death. Helen Keller lost her sight and hearing early in life to illness.

"I never met Aunt Helen, no," said Johnson-Thompson, vice president of education for the Helen Keller Foundation for Research and Education. She also travels with the American Foundation for the Blind as AFB Ambassador.

Johnson-Thompson lives in Tusculumbia, Ala., and has been in Alabama all her life, some time in Birmingham there for foundation work as well as at the University of Alabama, where she studied political science and history for her bachelor's degree.



Keller Johnson-Thompson, 43, is the great-great niece of Helen Keller.

'Tugged at my heart'

She considered law school but changed her mind.

"The work of Aunt Helen tugged at my heart," said Johnson-Thompson, married to William Thompson for 15 years and mom to sons ages 12 and 4, and a daughter age 6.

"I met her five or six years ago at the dedication of the Michigan Eye Bank building" in Ann Arbor, said Novi resident William Barr, a retired Novi school superintendent. He's served more than once as president of the Novi Lions and his wife, Patti, has been club president more recently.

"I think it's an honor for the community," William Barr said of Johnson-Thompson's appearance. He's proud of Lions Club work for the blind and visually impaired, noting the Novi club has raised over \$1 million "and given it all away."

He was a founder for the

Novi club when he moved there and discovered there wasn't one. The evening will feature 6:30 p.m. cocktails with dinner at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Grand River Avenue in Novi. Dinner is \$25 and there will be a cash bar.

Advance reservations are needed; contact Barr at 248-960-3092 or wbarr6651@aol.com. There will be a private reception as well 6-6:45 p.m. for \$35, with advance reservations also needed. Checks payable to the Novi Lions Club should be sent to 41614 Kenilworth Lane, Novi, MI 48377.

In 1925, Helen Keller appealed to Lions International to take up the cause against blindness and for advocacy.

"The Lions have been phenomenal," said Johnson-Thompson. "They really are the lifeline from the work Helen Keller did. They're just such a very important organization. They still work diligently in helping others."

Some Lions work with the hearing impaired and on other projects, she said. "I don't think we could do without Lions."

She jokingly compared herself to football coach legend Bear Bryant among fellow Alabama dwellers, noting both

have many family members there. Outside of that state, when she often travels for her work, she'll hear, "Oh, wow, you're kin to her?"

'Overcome any obstacle'

Women in particular need role models, she said, as do children. "It shows you with hard work and dedication you can overcome any obstacle."

Growing up, Johnson-Thompson's grandmother kept the younger generation of the family aware. There were live performances of *The Miracle Worker*, the official outdoor play, in the backyard amphitheater.

"She was very passionate about continuing her aunt's legacy," Johnson-Thompson said of her grandmother. "After college, that's really what I turned to."

Helen Keller helped to found the American Civil Liberties Union around 1920. She and longtime teacher Annie Sullivan were prominent for many years, including Keller's graduation from Radcliffe College with Sullivan's help.

"Her whole life's work was to make this a better place," her great-grandniece said of Keller. "She really was trying to do the right thing and she did in a lot of ways."

"Annie Sullivan was truly the instrument. She was just so

devoted." Sullivan was orphaned, going blind herself and had limited education: "She was just what Helen Keller needed," Johnson-Thompson said. "Without Annie Sullivan, we would not have known Helen Keller, the one we know today."

'Learn something new'

At the Novi Lions Club festivities, she'll share about her great-great aunt's life, beyond the scene with Sullivan at the water pump where young Helen first deciphered language. "I learn something new at least every week," said Johnson-Thompson, who will share some of that with Lions and guests, as well as celebrating their work.

"I'm often through the Detroit airport. I'm looking forward to it. I love the Midwest," said Johnson-Thompson, who has a good friend in Fort Wayne, Ind. "I'm looking forward to coming. I'm very excited. I'm looking forward to reconnecting with old friends and making new ones."

Her dad also does some Helen Keller-related work, but Johnson-Thompson is the family mainstay in that regard.

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had to have been a tornado that hit her neighborhood in the Yerkes and Johnson streets area because it tore up a number of trees.

"It was all black and then there was a lot of wind and noise," she said, looking at the damaged wires down toward South Main Street.

Power went out through downtown, impacting Northville Square, the Garage restaurant and other businesses along Main Street.

The Northville city police and fire departments responded quickly to the areas impacted. Going west down Seven Mile Road toward Salem Township, there were no trees blocking the road, but where the storm hit just east of Beck Road is when the damage began for Northville.

The first sign of the storm's damage started at a home off of Orchard Drive. From there it hit Wing Street and then Yerkes.

Northville City Fire Chief James Allen was on the scene off of South Main Street directing operations. He said all of the trucks were out, including one from the Plymouth department. He couldn't say if it was a tornado or a severe wind thunderstorm, but from his standpoint Wednesday evening, this storm was worse than the one that hit several

DTE lineman John Avey climbs a utility pole off Dunlap Street in Northville to restore power to homes in the neighborhood.

years ago in downtown.

Cleanup

The work to get the trees and limbs out of the streets and yards started immediately. Right after the storm hit, a group of homeowners in the Yerkes neighborhood began cutting up a tree that fell in the street with a chainsaw. This was just the start of a busy 48 hours leading up to the Victorian Festival.

Power lines were worked on while tree crews filled the city. One was local tree service company Tommy Tree. Workers said this storm was a bad one and owner Tom Alkire was amazed by the number of big trees that were damaged.

"I feel bad, there were some beautiful trees damaged. I would guess a lot of these are old trees, especially the maples, that were just too heavy with leaves and that may have led to them coming down rather than some smaller ones," he said while working at a home off of Seven Mile Road near Fish Hatchery Park.

DANCER

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ette.

Yakima described several memorable moments during the months-long televised competition, citing when entertainer Paula Abdul said she'd hire Yakima for a dance video.

"It was a realization moment," said Yakima. "Yea, that's what I want to do, and you want me to do that!"

When she was announced as the winner, Yakima said she looked out to the audience to see "the people I hold the most close to me" – her family and friends from the Detroit-area sharing the once-in-a-lifetime moment.

Her parents, her two younger sisters, her longtime dance teacher, and one of her oldest friends were among those who had traveled from the Detroit-area to be part of the night. Yakima and Fik-Shun each win prize money of more than \$100,000 from the show.

When she was 3, Yakima began taking dance lessons at the Noretta Dunworth School of Dance in Dearborn. Her two younger sisters, Emma, 17, and Lauren, 11, still train and compete for the school. One of the Yakima's longtime dance instructors, Loni Lane Padesky, was in the audience Tuesday night.

Host Cat Deeley (left) and winning contestant Amy Yakima in the season finale episode of "So You Think You Can Dance." FOX BROADCASTING CO. | ADAM ROSE

"I will never forget my training and that's what brought me to this time and place," Yakima said Wednesday.

Yakima and Fik-Shun danced a variety of duets through SY-TYCD's 10th season, ranging from hip-hop, to waltz, to tango. The couple was an audience favorite from the start.

"I think America loves to watch two people grow together. And we did," Yakima said. "We just grew every single week with whatever style we were given."

"Team Small," – the duos nickname because of their shorter stature – clicked because "we have the same work ethic," said Yakima. "We are both perfectionists when it comes down to it."

Fik-Shun, whose real name is DaShaunt Stegall, credited Yakima with refining his technique as he learned styles new to him.

"I can definitely just say, thank you" to Yakima, he added.

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ALEXANDER'S CREATES TIMELESS ELEGANCE

By Kate Phillips, Contributing Writer
Alexander Hamka has been on the move. He recently returned from a trip to Chicago where he toured fabric mills and made selections for his fall and winter 2013-2014 line of made to measure suits.

"I chose warm flannels and heavy wools for the cool weather," said Alexander, owner of Alexander's Custom Clothiers. "I had a special opportunity to look over the cloth to make sure that it all will look very good and hold up well."

Seasonal clothing

Men today choose heavy wools for the fall and winter and lighter weight suits for spring and summer. "When you take out those clothes at the beginning of a season it is like getting a brand new wardrobe," said Alexander. "The clothes last longer because you do not get tired of them and you're not going to wear them out as quickly."

The heavy fall and winter suits Alexander's is fitting for now have special features that are truly unique to cold weather clothing. They hold up well for travel, drape nicely, hold a crease and are slow to wrinkle.

"I think my clients will be very satisfied with these selections," said Alexander.

Timeless elegance

"Distinguished"... "elegant" ... "timeless" ... are all descriptions of the tailoring that comes out of Alexander's Custom Clothiers.

"Our goal is not to provide the latest fashion trends and newest fads," explained the owner of the Northville store. "Our goal is to provide timeless elegance."

Timeless elegance can mean many things, the perfect fit formal wear for an event, the per-

fect fabric and cut for that casual sport coat for an evening out with friends, the perfect fit of those well-worn chinos for that barbecue. Timeless elegance is about making the customer comfortable and confident so that he can be his true self: that guy that everyone loves.

Wardrobe consultation

Alexander's provides a refuge, a place to paint a picture or landscape of who you are and where you want to be. It is a place where fine workmanship and style matter more than a "bulging bottom line."

Alexander provides wardrobe consultations for individuals and corporate clients. He often travels to a client's house and helps weed out unflattering or outdated pieces. It is not about drastically changing what a man is wearing, a man knows what makes him comfortable.

"I stay with the same color palette that's in his closet and just add a few bright accents," said Alexander. "The new items will coordinate with the existing wardrobe and the client will feel confident in their favorite colors and styles."

The art of tailoring

Fine tailoring is an art, something everyone does a little different, each with his own brutish strokes and ideas. Alexander's passion and fearlessness in taking on a challenge, combined with his dedication to precision and integrity are his defining strokes. Like all artists, every piece is

a representation of himself, which he never forgets.

"I won't let anything out of the store that isn't absolutely perfect," said Alexander, who learned the fine art of tailoring from his own father.

Alexander's fine tailoring is evident in his custom suits and shirts. The custom garments are hand-stitched creations made especially to compliment the body type of each individual.

General alterations

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3) Alexander Hamka chooses new colors for his fall-winter made to measure suit line.

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Real Estate One family mourns passing of former owner

Northville resident Richard "Dick" Elsea, the former owner and president of the Real Estate One companies, died Sept. 10 of complications from a stroke he suffered two weeks ago, according to the company. He passed away with family and loved ones by his side. He was 83 years old.



Richard "Dick" Elsea

Elsea was born in Detroit in 1929 to Staunton and Marjorie Elsea. He was raised in southwest Detroit and the Downriver area. He graduated from Lincoln Park High and then received a degree in business and economics from Michigan State University. After his graduation, he served in the U.S. Air Force. He then became a sales associate at Elsea Realty and Investment Co., which was founded by his father in 1929. He became a branch manager of Detroit-based Elsea Realty in 1959. Once he earned the title of president in 1970, Dick negotiated a merger with three other Metro Detroit real estate firms and renamed the company "Real Estate One."

In 1999, Richard Elsea's sons, Dan and Stuart, gained positions as co-presidents of Real Estate One. Richard then served as chief executive officer and board chairman.

Together, Richard, Dan and Stuart went on to acquire Johnstone &

Johnstone Realtors in 1995 and Max Broock Realtors in 2002. Dan and Stuart announced last week Real Estate One's newest acquisition of The Charles Reinhart Company, expanding their footprint in the greater Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County area.

Dick Elsea took pride in the fact that Real Estate One is the largest broker in Michigan and ranks 10th in the nation. He wore a gold pin daily in honor of the company's accomplishment of being ranked as a Top Workplace in 2011 and 2012.

He dedicated many years to the Providence Hospital Board of Directors and Finance Committee, and most recently served on the Quality Committee. He was active in the fundraising efforts for Providence Park. Dick was awarded with the prestigious Providence's Order of Charity Award this past April at the Friends' Ball.

Dick served as Director of Flagstar Bancorp and Flagstar Bank, FSB, from 1997 to January 2009. Over the years he had been involved with numerous real estate related organizations and was an active member within his church community.

Dick is predeceased by his wife, Patricia, and survived by his wife, Laurel; his sons, Dan and Stuart; and four grandchildren, Caroline, Camille, Erik and Evan.

Funeral services were held Monday in Northville.

Choreographing a bold move

Piazza Dance Company opens new, larger studio

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

The Piazza Dance Company has moved to a new location that's more spacious while maintaining its traditional family-oriented training environment.

"We needed to move," said co-owner Gina Piazza of outgrowing its former studio on Seven Mile Road. "This new location takes our square footage from 4,300 to over 7,000, so we are really excited about the future here."

She said the new school features four spacious studios, resilient dance floors for safety and comfort, observation windows and a nurturing, family-oriented training environment. Piazza Dance has been in the Northville community for over 30 years.

It was a busy summer for Piazza with the move going on and trips to competitions, including one to Florida. However, the move is complete and now it's time for the learning and dancing to get into full gear.

Classes started last week and the staff at Piazza couldn't be more prepared or experienced to lead the recreational and intensive programs. It starts from the top with owners and sisters Gina Piazza and Marilyn Piazza-Esper. For both, teaching followed naturally out of a lifetime of studying dance and performing.

"We have the finest dance instructors in the area and now have a



A Tuesday afternoon ballet class gets underway on Sept. 10 at the Piazza Dance Company at their new Northville Township location. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Piazza Dance has lots of room for parents, backpacks and dancers in their new location at Six Mile and Ridge. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

school that reflects this excellence. This new school is amazing opportunity for our students and we look forward to welcoming new students," said Piazza.

Piazza offers a variety of classes for all types of dancers. The Recreational Program is designed to provide a family an abundance of opportunities for fun and exercise. They offer many classes in tap, jazz, lyrical, modern/contemporary, Russian-method ballet and pointe, Pre-School/Kindergarten, hip hop, and acrobatics for dance and conditioning.

The Intensive Program is offered to students interested in studying and knowing dance at a deeper than recreational level. Study at this level includes a finer focus on technique, dance history, audition and performance skills, and career opportunities in dance, to name a few areas, as well as an opportunity for self-expression through student choreography.

In addition to their classes for adults, musical theater and preschoolers, Piazza said they also have a new program for aspiring dancers with special

needs who are given an opportunity to explore the world of dance. Under the loving and supportive guidance of Piazza staff, 30 minute weekly Jazz classes known as "Enrichment" will enrich, encourage and empower these future dancers.

Piazza said they are looking forward to another 30 years.

"This is our passion, so we are excited about helping more of our students realize their dreams of learning to dance," she said.

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Twelve Oaks will host a holiday job fair on Wednesday, Sept. 25 from 3-7 p.m. in the Lifestyle Café Food Court. The job fair will feature more than 35 mall merchants who are looking to hire part-time and/or full-time holiday employees.

Applications for all participating merchants will be available, and some merchants may conduct on-site interviews.

Twelve Oaks Mall is a major regional shopping center located in Novi at I-96 and Novi Road. The Center features more than 200 shops and services. For more information, visit www.shoptwelveoaks.com.

Detroit Diesel Retiree Club

The Detroit Diesel Retiree Club will hold its annual luncheon and business meeting on Thursday, Oct. 17 at the Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. It's primarily a social club that provides information to its members about items which may impact all retirees of Detroit Diesel Corporation from GM, through the current ownership. For the


past 33 years the club has held an annual luncheon get together on the third Thursday of October. Retirees come from all over the country and overseas to renew friendships and get caught up on any new happenings.

Guests enjoy social interaction beginning at 11 a.m., a buffet luncheon at 12:30 p.m. and brief business meeting on topics of current interest to the attending guests.

Cost to attend the luncheon is \$23. The price includes a roster of current membership and a memorial page of those we know who passed. Retirees who cannot attend the luncheon or wish to register for future mailings can purchase the roster for \$3.

For information on the luncheon and pre-registration, contact Robert Pavol, membership director, at 734-455-2668, email jrpavol64@prodigy.net or John Leidlein, president, 313-863-8850, email dieseljmi@aol.com.

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Township gets ball rolling on plans for prison site

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

From a women’s prison to a technology park. That may be what’s in store for the former Scott prison site, now owned by Northville Township, at the corner of Five Mile and Beck roads. A technology park is just one option that township officials are contemplating for the site.

To get the ball rolling, the Northville Township Board of Trustees, in conjunction with its Planning Commission, convened a special meeting last week to discuss the possibilities for the more than 50 acres of property that is at the southwest gateway into the community.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What would like to see happen at the former Scott Correctional Facility site at Five Mile and Beck? E-mail your opinions to Editor Kurt Kuban at kku-ban@hometownlife.com.

Development ideas

For Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix, what should go there should be whatever will help better develop that area of the community and grow the tax base. “Whatever use is the most appropriate and advantageous to develop that corridor,” Nix said should be the focus. “While money is important, it is not the end all.



Demolition crews tore down the old Scott Correctional Facility at Five Mile and Beck earlier this summer. The photo was taken June 3 before the demolition was complete. Now that the prison is gone, township officials are trying to figure out what the best use will be for the site. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

What is important to us in the community is to see ... the best use there to the benefit of the township and that corridor.”

According to Northville Township Community Development Director Jennifer Frey, this corner could compliment the uses across Beck at the technology park, which has hi-tech firms like SoulBrain. The tech park is the only area in the township zoned for technology purposes.

The Five Mile property, which was purchased and cleared by Northville Township in the past year, is zoned for residential, but could be

changed to fit in with any future development. The debate is whether the township should expand its residential, which would need public services, or have new businesses come in to grow the tax revenue that funds those services.

Both Nix and township Treasurer Marjorie Banner see this as an opportunity to diversify the tax base, and to compete for potential development with Plymouth Township, which has more than 100 acres in the vicinity designated for technology purposes.

Nix thinks Northville could become a hybrid between a bedroom and

business community. The Five Mile corridor is a big opportunity for this, he said.

The township still needs to iron out some details with the state of Michigan before moving forward on anything. The state, the former owner of the site, has stated in its sale agreement with the township it would like to see it be used for public purposes. The township said it is open to expanding the neighboring park property onto the site, if need be.

Community input

Northville Township resident Nancy Schiffer, who attended the meet-

ing along with around 30 other residents, said she wants a development that will benefit the community the most.

“I want to understand what does owning this property now mean for the township,” she said. “I want to see something there that will see the township getting benefits from it pretty quickly.”

The process to plan for the property is now underway and the township will be having other meetings in the coming months, including one on Oct. 19, to get public input.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS OCTOBER 9, AND OCTOBER 17, 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PUBLIC HEARINGS will be held by the Township Board of Trustees on **Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.** at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Rd., Northville, MI 4816. The purpose of the hearing is to review the 2014 budget document.

All interested residents are invited to attend. Comments and questions concerning the proposed budget will be heard at the public hearing. A copy of the 2014 proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the Township Clerk’s office beginning September 30, 2013 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and on the Township’s website at www.twp.northville.mi.us.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
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James P. Gallogly
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VFW, business owner spur restoration of S. Main gateway

Entering the South Main Street gateway into downtown Northville, drivers surely have noticed the landscape restoration in the boulevard across from VFW Post 4012. Low spreading junipers, graceful ornamental grasses, natural rocks, and red begonias now encircle the flag pole site. Up close, the memorial plaques and engraved bricks with names of Northville's soldiers lost in Vietnam stand out.

Earlier this summer overgrown, unsightly shrubs and weed-crusted brick pavers prompted Jeff Snyder, a nearby resident of the

area and owner of MasonPro (masonpro.com), to initiate a project to renovate the boulevard site, remove the visibility obstruction, and restore the focus of appreciation to veterans. Many individuals collaborated to accomplish the restoration, which earned the VFW Post a well-deserved Beautification Award for 2013.

Diane Pittaway of Northville's Beautification Commission coordinated the project and worked with Terry Snyder to adapt a design contributed by Ron Krueger of Garden Innovations in Commerce. Douglas Bingham of

the Beautification Commission contacted Steve Frazer, commander of the VFW Post, to discuss plans for the restoration. Jim Gallogly, director of Northville's DPW, wasted no time having his crew pull out old shrubbery and haul away debris. Next, Jack Kelly of Imagine Landscapes, along with his crew of three expertly reset and cleaned the original true brick pavers and installed new shrubs, plants, and materials donated by Jeff and Terry Snyder. Within three days from the beginning of the construction, the team gathered at the transformed flag pole

site for group photos by Beautification Commission volunteer photographers Howard and Charlotte Myer.

This fall the Snyders plan to complete the look of the gateway by adding trees to the boulevard with the donated, professional help of Tom Alkire, aka Tommy Tree, of Tommy Tree Co., who will trim all the trees, including the huge oaks, and install the new selections. The DPW will assist by clearing the remains of the tree trimming.

Inspired and revitalized by the restoration and the community spirit of Northville, Steve Fra-



Tino Magareno (from left), Terry Snyder, Steve Frazer, Jack Kelly, Diane Pittaway, Tommy Tree, Jim Gallogly, Miguel Garrary, and Jorge Rosales were just some of the people instrumental in completing the restoration project on the South Main gateway into downtown.

zer says Post 4012 plans a re-dedication of their flag site for Veterans' Day on Nov. 11, extending the invitation to all city

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For more information regarding this Directory, please call Sue Sare at 248-437-2011, ext. 247 or e-mail: ssare@hometownlife.com

RELIGION CALENDAR

Brightmoor Christian Church

Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-227-4420 or www.brightmoorchurch.org
Celebrate Recovery
Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Mondays
Details: Worship, teaching or testimony, and open-share recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits, and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth grade. Preregister.

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing
Contact: 248-348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit holymfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-

Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)
Holy days: 9 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Michael Zuelch, associate pastor

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile
Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.
Sunday worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older

children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville
Contact: Desti-nyW3C@gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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

a.m. and 11 a.m.
Adult special needs worship: 9:30 a.m.
Youth group: Tuesdays at 7:45-9 p.m.
Youth group: 7:45-9 p.m. Tuesdays
Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; study book – "Seeing Grey in a World of Black and White" by A. Hamilton.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Women's Bible Study: 9:15-10:30 a.m. Saturdays

First Baptist Church of Novi - Family Integrated Church

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

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile
Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Café is open from 9:15-11 a.m. Refreshments at 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service
Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Women of the Word) studying Luke
Thursday schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study
Friday: 9:30 a.m.; Sweet Fridays on the second and fourth Fridays – A Ministry for Moms of All Ages

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

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

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon
Contact: 248-437-2875
Rummage Sale
Times/Dates: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 12
Details: Drop-off hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 30-Oct. 5 and Oct. 7-9; no Sunday drop-offs.

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville
Contact: 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org
Summer Sunday Worship (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 and 10 a.m.
Summer Sunday School (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 a.m. - Nursery; 10 a.m. - Nursery - sixth grade
Sunday Worship (September-May): 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School (September-May): 8 a.m. Nursery; 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery sixth grade

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: 248-349-0565
Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

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

Hope Lutheran Church

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

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Livonia Church of Christ

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

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile
Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister, 248-348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Church School: 10-11 a.m.

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Deadlines: Friday, 4:15 p.m. for Sunday paper • Wednesday, 9:45 a.m. for Thursday paper

BAKER, ELIAS J.

Age 86, passed away Sept. 16, 2013. A private family service was held. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com.

**BLOOM, MARIAN J.**

Age 91, of Northville, formerly of Southfield, passed away September 14, 2013. She was born April 3, 1922 in Detroit, Michigan; daughter of Garnet and Mary (nee Humphrey) Eden. Marian was united in marriage to Richard J. Bloom; they were married for over 50 years until his death in 1997. She worked for the Southfield Sun as a journalist, running a neighborhood column; and also worked for Blue Cross Blue Shield. Her most treasured position was that of homemaker, she adored her family and loved taking care of them. Marian was a member of St. Michael's Parish in Southfield, where she served with the altar society. She was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In her younger years, she and her husband enjoyed dancing, especially square dancing. She was an avid reader and the cherished the memories she made travelling around the country. She is survived by her loving children, Nancy (Ken) Johnson, Robert (Sandy) Bloom, Richard (Connie) Bloom, Linda (Brian) Lewandowski, and Darlene Thompson; her grandchildren, Ken Johnson, Todd Johnson, Chelsea Thompson, Devon Thompson, Alexa Lewandowski, Tira Lewandowski, Kristina (Scott) Kovach, Jennifer Bloom, Robert Bloom, and Jessica (Scott Manis) Bloom Manis; and her great grandchildren, Alec Johnson, Megan Johnson, and Zackary Kovach. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, 1 brother, and 1 sister. A funeral service was held Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at Casterline Funeral Home. She was laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Ste. 100, Southfield, MI 48076.

Online condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com

**CREWS, CHARLES E.**

Age 71, of Novi, passed away September 12, 2013. He was born on January 20, 1942, in Detroit, son of the late Albert & Frances Crews. Charles was a dear friend to all who knew him and he will be sorely missed. He is survived by his sister, Phyllis Crews Milkovie, his brother, James (Denise) Crews, and many nieces, nephews and loving friends. He is also survived by his dearest friend, Ana Zradi. A memorial service will be held on September 28, Saturday, at 11:00 a.m. at Novi Meadows Club House, 26250 Virginia Ave., Novi, MI 48374. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society. Online guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

**FISHER, THOMAS M.**

A resident of Commerce Township, died on September 8, 2013 at the age of 85. He is survived by Leota "Lee" his beloved wife of 62 years; his children, Sharon (John) Liddell, Thomas Kevin Fisher, Pamela (Gary) Fisher Durante, and Matthew Alton Fisher; grandchildren, John T. Liddell, Elizabeth Cole Durante and Katherine Alida Fisher; sister, Katherine Fisher Haldane and much extended family and many dear friends. Mr. Fisher worked for many years with the Milford Proving Ground and retired from the Warren Tech Center where he served as Director of Environmental Activity Staff. A Funeral Service was held at the Milford Presbyterian Church, 238 N. Main Street, Milford, on Saturday, September 14 with Pastor Bryant Anderson officiating. Memorials may be made in his name to the Milford Presbyterian Church or to a charity of your choice. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit

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**FWOWLER, FRANCES L.**

Age 90, of Driftwood Beach, Oceana County, passed away Wednesday, September 11, 2013. She was born May 15, 1923 in Moberg, South Dakota to Congregationalist minister, Nathaniel Hass and his wife Clara Weiland Hass. Frances was the middle of seven children. Frances was raised in North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska. Frances and her six siblings traveled widely in the northern great plains while her parents ministered to small Congregationalist churches in the region. She graduated from Chadron State Teacher's College in Nebraska with a Bachelors Degree in Education. Mrs. Fowler taught Home Economics at junior high schools in Allen Park and Dearborn. The Fowlers lived in Allen Park many years, where they raised their three children, then moved to Dearborn for several years. They purchased property on Lake Michigan in the Driftwood Beach development, fifty three years ago. Driftwood Beach was their primary residence during their retirement years. Frances attended the Shelby Congregational United Church of Christ in Shelby and the First Presbyterian Church in South Lyon. She often sang and was the soloist with both church choirs. Frances was an avid sailor, golfer, seamstress, cook and strong supporter of women's rights and issues. Frances and John also enjoyed decades of golfing at the Benoa Shores Golf course. She is survived by her husband, John; daughter, Laurie Fowler; sons, David and Floyd; David's wife, Cynthia Byrne; Laurie's husband, Bill Thelen; granddaughter, Shauna Byrne Fowler; brother, Gordon (Betsy) Hass; sister, Eda Ree Eckblade; sister-in-law, Dot Hass; and extended family, Laurie Steen Pounder and Bill and Mitsuko Marx. Mrs. Fowler was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Floyd, Alvin and Walt Hass; and her sister, Miriam Berge. A memorial service is planned for a later date. Time and location will be announced later on

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GLOWINSKI, DEBRA ANN (COBBOLD)

Age 53, passed away September 14, 2013. She was born on October 12, 1959, in Detroit. She was a postal employee with New Hudson and Dexter Post Offices for 14 plus years. She had a strong and abiding faith in God. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and daughter who will be deeply missed. Debra is survived by her husband of 23 years Mark F. Glowinski; her son Mark Joseph Cobbold; mother Bettie Nunnery; uncles: Fred Nunnery Jr., Dwayne (Linda) Nunnery and her cocker spaniel Lucy. She was preceded in death by her grandparents Estelle and Fred Nunnery. Visitation will be held on September 18, Wednesday, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. A funeral service will be held on September 19, Thursday, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of South Lyon, 60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon, MI 48178.

Online guestbook:
www.phillipsfuneral.com

**KENDALL, JOHN SHERMAN**

74, of Lebanon, CT and formerly of Detroit and Milford, MI. auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com

KUHN, PATRICIA A.

Age 85, passed away September 8, 2013. She was born on July 28, 1928, in Detroit, to the late Charles and Ruth (Atchison) Hanert. Patricia is survived by her sons: Thomas (Robin) Kuhn, Robert (Jane) Kuhn; her brother Rhett (Kathy) Hanert; 4 grandchildren: Jessica, Sarah, Kristine, Ryan and a soon expected great-grandson. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert in 1999, her brother Charles Hanert and sister Carol Hanert.

Online guestbook
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**LANKFORD, PAUL M.**

Age 96 of Milford Twp., passed peacefully in the care of his loving family on September 13, 2013. He was preceded in death Ortra, his beloved wife of 73 years in 2011 and is survived by his daughters, Barbara (the late Leon Wood and the late Carl Panther) and Lisa (Ron) Tribble; granddaughters, Terri (Jack) Muns and Leah Tribble; great grandson, Jack Jeremy; niece, Kay (Herlin) Callan and extended family and friends. Funeral Services were held at the Milford United Methodist Church, Milford, on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 with burial in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, at 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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RAINS, EUGENE

Age 80. A memorial service will be held at the First Baptist Church in South Lyon on September 21 at 1pm. Gene was preceded in death by wife Betty & son Michael. He has two other children, Connie & Jason of South Lyon, six grandchildren, & one great granddaughter. He had several brothers & sisters: Tom of South Lyon, Bill & Carolyn of Belleville, Casto of Northville, sisters Stella & Elbert Riley of Byrdstown, TN., Sue & Bob Krawiec of Whitmore Lake & Eula & Gary Golf of Romulus

**SHONER, IRIS D.**

Age 88, a longtime resident of Northville, went to be with the Lord September 11, 2013. She was born May 31, 1925 in Farmer Township, Ohio; daughter of Vern and Thirza (Parnum) Hitt. Iris was united in marriage to Eugene Shoner on May 6, 1944; they spent 55 loving years together until his death in 1999. Iris loved gardening; the Garden Club of Northville awarded her with the "Garden of the Month" award. She brought smiles to the neighbors on Randolph Street when she decorated her picture window with her dolls and teddy bears during different holidays dressing them in different outfits for the different occasions. Iris adored her family and cherished spending time with them. She will be greatly missed by all. She is survived by her children, Connie (Paul) Luebker, Judy (Bill) George, Jackie (Phil) Layton, Roxanne Loew, Jim (Kathy) Shoner, and Robin (Renee) Shoner; 12 grandchildren; and 4 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, 2 brothers, 1 sister, and her granddaughters Jamie Luebker and Kelli Nichols. A funeral service was held Monday, September 16 at the First Baptist Church of Northville. Pastor Jonathan Wilkes presided over the going home celebration. She was laid to rest at Ottawa Park Cemetery in Clarkston. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the First Baptist Church, 217 North Wing, Northville, MI 48167 or Hospice Angels Foundation, 401 Center Avenue, Bay City, MI 48708.

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OUR VIEWS

Are you ready?

Preparedness important when facing emergency at home or business

Leave it up to Mother Nature to make a point. Wednesday evening's late summer storm kind of caught parts of Metro Detroit by surprise, as it laid quite a wallop on many local communities, especially Northville where heavy damage was inflicted in and around the downtown area. Trees were uprooted and broken apart, buildings and homes were damaged, and people were left scratching their heads after taking shelter. Where did that come from?

The storm proved once again you never quite know when or how an emergency situation will strike.

Ironically, Gov. Rick Snyder recently declared September as Preparedness Month in Michigan. To help spread the word, the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division of the Michigan State Police is spearheading a campaign to encourage households, businesses and communities to develop emergency preparedness plans before a disaster strikes.

Emergencies can come in all shapes and sizes. It could be in the form of weather. We may not get hurricanes in Michigan, but we certainly have our share of hazardous weather. Just ask the people in Northville, who are cleaning up after Wednesday's quick but dangerous storm, which some locals believe was a tornado.

Floods are another weather threat. There are rivers everywhere in Michigan that can become swollen with



A major wind storm struck Northville on the evening of Sept. 11. Here residents of Wing Street take a look at a large tree that tumbled down - into a home on the street's east side, south of Cady. Most of the city was without power that night as trees and tree limbs fell onto power lines. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

heavy rainfall. This year alone some 16 counties in the state experienced widespread flooding, mainly in the spring, forcing President Barack Obama to declare major disasters. Our area is particularly prone to flooding because of an urban landscape that pushes storm water directly into local waterways quickly and efficiently. Floods can be deadly if you are not prepared to react.

Weather is certainly not the only threat we all face. The anniversary of 9/11 last week and the events taking place in Syria right now should both be a reminder to us all that terrorist attacks are not all that far-fetched anymore.

Fires, natural disasters, blackouts and, yes, even terrorist attacks can occur with a moment's notice. The question we should all be asking ourselves

is am I ready to deal with one.

National Preparedness Month focuses on the need for all households to be self-reliant for at least three days, including having a dedicated supply of food, water and medications. During a disaster, critical services may be impacted - such as electricity, water service, access to grocery stores - and response times for police, fire and rescue personnel significantly delayed.

"An emergency can happen at any time, to anyone, and this is the reason we are encouraging all residents to dedicate time this month to develop an emergency plan and to create a supply kit with essential items," said Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue, director of the MSP and state Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Etue said being prepared begins with these four important steps:

» Be informed about emergencies that could happen in your community, and identify sources of information in your community that will be helpful before, during and after an emergency.

» Make a plan for what to do in an emergency.

» Build an emergency supply kit.

» Get involved.

Visit www.michigan.gov/beprepared for more tips on what you can do to ensure the safety of you, your family, or even your employees and customers if you are a business owner. If you are a Twitter user, you can follow MSP/EMHSD at [www.twitter.com/MichEMHS](https://twitter.com/MichEMHS) for emergency updates.

All of us hope such emergencies won't impact us. But the bottom line is it is better to be prepared for one if they do. Are you ready?

COMMUNITY VOICE

How well are you prepared for a disaster?

This question was asked in downtown Northville.



I'm better prepared now after considering some recent situations. I have some key things like flashlights, keys and coats readily accessible. It's something I think about.

Lido Aldini
Northville



I have a generator, so I feel prepared.

Karen Sharp
Northville



Not for anything long term, but I guess we are prepared enough for something short term.

Sue Ryba
Novi



No one is totally prepared for anything, but I feel somewhat prepared. I was in the military for 21 years, so I was trained to always be prepared.

Leonard Chilson
Northville's Farmers Insurance

Be a part of the process: Register to vote – now

It may have slipped by unnoticed to many that Tuesday was Constitution Day, a time set aside to honor the document that formed the United States of America. The freedoms we hold dear are part of the document, its Bill of Rights and the 17 amendments that have been added since it was signed by our Founding Fathers.

One of the freedoms it guarantees is the right to vote. As written, the Constitution didn't determine voting qualifications; that was left to

the individual states. But, over time, through amendments and legislation, such as the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the right to vote has been clearly established. Men and women of all races, religious beliefs and economic status and who are age 18 by election day are eligible to vote.

This brings us to Tuesday, Sept. 24 - National Voter Registration Day. It's not the deadline to register to vote, but a day that has been set aside to remind people to take the neces-

sary steps to be eligible to vote this year, including filling out the needed registration forms.

It goes without saying that voting is one of our most sacred freedoms, but in 2008, when America elected its first African-American president, some six million people didn't vote because they missed a registration deadline or didn't know how to register.

In Michigan, there are really only three requirements to register to vote:

» Applicants must be 18 years of age by Election Day.

» They must be a U.S. citizen.

» They must be a resident of the city or township in which they wish to register.

While the idea of National Voter Registration Day is to get as many people around the country as possible reg-

istered Sept. 24, the actual deadline to register to vote for Michigan's November general election is Monday, Oct. 7.

And there are several ways to sign up. People can register by mail, at their county, city or township clerk's office or by visiting any Secretary of State branch. They can get information about registering to vote or even check their status as a registered voter by visiting the Secretary of State's website at www.michigan.gov/SOS.

Voting is an important part of the freedoms we have as Americans. It's one that should be exercised in each and every election. If you're registered to vote, great. If you aren't, don't wait another day. Register and then get out and be a part of what makes us the land of the free.

Swift storm clean-up

Kudos to the City of Northville's Department of Public Works for their, once again, swift response to the resident's needs cleaning up the aftermath of last Wednesday's storm. After making my way home after the storm around many closed streets, I found virtually all roadways were navigable by 7:30 a.m. Thursday morning.

We're fortunate to have this level of service at hand. Thanks, DPW, for your hard work.

Ed Funke
Northville

Dedicate sales tax to schools

I agree with and appreciate the editorial opinion put forth in the *Record* on Sept. 12. It has taken far too long for our Lansing legislators to take a stand to promote the collection of a sales tax on Internet purchases. Now that such legislation has moved out of committee, our representatives and senators will finally have their opportunity.

It is my view that if the legislation is amended and the revenue from this tax is dedicated to equalize K-12 funding, there will be less resistance. Who would vote against more money that would allow our public school districts to adequately educate the children they are dedicated to serving?

Jim Brenner
Redford

Use diplomacy in Syria

To the president, vice president and U.S. Congress: I beg of you not to send a "limited strike" to Syria. Violence will only beget violence. Their people are suffering enough.

Please try diplomacy and other non-violent actions with Syria and the United Nations. Any attack on Syria would put the U.S. in jeopardy of another attack on our soil like Sept. 11, 2001.

Karen and Bryna Broder
Livonia

So it begins

I knew that starting next year our populace would have to stock up on hip boots due to the amount of BS coming

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from the Tea Party in Lansing.

However, according to an article in this paper ("Colbeck ponders top job in Senate," *Record*, Sept. 12) Patrick Colbeck has already opened the floodgates.

Colbeck stated that, if re-elected, he wants to be Senate majority leader. He touts among his "qualifications" that he has shown bipartisanship, principled leadership and has cooperated with folks of all persuasions.

Buckle up, people. It's only going to get deeper.

James Huddleston
Canton

War or insurance?

The GOP is desperate to stop the Obamacare before it gets going. Why? Because when people actually experience the program, they will say they did not know how great it would be.

I was recently at some relatives' home and was explaining the benefits, and they were so impressed. They said, why would anyone be against this program? I told them because the lobbyists and the GOP are spending millions to confuse you. Would you give up your Social Security and Medicare today. Of course not.

Why is it that we can go to war and waste billions of dollars, and we cannot use the money to help us? Think about this. War or health insurance. Which do you want? Of course this is my opinion, what is yours?

Joanne Braund
Royal Oak

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Car Tunes returns to downtown Oct. 5

The streets of downtown Northville will be filled with a variety of activities during the Car Tunes event on Saturday, Oct. 5. Families and car buffs will enjoy a day of fall fun that includes a classic car show (older than 1986) and DJ music on Main and Center streets.

Visitors to the car show can also check out the skeleton sculptures that will adorn the streets of Northville during the month of October.

"If the weather is sunny, and it is a nice fall day, we expect over 75 cars," said Traci Sincok, associate director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce. "Pre-registration for the show is already in excess of 40 cars and a beautiful day brings those amazing cars and their owners to Northville for an afternoon of cars and fun."

Event day registrations for the car show will be ac-

cepted for a \$15 fee.

Car show registration begins at 9 a.m., with the show running from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contest winners will be announced at 3:30 p.m. Awards will be presented in several categories, including Best of Show, People's Choice, Car Most Likely to Be Pulled Over and Fire Chief's Choice.

DJ Greg "The Soundman" Carriere will spin tunes at Main and Center streets between 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

The Car Tunes Car Show is being sponsored by Varsity Lincoln, the Northville DDA, Remerica Hometown One – Patti Mullen, Millennium Limousine, Renewal by Andersen and Century 21 Hartford South.

For more information, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 ext. 22 or visit www.northville.org.



As many as 75 vintage and classic cars are expected to be in downtown Northville for the Car Tunes Car Show event on Oct. 5.

SOCIAL SECURITY



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

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

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

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

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

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Locals head new 11th District Democratic club

Congressman Gary Peters, Democrat candidate to replace retiring Senator Carl Levin, will headline the fall kickoff meeting of the new 11th District Democratic Club at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Commerce Township Community Library.

"We are thrilled to have Gary Peters as our speaker as we begin organizing for the 2014 election," said Northville



DiRado

Township resident Lisa DiRado, vice chair of the club and vice-president of the Northville Democratic Club.

Other Northville area Democrats in leadership roles for the club are: Parliamentarian Chuck Nichols of Northville Township; Officer-at-Large Sandra Hughes O'Brien of Northville; Officer-at-Large Susan Nichols of Northville Township; executive committee member at large Scott Craig, chair of Northville club; executive committee member at large, Sam Ekong of Northville; executive

committee member at large Herb Helzer of Northville, and executive committee member at large Chuck Keys of Northville.

Other officers of the new 11th District are treasurer Cynthia Churches of Novi, recording secretary Carla Meier and corresponding secretary Carol Prince Hudley, both of Troy, and executive committee at-large members Gerald Haran, Tess Kelly, Gwen Markham, Chuck Tindall, Bob Toliver and Karen Zyczynski, all of Novi.

The district includes

25 governmental units in Oakland County and four in Wayne County.

It will be a closely watched election for the new district, a patchwork of districts designed by the Republican-dominated Legislature.

The seat is currently held by Kerry Bentivolio (R-Milford), whose term expires at the end of 2014. Oakland County businessman Dave Trott, also a Republican, recently announced his candidacy for the seat, citing his record of job creation, problem solving ability, and commit-

ment to conservative values as his motivation to serve the constituents of MI-11.

A major challenge for the new Democratic team, the district stretches from Canton on the south to Lake Angelus and Auburn Hills on the north, and from Troy on the east to Milford on the west.

Chair Jim Gualdoni and DiRado will announce a new fall program including:

- » Intensive voter contact campaigning.
- » Recruiting highly-qualified candidates for political office.

» Voter Mutual Interest (VMI) teams, which so far, include educators, peace activists, environmentalists, attorneys and paralegals, nurses, veterans, engineers, math and computer professionals, women's equality, UAW, women candidates, LGBT and Hispanics/Latinos.

» Club 11, a social club that meets the first Thursday of every month at a local restaurant; next meeting Oct. 3 at Bar Louie, 37716 W. Six Mile Road., Livonia.

For more information, visit www.11thdistrictdems.com.

State lawmakers tackle human trafficking problem

Heise teams with Shuette to combat issue locally

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Kurt Heise has two teenage daughters and he's pretty sure how he'd react if either of them got dragged into the slave trade.

So when the Michigan Commission on Human Trafficking decided to get involved in trying to stop the burgeoning human trafficking trade in Michigan, Heise was only too happy to help.

Heise, who co-chairs the committee with Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, said the Legislature is putting



Heise



Kowall

together a package of bills that will empower law enforcement agencies, educate the public and put criminals on notice that Michigan won't be a party to it much longer.

"(Schuette) is active with the National Association of Attorneys General and human trafficking is one of their major initiatives," said Heise, a Plymouth Township Republican who represents the 20th House District. "I thought, 'Let's make

this our major focus for the next two years.'"

A major FBI raid in Detroit earlier this year brought the issue to the forefront and Heise said the Detroit area is a prime target for traffickers because of events like the North American International Auto Show where, he said, traffickers bring prostitutes in to "work the show," putting the word out for prospective clients via the Internet.

Hot spot

Heise said there were at least 300 incidents of human trafficking in Michigan last year and pointed out Detroit was ranked No. 1 nationally in pimp arrests and second nationally in girls rescued.

"Unfortunately, southeast Michigan is a very active area in human trafficking and that FBI raid earlier this year proves the point," Heise said. "It was an incident

that really drove home the seriousness of the problem in our area. It encouraged us to double our efforts."

State Rep. Eileen Kowall, R-White Lake, said she "felt compelled" to get involved when she realized "the magnitude" of the problem. She said statistics about show a high-percentage increase in such activity around events like the Super Bowl and the auto show.

In fact, according to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center, some 63 percent of human trafficking incidents involve the sex trade, another 23 percent involve labor and 3 percent involve both.

"When confronted with this issue, you're in kind of disbelief," Kowall said. "When you realize it really is going on, you want to help people being victimized. The more you read about it, you realize it's not in some other country. You start to

learn about the fact anybody can be snatched up. In many cases, runaway children within 48-72 hours are involved in the sex trade."

Approaching stakeholders

The legislative committee, Heise said, is taking a holistic approach to the problem, involving law enforcement, the Department of Human Services, corrections officials, the Michigan State Police and the FBI. Eventually, the committee will have to involve other stakeholders, such as faith-based organizations and churches.

When the package of bills — some 15-18 of them, according to Heise — is put together, it's going to include a variety of measures.

Among them are things as simple as making it mandatory to post a toll-free help line number in places like rest rooms, truck stops and massage parlors and as complicated and controversial as authorizing wiretaps in human trafficking cases.

The legislation, he said, will also expand the definition of sex crimes and prostitution.

"Some of our laws haven't been updated since the 1930s ... They're anachronistic and gender-biased,"

Heise said. "We're not going to be able to address every nuance of the problem. But at the end of the day, I want (Schuette) and law enforcement to have more tools to deal with the problem."

Tough to tell

"We're attacking it on multiple fronts," Kowall said. "The first one was public awareness and professional training for law enforcement, the medical community, etc. We are also trying to collect as much data as possible. It's been very hard to nail down, because it's often not recognized for what it is."

That's because, as Deena Policicchio, director of the Outreach and Education Services Department at Alternatives for Girls, a women's shelter in Detroit, points out, trafficking "never looks the same." It can be, she said, someone being forced into it by a family member or a dancer who is forced to also prostitute herself.

Heise said he need look no farther than his own family to know why attacking this problem is so important.

"My girls are 16 and 14 and that's the age of the girls being trafficked," Heise said. "I can't imagine my kids, or anyone else's kids, being forced into that environment."

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Northville ball carrier Tyler Kwasny finds a hole against South Lyon.

Volleyball team beats South Lyon in division opener

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Northville started the Central Division portion of its volleyball schedule on the right foot, earning a victory over South Lyon and putting up some strong numbers in the process.

The squad, coached by Amanda Yaklin, took a 25-22, 25-8, 25-9 victory over the Lions, giving the Mustangs a good start in the Central Division.

"It's great to start off the division with a 1-0 (record)," assistant coach Brian Coughenour said.

Leading the way was Symone Abbott, who had a team-high 12 kills, while Olivia Landis had six kills. Kat Boss also had an impressive 25 assists, while Chloe Kiple had four aces, Cassidy Minghine had four perfect passes and Olivia Boisineau led the team with one solo block and four assisted blocks. Boss and Julia Cola-

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ON TAP

The Northville volleyball team will be back in action when it hosts South Lyon East at 6:30 p.m. today before visiting Bedford for a tournament at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. The team will then host Novi at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and visit Livonia Stevenson at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.



Northville's Evan Wieland breaks free from a defender against South Lyon.

To the wire

Last-second field goal lifts Northville to 16-15 triumph

By Tom Morelli
Correspondent

If at first you don't succeed, try again. That's what happened in the case of senior kicker Zach Wilds, who booted a 25-yard field goal as time expired to lift Northville over South Lyon, 16-15, in the KLAA Central Division opener.

Wilds had missed on a 40-yard field goal midway through the third quarter,

but head coach Matt Ladach was certain that his kicker would come through in the clutch the next time around.

"Zach is tough," Ladach said. "He's strong mentally and he's strong physically. I told our guys ... that after Zach makes this field goal, don't run onto the field because we don't need any penalties. We knew that he was going to make that - he makes those all the time in practice. He's the man."

It was the perfect finish for the Mustangs (2-1 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central), who

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Mustangs stop Novi kickers, 3-1

Baseline rivals in four-team division logjam for second place

By Chrls Jackett
Correspondent

Like any good rivalry game, Novi and Northville's boys soccer match at Northville was expected to feature two title contenders.

What happened Sept. 10 was a strong showing by the Mustangs (5-4-1, 2-2-0 KLAA Central), who at times seemed to keep the younger Wildcats (3-3-1, 2-2-0 Central) frantically readjusting behind the half line before several balls off the iron led to three of four goals in Northville's eventual 3-1 victory.

"I thought every player on their team played better than every player on our team. You can't be more straightforward than that," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "They were way better than us tonight. They dominated that game from beginning to end. They wanted it more than, they played with the ball at their feet, they played possession and we were just off. We just didn't play well, but credit goes to them. They played very well."

The scoring started 18:48 into the game, when Northville senior Joey Van Houten played a corner kick from the left side into the goal box. It was headed away by Novi junior Matt Kiura, but went



Novi's Joon Kim (right) tries to get past Northville's Nick Toupin. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ON TAP

Novi's boys soccer team (3-3-1, 2-2-0 KLAA Central) had a busy week ahead, visiting Plymouth (2-3-0, 2-1-0 South) and Livonia Stevenson (4-3-0, 2-1-0 Central) before hosting South Lyon (4-2-1, 2-2-0 Central) today, then visiting Brighton (3-4-1, 1-2-1 West) Monday, South Lyon East (2-5-0, 0-4-0 Central) Tuesday and hosting Northville (5-4-1, 2-2-0 Central) Sept. 26. All games kick off at 7 p.m.

right back to Van Houten, who fired a shot from a sharp angle that rattled off the near post midway up, hit off the lower back of junior goal-

keeper Tommy McMaster and trickled into the Wildcats' net despite junior Kent Maidens' last-second clearing attempt.

"We had to bounce back big-time because we didn't play real well against Salem a few nights ago," Northville coach Henry Klimes said. "Playing on turf, that's what's going to happen. It's a bouncy-type surface. You don't always have to be the most skilled team, but if you're outworking the other team and just being first to, that helps a lot."

With 13 minutes left in the half, sophomore Tony Asima-

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The Northville girls cross country team gathers following the MSU invitational last week. Pictured are (from left) Taleen Shahrighian, Nicole Mosteller, Emma Herrmann, Rachel Coleman, Lexa Barrott and Erin Zimmer. Alison Robinson was also at the meet. LYNNE MOSTELLER

Girls harriers win Elite Division at MSU Invite

Four Northville runners finish in the top 25

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

For the first time since Northville began attending the highly-competitive MSU Invitational, the Mustangs have been crowned champions.

The girls squad, coached by Nancy Smith, won the Elite Division by eight points Sept. 13, placing four runners in the top 25 along the way. Out of a field of 29 teams and 201 runners, just 28 points separated the top four teams in the Elite

ON TAP

The Northville girls cross country team will be back in action Saturday when it splits up to run in the Jackson and the Catholic Central invitational before visiting Salem at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Division, with Northville taking the top spot with 98 points, followed by Seaholm with 106, Saline with 116 and Hudsonville with 126. Rounding out the top five was Rockford with 176 points.

"It was a great day with the weather and results," Smith

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HARRIERS

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said. “The girls all attacked the race and had a game plan in place with the ultimate goal of winning the Elite race and they executed their plan with expertise.”

“They simply ran right out of their shoes.”

Rachel Coleman, who finished fourth overall with a time of 18:00, and Lexa Barrott, who placed seventh in 18:11, turned in the best times of their careers. Taleen Shahri-gian (23rd, 18:41) re-turned to the lineup after recovering from an injury, while Erin Zimmer (24th, 18:44) had an out-standing performance as well.

Next in for Northville was Emma Herrmann (41st, 19:05), followed by

Nicole Mosteller (57th, 19:21) and Alison Rob-inson (72nd, 19:38).

The team’s average time was an impressive 18:33.

“This team just continues to excel and get better from week to week,” Smith said. “Each week they make history and outdo the previous week’s times.”

Northville, which is currently undefeated and boasts two invitational championships, also had a strong junior varsity race.

Leading the way was Cayla Eckenroth, who ran 18:47 to take first place overall. Her time would have placed her approximately 28th in the varsity race.

“She led from the start and never looked back, showing everyone that Northville has depth from top to bottom,”

“This team just continues to excel and get better from week to week. Each week they make history and outdo the previous week’s times.”

NANCY SMITH
girls cross country coach

Smith said.

Next in for Northville was Chloe Smither, who was sixth in 20:16.

“Senior Chloe Smither also had an amazing race,” Smith said. “Each day she works so hard in practice and we knew that her break was coming and she showed it today with a career-best time. She is knocking on the door to the nineteens and I have no doubt that she will get it over the next few weeks.”

Emma Smith (seventh, 20:28) was next, followed by Hailey Harris (eighth, 20:34), Katie Chevoor (ninth, 20:37), Taylor Gattoni (15th, 21:12), Megan Kerr (19th, 21:19), Julia Slatin (25th, 21:39) and Paige Zimmer (30th, 21:51).

In total, the junior varsity race had 487 runners.

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VOLLEYBALL

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santi also had nine digs each.

As a team, Northville put up 12 aces, eight perfect passes, one solo block, 10 assisted blocks, 28 assists, 35 kills and 39 digs.

Northville is now 12-4-1 overall and 1-0 in the Central Division.

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FOOTBALL

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held a 7-0 lead at half-time before South Lyon caught fire.

Driving from its own end with three minutes left in the third quarter, South Lyon rode the hot hand of quarterback Anton Skupin, who completed four passes to wide receiver Brock Oostermeyer to place the Lions in a first-and-goal situation to begin the final quarter.

Needing a spark, Ladach inserted senior quarterback Joey Hewlett into the game and, although South Lyon would score on consecutive possessions with a safety and a touchdown, it was only a matter of time before momentum shifted back toward Northville.

The Mustangs answered on their next drive, with Hewlett hooking up with receiver Nick Stegmeyer on a 25-yard pass to end the

ON TAP

The Mustangs host the Salem Rocks at 7 p.m., Friday at Tom Holzer Ford Field.

six-play, 55-yard drive.

Despite failing on the two-point conversion and the ensuing onside kick, Northville forced the Lions to turn the ball over on downs, leaving the Mustangs with 1:21 to piece together one last scoring drive.

With no timeouts left, the Mustangs ran a hurry-up offense that saw Hewlett complete his first four passes to move the ball past mid-field. A few plays later, Hewlett connected with Peter Chew on fourth down to move the chains before spiking the ball with 13 seconds left. Following a 19-yard strike to Stegmeyer, Hewlett stopped the clock again to bring out the field goal unit with four seconds left.

On the final drive alone, Hewlett was an impressive 7-of-10 passing for 60 yards.

“Joey is our starting quarterback and he came in injured,” Ladach said. “I did not want to play him today, but we got into a situation where we felt like we needed to put our best player and leader on the field. There’s a reason that he’s our quarterback.”

Hewlett finished the game with 96 yards on 10-of-17 passing, while senior running back Evan Wieland was the team’s top rusher with six carries for 63 yards.

Seniors Sean Conway (five catches, 28 yards) and Stegmeyer (four catches, 79 yards) were tops in the receiving department.

Defensive back Jake Cheslik led all Mustangs with seven tackles, followed by linebackers Lee Moore and Jack Ernst with five apiece.

Senior Tyler Kwasny busted loose for a 42-yard run to help set-up a 3-yard scamper into the end zone on Northville’s opening possession of the game.

SOCCER

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du was offside by a safe amount when he headed a ball into Northville’s net. On the ensuing free kick, the Mustangs quickly played the ball up to the half line and Northville senior Collin Watkins outran the Novi defense to knock a shot over a diving McMaster and into the top right corner for a 2-0 lead just 15 seconds later.

“While we’re busy hanging our head and pouting, they’re busy taking it away and scoring on us,” O’Leary said. “Credit goes to them, they took it to us in every facet of the game.”

The lead would stand at the break, but would not be the end of the Mustangs’ onslaught. After Northville hit the crossbar 7:18 into the second half and Novi senior Parker Sutton

had to sub out with an injury 10:20 into the half, Northville senior Jay DeBrabander got the ball 22 seconds later at the top of the arc and flicked it over a jumping McMaster. The ball hit the cross bar and hit McMaster in the lower back while he was still in midair, bouncing into the goal for a 3-0 Northville lead.

Novi would get on the board with 23:09 left in the game with a long throw-in by Kiura on the left side about 20 yards out that hit off the cross-bar and went down into a group of players from both teams, where senior Joon Kim got the last touch to hit it into the goal past Mustangs senior goalkeeper Steven Jansen.

“Novi, their biggest weapon was the long throw. It’s part of the game and you don’t practice it as much defensively as you probably should, so they got

one there to start creating,” Klimes said. “Overall, I thought we moved the ball well. I rotated forwards a lot. I thought everyone played pretty well up top for us tonight. The back four I thought played solid.”

Despite a few solid chances by both teams in the waning minutes, 3-1 would be the final.

Things didn’t improve enough two nights later for Novi, as visiting Plymouth Salem (5-0-2, 3-0-0 Central) claimed a 2-1 victory. The Wildcats had a 6-2 shot advantage and 1-0 lead at halftime thanks to a goal by junior Don Nakashima that was set up by Maidens, but the Rocks outshot the ‘Cats 9-2 in the second half, scoring two goals to steal the victory.

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Catholic Central starts season with 3-0 mark

Squad shuts down Toledo Whitmer to stay undefeated

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

They say an elephant never forgets, but it seems that Shamrocks have pretty lasting memories as well.

The Detroit Catholic Central football team didn't need reminding that it took a loss while on the road in Toledo last year when it played Whitmer. That 19-7 defeat left enough of a sting that the Shamrocks were not about to let a repeat of that game happen on their own turf when they played Whitmer last week. Instead, the Shamrocks blanked the Panthers 23-0 in a non-conference contest.

The victory puts the Shamrocks at 3-0 on the

season.

"As a staff, we were extremely pleased with out team's effort," assistant coach Michael Mach said. "Despite a sluggish first half, where we committed a few too many penalties, our kids kept competing and, when the opportunity arose, made some big plays that put some distance between us and Whitmer."

The Shamrocks held a 14-0 lead in the second half, but had to call upon the resolve of their defense to put together two goal-line stands to preserve that lead.

The Shamrocks then turned to their offensive line to take care of business through the remainder of the game as they added another touchdown with their ground game.

The defense did more than just keep Whitmer out of their end zone. It collected a sack for a



Zach Bock intercepts a Whitmer pass and returns it for a CC touchdown. DENNIS BARNES

safety in the second half thanks to the speedy play of senior defensive tackle A.J. Turek, who pulled the Panthers quarterback down for the two points.

The defense also added a score on an interception return. Zach Bock

snagged a pass and rumbled 56 yards into the end zone for the score.

"It was vintage Shamrocks smash-mouth football and something that we think our kids can be

proud of and this team can build on as we approach Catholic League play," Mach said.

The Shamrocks' defense allowed just 20 yards of total offense, with 109 coming from

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central football team will be back on the gridiron when its hosts Renaissance (Pa.) Christian Academy at 7 p.m. Friday.

Whitmer's aerial attack and 91 on the ground. CC picked up an impressive four interceptions along the way.

The offense was led by the powerful running of Dylan Roney, who had 16 carried for 72 yards and scored twice in the winning effort.

"They are a championship level program, extremely highly regarded, and for us it was a very good victory," Mach said of Whitmer.

The Shamrocks are currently ranked No. 2 in Division 1.

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Childers leads team to triumph over Novi

Girls golf team currently tied for division lead

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Katie Childers came into this season with the hopes of becoming one of the top players on the Northville girls golf team.

The junior has not only accomplished that, she also is showing the potential to be one of the best golfers in the history of Northville's program.

Childers carded an even-par 36 last week as she led her team to a 169-181 victory over rival Novi.

The victory keeps the Mustangs tied for first in the Central Division with a 3-1 record.

"It was the best our team has played all year," Northville coach Jeff Balagna said. "Our girls were really fired up and ready to play."

Childers' 36 earned her the medalist position in the meet and it is the best dual-meet score turned in by Northville since Alicia Weber in 2008.

Weber, who has the school record with 31, was a three-time all-state player and currently plays for the University of Michigan.

Childers was 3-under par after the first five



Northville junior Katie Childers shot an even-par 36 as the Mustangs defeated rival Novi. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

holes. So far this year, she has been medalist in three of the four matches the Mustangs have had and has finished in the top 10 at three invitationals.

Senior Chloe Page was next for the Mustangs, with 41, while junior Victoria Zaremba shot 44 and junior Elizabeth McGowan carded 48.

"This is the type of effort I expect out of

these girls," Balagna said. "Each girl is capable of shooting these numbers every time on the course. We are better than our scores show and this was the first time all year that I thought we played up to our potential."

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Mustangs take third at MSU Invite

Boys cross country team runs to best finish since 2011

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville boys cross country team took on the best-of-the-best Sept. 13 at the MSU Invitational and came away with a third-place finish in the Elite Division.

The squad, coached by Chris Cronin, raced against 27 other teams and more than 200 runners.

The Mustangs finished with 202 points, while Waterford Mott dominated with 90 and St. Joseph was second with 151.

The finish was the best for the Mustangs since the team won the Green Division – made up of Division 1 and Division 2 non-elite squads – in 2011.

Leading the way was Nick Noles, who finished 14th in 16:10. It was Noles' first time running at MSU.

"After missing the race his freshman year for a wedding and last year because of injury,

ON TAP

The Northville boys cross country team will be back in action when it runs Saturday at the Catholic Central Invitational before visiting Salem at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Nick was hungry to run today," Cronin said.

The time was Noles' best since the 2011 season and his coach said he's on track for a return to all-state status.

"Nick is on great form right now and he loves running in big races," Cronin said.

Sean McCullough also had a strong race, finishing in 25th in 16:17, while Conor Naughton was 28th in 16:19. Those times were career-best for them.

A top-30 finish at the Elite Division at MSU is a significant accomplishment and, according to their coach, both McCullough and Naughton used a strong finishing kick over the final 500 meters to earn those places.

"We work on finishing in practice, but when it comes to the meet, that's on the runner," Cronin said.

"Sean has added finishing speed to his ar-

senal this season and it's taken him to the next level as a runner: Conor just keeps working and now he is on the cusp of running with the state's best."

Northville's other finishers were Jason Ferrante (50th, 16:44), Nick DuFresne (98th, 17:12), Ben Cracraft (102nd, 17:13) and Sam Kremke (155th, 17:43).

And while the junior varsity race did not keep official scores, the Mustangs would have also finished third in that race. Leading the JV harriers was Jacob Kamm, who ran to 10th in 17:41, while Peter Martin ran 17:43 for 13th and Alex Chevoor was 18th in 17:50.

"We ask our JV runners to have a varsity approach in races and that attitude is playing dividends," Cronin said.

Also finishing the JV race were Joe Craig (21st, 17:55), Sean Flanagan (23rd, 17:59), Mark Castellano (28th, 18:04) and Trevor Lerner (67th, 18:38).

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Northville collects first dual meet swim win of season

Squad upends Churchill in Central Division contest

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The first dual meet of the season gives swimmers from the top to the bottom of a roster a chance to compete and showcase what they are able to do.

Last week, against Livonia Churchill, Northville not only let its depth show, but let its depth earn a victory as it swept past the Chargers, 114-71.

"This was a really fun meet," coach Brian McNeff said. "It was our first dual meet of the season, so all the girls were pretty excited to see where they were at."

"I was also able to give some of my top girls a rest and put in some swimmers who normally do not get a chance to swim varsity events."

"I told them before the meet started that this may be their only chance all year to swim for points, so they better take advantage of it. They were up for the challenge and really impressed me."

Northville did have a state-qualifying time from Laura Westphal, who swam 5:11.69 in the 500-meter freestyle, just two seconds off the pool record. She was more than 48 seconds faster than her nearest competitor.

To start the meet, the

Mustangs earned a second-place finish in the 200 medley relay with the team of Shannon Hayes, Simone Yong, Maria Gutowski and Sarah Ptashnik finishing in 2:07.95. Taking third was the team of Allison Tucker, Allie Stellan, Megan Cragel and Rachel Mazzara.

In the 200 free, Julia Scavnicky took second in 2:09.67, while teammates Elena Pando and Chelsea Lepish took third and fifth, respectively. Gutowski took first in the 200 individual medley, finishing in 2:23.49, while Jessica Yan and Young finished second and third, respectively.

Ptashnik was the second in the 50 free, in 27.09 seconds, while Madeline Wilczewski was third and Hannah Craig was fourth. Diving event was won by Claire Ostrowski with 146.8 points, with Erin Aquinto taking third.

In the 100 butterfly, Scavnicky was second in 1:05.43, followed by third-place finisher Analeah Shurtleff and Chen in fourth. Northville's success carried over to the 100 free, where Ptashnik swam to second in 1:01.77, followed by Shannon Hayes in third and Hope Miller in fourth.

Sweeping the 500 free were Westphal, Pando and Lepish, while the team of Melissa Clawson, Allison Tucker, Craig and Wilczewski took second in the 200 free relay and the team of Chen, Claudia Sharp,

Shurtleff and Mazzara was third.

In the 100 backstroke, Gutowski took first in 1:09.04, followed by Yan and Hayes in second and third, respectively, while Young took first in the 100 breaststroke in 1:19.01, followed by second-place finisher Craig and Stellan in third.

In the final race of the night, the 400 free relay, the team of Westphal, Pando, Wilczewski and Yan took second in 3:59.19, while the team of Shurtleff, Danielle Siwula, Clawson and Miller took third.

"We had some outstanding times and there was a great effort put in by everyone," McNeff said. "We had a lot of girls that beat their best time from last year, which is always the goal. This meet really showed off our depth and hard work."

McNeff did say he was happy to see so many swimmers step up and vie for a chance to score points and earn some recognition.

"I thought Sarah Ptashnik had a great meet, swimming times that could possibly score at our league meet," he said.

Other swimmer who did notably well were Gutowski, Wilczewski, Pando and Lepish.

"All of them had a great off-season and it showed last night," he said.

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NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

Youth basketball registration

Registration for Northville Parks and Recreation fall youth basketball has opened. Registrations will continue through Sept. 30 or until the leagues are full. The boys and girls leagues are for third-through eighth-graders. All players must complete a form which will be used to formulate teams. Emphasis is on improving basic skills and developing team play.

Practice will be held one or two times per week beginning Oct. 14. The eight-game schedule plays primarily Saturdays from Oct. 24 through Dec. 16. Register online at www.northvilleparksandrec.org or at the Parks and Recreation office.

For more information, contact Alan Kruck at 248-349-0203 ext., 1405.

Adult coaches needed

Adult coaches are needed for Northville Parks and Recreation's

youth basketball. The child will play for free if a parent volunteers to be a head coach. If you are interested, call Alan Kruck at 248-349-0203, ext. 1405. Coaches meeting and clinic will be held Oct. 8.

Softball tryouts

The Northville Baseball Softball Association is conducting tryouts for the 2014 10U girls travel team. The NBSA encourages all players who would like to participate in a higher level of softball to attend.

The tryout will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 28 at the Millennium Park SE Field (Six Mile Road between Sheldon and Beck roads, across from Northville High School).

For those parents and/or players who feel as though they're not quite at the travel level yet, at this age, due to the amount of practice time involved, the opportunity for players to greatly improve their softball skills is endless. The coaches that are evaluating the players at tryouts, may see opportunities in your play-

er that may otherwise be missed.

For more information, contact Melissa Tolstyka at 734-674-7849 or at missymoe@ameritech.net.

Basketball clinic

The Champions Pre-season Youth Basketball Clinic for grades K-6 will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Northville High School gymnasium. Former Oakland University basketball player Brandon Cassise will conduct the clinic.

Areas of focus will include shooting, dribbling, rebounding, passing and team basketball concepts.

The cost is \$35 at the door (cash or check only); \$5 from each participant will be donated in memory of Lisa Christensen. The clinic fees include instruction, basketball to take home and a shooting contest. Please preregister at championsyouthbasketball@gmail.com. Include players name, grade, email address and telephone number.

NORTHVILLE COLTS ROUNDUP

Varsity blitzes Chargers

The Northville Colts varsity team beat the Walled Lake Chargers, 40-14, over the weekend. The team came out charging with its first score by Marcello Gonzalez within the first six minutes of the game. Nickolas Prystash scored with a long pass from the 39-yard line and the extra point was good by Abe Khoury.

Quarterback Abe Khoury ran the ball into Chargers territory early in the second quarter, leaving the Chargers defenseless.

Nothing could trip up Gonzalez scoring his second TD of the game, while the Chargers didn't get on the board until the final minutes before halftime, making the score 19-8 as the teams headed to the dressing room.

Colts linemen Max Cooper, Ryan Figueroa, Evan Carson, Jagur Nafso and Ryan Doroudian held the Chargers off until midway through the third quarter.

Khoury and Gash connected to end the third quarter at 34-14.

Quarterback Daniel

McLaughlin ended the drizzly Sunday afternoon with a roll-out pass to wide receiver Nicholas Prystash.

The 15-yard play closed out the scoring.

— By Jillian Rizk

JV Colts remain undefeated

The JV Colts (3-0) pulled the plug on the Commerce Chargers with a shutout. The Colts' defense short-circuited the Chargers with jolting tackles from Brennen VanRiper, Zachary Shoemaker, Aidan Hayek and Alexander Ladach during the first quarter.

In the second quarter, the Chargers fought back for yards, but were stopped short numerous times. Ryan Logan delivered a massive hit to the Chargers' offense.

On a Chargers misdirection play, Nick Lauderback, not to be fooled, came up with a great tackle. Aidan Hayek dove for the legs of the ball carrier, holding tight while Mick Farrell and Isaiah Gash wrapped up the tackle.

The second half opened with an immediate 53-yard touch-



JV Colts Aidan Hayek (No. 12) helps Isaiah Gash (No. 33) with the tackle, while Zachary Shoemaker (No. 4) and Nick Lauderback (No. 6) ensure coverage from behind. CHRIS CONDINO

down by Gash, leaving the score 6-0 Colts. That was just a warm up though, for Gash's 81-yard run for a second touchdown in the fourth quarter. Harrowing tackles delivered defensively from Andrew Hayek and Jake Willerer settled the final score at 12-0.

— By Deanna Roseberry

Freshman team also undefeated

The freshman Colts moved to 3-0 with an 27-12 win Sunday against the Walled Lake Chargers. The defense held the Chargers' first-half offensive efforts, with two fumble recoveries by James Monticelli and Rocco Giammarusti and with

ON TAP

In a homecoming celebration Saturday Sept. 21, the Northville Colts will take on the Novi Bobcats at Hillside's Ford Field. The freshman game starts at 11 a.m., followed by the JV game at 1 p.m. and the varsity game at 3 p.m.

tackles for losses by Kameron Naujokas, Mike McLaughlin and Monticelli.

Offensively, an opening rushing play sent Caleb Gash sprinting cross-field to the end zone, Sheehan broke free as well for a 57-yard touchdown run and the disciplined offense helped Danny Sheehan take a screen pass from Jack Thallman on a long third-down play. Conversions by Daniel Logan, twice, and Thallman resulted in a 21-0 Colts lead by halftime. Defensive efforts included open-field tackles by Garrett Slusser and Cole McGowan.

In the fourth quarter, Gash broke free for his second cross-field rushing touchdown of the day. Although the Chargers scored twice, the game was consistently the Colts.

— By Deanna Roseberry

Mustangs earn win over Stevenson

Tennis team has strong showing in Central Division victory

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Earning a Central Division victory is always of the utmost importance to the Northville boys tennis team.

That's why the squad, coached by Matt Stetson, came out so intensely against Livonia Stevenson and earned an 8-1 victory.

In the singles flights, Northville earned wins at the Nos. 1, 2 and 3 spots, while bowing at No. 4 singles.

Connor Johnston picked up a 6-0, 6-1 victory over Chat Northey

ON TAP

The Northville boys tennis team will be back on the court when it visits Ann Arbor Pioneer at 8 a.m. Saturday before playing at 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in KLAAC crossover matches.

at No. 1 singles, while Oliver Daniel defeated Sam Tabor, 6-7, 6-3, 6-3, in a hard-fought No. 2 match.

At No. 3 singles, Andrew Schafer collected a convincing 6-0, 6-3 victory over Jason Wysocki.

The Mustangs' success carried over into the doubles flights, as Dan Baldwin and Umais Rao defeated Tom Cwiek and Neal Adams, 6-1, 6-2, at No. 1 doubles and Jason Wang and Jonathan Bi defeated Matt Lackey and Chase

Tinham, 6-2, 6-1, at No. 2.

In the No. 3 flight, it was Northville's Veer Shah and Evan Simoff earning a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Brad Weiand and Andrew Dziobak, while Nick Chatas and Sam McCutcheon earned a 6-1, 6-1 victory at No. 4 doubles over David Ajluni and Brendan Parker.

The No. 5 doubles team of Michael Oh and Michael Pui secured Northville's dominance with a win over David Bageris and Cade Buntion, 6-1, 6-1.

Northville's lone loss came as Jeff Frederick defeated Stephen Freeman in a well-played, 3-6, 6-0, 6-2, match.

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

NORTHVILLE STALLIONS ROUNDUP

Varsity comes up short against Braves

The Stallions varsity squad (2-1) came up short Sunday and lost its first game of the season 14-9 to the Walled Lake Braves.

The Stallions turned a fumble recovery by Jordan Grewe to their advantage when QB Jonathan Michalak's handoff to Shane Rankin resulted in a 10-yard run for a touchdown.

The Stallions' defense, led by Tyler Troyer, Alex Karam, Keaton Strunk, Michalak, Alex Ajlouny, Jack Spangler, Parker Dietrich, Jack Pevovar and Spencer Ishaq, made strong stops along the way, but the Braves were able push their way into the end zone. Another fumble recovery by Rankin set up a pass by Michalak to receiver Ben Schmidt that put the Stallions in scoring position. Kicker Jake Moody scored a field goal to put the Stallions in the lead at the half, 9-8.

The defensive battle raged on in the second half with the Braves scoring once more, with Troyer blocking their extra point. Despite an interception by defensive end Kevin Townsend, the

Stallions' offense was unable to score again, despite key plays by Michalak, Moody, Schmidt, Troyer and Rankin.

— By Maureen Schmidt

JV earn sweet homecoming victory

The Northville JV Stallions (1-2) celebrated their homecoming in style with their first win of the season Sunday against the Walled Lake Braves. The Stallions delivered a well-rounded four quarters with contributions by all units – offense, defense and special teams.

The game started strong with a fumble recovery by Brett Rankin on the opening kickoff. However, the Braves scored first on a 70-yard touchdown run and a two-point conversion to make the score 8-0. The Stallions answered immediately with a 72-yard run by Cooper Leverton for a touchdown. After a failed extra point conversion, the score was 8-6.

The Stallions' defense rose to the occasion and shut down the Braves for the rest of the half. Max Barnes, Grant Lenton, Jacob Jahshan and David Olko were just some of the strong tacklers in the first half.

The Stallions' offense scored three more touchdowns, including two by Leverton, who scored on a 91-yard run. Jack Rathwell scored the other touchdown on a 20-yard pass play from Barnes.

Spencer Thakady and the special teams unit finished off the half with a two-point conversion kick. Stallions ended the half up 26-8.

A handful of freshman cheerleaders got the Stallions pride flowing in the stands for the second half. Olivia Steele, Kate Story, Morgan Vos, Hannah Jahshan, Aubrey Marquette, Emma Asher and Alexandra Grabowski took it upon themselves to cheer the boys to victory.

The Stallions' defense remained solid in the second half with some

outstanding stops by Robert Reynolds, A.J. Grabowski, Mitch DeGroff, Tommy Cotter, Alex Gentner and Luke Smith.

The Braves scored late in the game to make the final score 26-16.

— By Amy Morrissey

Freshman team stampedes Braves, 26-7

The freshman Stallions (3-0) homecoming game began with Grady Zoroya receiving the ball. While there were key carries by Mason Versosky, Max Anderson and Zoroya, there was a turnover on downs. Defense came out to answer with key tackles by Reece Jones, Jayson Saad, Tyler Ross and Johnny Metrusias. Offensive line came back and held possession of the ball. Luke Pevovar had key carries, while Jones recovered a fumble by the Stallions and had an incredible run, bringing the ball to 30-yard line.

Jack Ellis started the second quarter with a touchdown, while Jones completed the PAT. The Stallions' defense came out with tackles by Ellis, Luke Brodde, and Greg Staton. Connor Apligian also had big tackles, creating a turnover on downs on the Braves' 35-yard line. The offense came out to close the quarter with a touchdown by Ellis, making the score 13-0.

Third quarter started with Noah McCluskey making key tackles, but the defense couldn't stop the Braves from scoring the first touchdown allowed all season by the Stallions, making the score 13-7.

In the fourth quarter Luca Prior made some big tackles. Ellis had an interception and Pevovar completed the touchdown. The Stallions' defense held tough the whole half. With 30 seconds left in the game, Jones completed a pass to Ross for another touchdown and Ellis completed the PAT, completing the score of 26-7.

— By Joanne Metrusias

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Preventing kitchen fires focus of annual safety effort

The National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) annual awareness campaign, Fire Prevention Week, will be held Oct. 6-12. The nonprofit fire safety organization is encouraging the public to prevent kitchen fires. The kitchen is the leading area of origin for home fires and most kitchen fires are caused by cooking. On average, there are roughly 3,000 reported kitchen fires per day in the United States.

The Fire Prevention Week website is the central portal for information and resources to help families, teachers, community leaders, and fire officials spread the word about fire safety.

The site includes fire safety tip sheets, fire statistics, a family safety checklist, Sparky the Fire Dog activities for kids and public service announcement videos. Videos on the site include "Sparky's Kitchen Rules," a fire safety song for kids, and safety tips from Sparky's Aunt Dottie.

Visitors can also test their knowledge of fire safety with the Fire Prevention Week Quiz, a fun, interactive resource that lets families see how well-prepared they are for an emergency. Quiz-takers can review their results and compare them with others via Twitter and Facebook.

Continuing for 2013 will be the Sparky's Wish List Campaign. The program, now



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in its second year, is designed to help fire departments connect with their local communities. Fire departments across the country have registered for public safety education materials they need in their communities. Individuals can then help their local fire department prepare for Fire Prevention Week by fulfilling the wishes.

NFPA offers these important fire safety tips:

» Be alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.

» Keep an eye on what you fry! Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.

» If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking. Keep anything that can catch fire – oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains – away from your stovetop.

» Have a "kid-free zone" of

at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

About Fire Prevention Week

NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week since 1922. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The president of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance during that week every year since 1925. Visit www.firepreventionweek.org for more safety information.

About the National Fire Protection Association

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. NFPA develops more than 300 codes and standards to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other hazards. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed at no cost at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.



Robert Meisner

Check fine print, rights on 'fees'

Q: I just entered into a listing agreement and noted in the fine print that the brokerage firm has a right to take an "administrative fee" over and above the commission. Is that something that is unusual?

A: Apparently, a number of real estate companies are now charging this "administrative fee" in addition to a commission to cover alleged expenses with respect to the closing. My view on behalf of our many real estate clients is that fee should not be charged given the nature of the commission that is being paid by you, presumably six percent in a residential closing. Obviously, other types of brokerage firms will offer a commission at less and/or will waive the administrative fee if you ask. Most people don't even recognize or realize that there will be a fee until the closing since it is generally in small print in the listing agreement and not emphasized by the realtor. I would suggest that you bring it to the attention of the realtor at this point, and in the future carefully review your listing agreement before you sign it or have an attorney review it who has experience in dealing with realtors who impose this brokerage fee.

Q: A developer promised to provide to our association a certain tract of land before the first unit was sold to be used as a common area. However, the developer then sold the land to the city without us receiving any compensation. Do you think we have a claim against the city and/or the developer for what they did?

A: Obviously, you have a claim against the developer if it breached your declaration or master deed as the case may be. Also, based on similar facts out of the Tennessee appellate court, the city was found to have been required to compensate the HOA for taking open space that was to be provided to the association by the developer. The fair market value of that open area was to be determined at a separate hearing. Accordingly, your association should immediately retain capable legal counsel to pursue not only the developer, but the city for just compensation.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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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.

Short sales

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

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Investors

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

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50135 Hanford Rd	\$270,000
39612 Hillary Dr	\$140,000
45223 Lemont Rd	\$173,000
49136 Manhattan Cir	\$280,000
6592 Marshall St	\$235,000
44250 Postmill Ct	\$200,000
45066 Rector Dr	\$140,000
5938 Runnymede Dr	\$135,000
45037 Seabrook Dr	\$287,000

208 Sheffield Ct	\$200,000
43479 W Arbor Way Dr	\$63,000
43530 Westminister Way	\$146,000
43961 Yorktown St	\$198,000
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28449 Cambridge St	\$54,000
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28908 James St	\$50,000
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15496 Edington St	\$240,000
11684 Farmington Rd	\$116,000
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36547 Ladywood St	\$240,000
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20190 Pollyanna Dr	\$270,000
16724 Savoie St	\$212,000
9929 Shadyside St	\$48,000
27989 Terrence St	\$189,000

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16306 Westminister Dr	\$362,000
16452 White Haven Dr	\$240,000
PLYMOUTH	
140 Burroughs St	\$240,000
45899 Litchfield Dr	\$360,000
11488 Mona Ct	\$219,000
12085 Nicholas Ln	\$272,000
349 Red Ryder Dr	\$275,000
9657 Russell Ave	\$171,000
9311 S Main St	\$310,000
1372 Sheridan St	\$380,000
744 Starkweather St	\$365,000
11403 Waverly Dr	\$211,000
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17302 Denby	\$2,000
15583 Gaylord	\$33,000
18264 Gaylord	\$30,000

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29134 Manchester St	\$26,000
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5775 N Wayne Rd	\$105,000
8325 Opal Dr	\$199,000
471 S John Hix St	\$88,000

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

BEVERLY HILLS	
22830 Shagbark Dr	\$450,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
23357 Old Orchard Trl	\$450,000
BIRMINGHAM	
679 Ann St	\$250,000
1863 Bowers St	\$185,000
915 Chapin Ave	\$582,000
972 Chesterfield Ave	\$640,000
419 Pilgrim Ave	\$1,083,000
327 Southfield Rd # 13	\$127,000
515 W Merrill St	\$700,000
3599 Wabek Lake Dr W	\$240,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1753 Huntingwood Ln # D	\$75,000
30 Scenic Oaks Dr N	\$835,000
536 Whitehall Rd	\$440,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1302 Ashover Dr	\$140,000
2709 Aspen Ln	\$261,000
5600 Crabtree Rd	\$245,000
5906 Eastmoor Rd	\$1,560,000
5690 Forman Dr	\$799,000
7285 Hidenbrook Ln	\$1,038,000
5550 Kenmoor Rd	\$215,000
1834 Ledbury Dr	\$255,000
1985 Lone Pine Rd	\$509,000
1163 Lone Pine Woods Dr	\$615,000
3875 Quarton Rd	\$222,000
4502 Ranch Ln	\$600,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
6031 Birchcrest Ln	\$399,000
3170 Edgewood Park Dr	\$550,000
3426 Edgewood Park Dr	\$913,000
3321 Fox Blvd	\$80,000
2975 Ivy Hill Dr	\$312,000
160 Liza Ln	\$265,000
3278 Mandrake St	\$62,000
FARMINGTON	
32800 W Eight Mile Rd	\$61,000

FARMINGTON HILLS	
21939 Crescent Ct	\$220,000
36111 Crompton Cir	\$300,000
37756 Emerald Forest Dr	\$295,000
28382 Kendallwood Dr	\$130,000
39172 Kennedy Dr	\$330,000
30954 Oak Valley Dr	\$225,000
29623 Sierra Point Cir	\$125,000
36445 Valley Ridge Dr	\$257,000
32005 W 12 Mile Rd Unit 308	\$40,000
27555 Westcott Crescent Cir	\$169,000
FRANKLIN	
32580 Romsey Rd	\$275,000
MILFORD	
916 Bird Song Dr	\$109,000
3400 Cooley Lake Rd	\$244,000
315 Crystal St	\$130,000
1383 General Motors Rd	\$480,000
1679 Hunters Lake Dr	\$476,000
1175 Marjorie St	\$160,000
521 Napa Valley Dr	\$289,000
201 Noble St	\$120,000

921 Panorama Dr	\$130,000
948 Riverstone Ct	\$250,000
607 Tower Ridge Ct	\$260,000
523 Union St	\$187,000
613 Village Ln	\$103,000
NORTHVILLE	
19777 Hayes Ct	\$275,000
653 River Park Village Blvd	\$164,000
21653 Welch Rd	\$275,000
NOVI	
30131 Brightwood Dr	\$290,000
30142 Brightwood Dr	\$273,000
21926 Chase Dr	\$495,000
28337 Clymer Dr	\$84,000
28364 Clymer Dr	\$91,000
28370 Clymer Dr	\$89,000
28382 Clymer Dr	\$88,000
39972 Crosswinds	\$115,000
22128 Edgewater	\$82,000
22739 Foxmoor Dr	\$387,000
40488 Lenox Park Dr	\$225,000
29710 Lilley Trl	\$290,000
22747 Shadowpine Way	\$172,000

24668 Thatcher Dr	\$400,000
44180 Winthrop Dr	\$265,000
28304 Wolcott Dr	\$116,000
28310 Wolcott Dr	\$87,000
SOUTH LYON	
54933 Brentwood Dr	\$331,000
23533 Bristlecone Ct	\$423,000
437 Cambridge Ave	\$140,000
54899 Grenelefe Cir W	\$357,000
25450 Meadow Ct	\$305,000
24844 Ravine Dr	\$2,000
SOUTHFIELD	
15937 George Washington Dr	\$125,000
19123 Greenwald Dr	\$106,000
22815 Kenwyck Dr	\$160,000
19717 Melrose Ave	\$70,000
15662 Mount Vernon St	\$60,000
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Car Report

Advertising Feature

Nissan Hits High Note with New Versa, Sets for New Rogue



By Dale Buss

Nissan is getting feisty with new products and new advertising in the U.S. market these days – as well as with aggressive pricing – and that could mean trouble for rivals.

The brand just began airing an effective new TV ad for the first-time Note version of its Versa hatchback. The spot dynamically demonstrates the versatility of the little hatch in a variety of settings, from the beach to a campsite to curbside at a concert.

At the same time, Nissan has begun promoting the fact that its revamped 2014 Rogue crossover will be available this fall for the first time with optional third-row seating along with improved fuel economy. The starting price gets a bump, too. It's \$2,180 higher than the outgoing 2013 model.

And all of this follows an interesting summer during which Nissan became one of the most aggressive brands in the market in consumer incentives and pricing. It slashed prices on most Nissan models earlier this year and has seen a resulting surge in sales.

In August, in fact, Nissan was one of the leaders of the American-market sales surge, seeing a 22-percent increase over last year to sales of more than 120,000 vehicles in the month. It was the first time Nissan exceeded 100,000 U.S. retail sales in a month. Altima sales surged nearly 20 percent, the new Pathfinder performed well, and even Nissan Leaf had its best-ever month, with more than 2,400 August deliveries.

"The recent introduction of the all-new

Versa Note and the all-new Rogue launching this fall will only help Nissan sales to continue the winning streak," said Fred Diaz, divisional vice president of sales and marketing for Nissan U.S.A.

Versa sales in August increased by 9 percent over a year earlier, in part because of the launch of Note, Nissan said. Versa continued to be the leader among U.S. sub-compacts, as it topped the segment for the 21st of the last 24 months – even without much help yet from Note.

Featuring an energetic new take on Versa styling that excited Nissan executives and dealers as they anticipated the reaction of consumers, the new hatchback "celebrates the unique qualities of its 5-door hatchback design -- something we are calling 'Your Door to More'" in TV ads and marketing materials. "Versa Note is a passion enabler, thanks to its exceptional combination of versatility, technology and value. It's transformative, satisfying owners' emotional and rational needs with features such as sleek styling and features like our Around View Monitor at an affordable price."

Following the high-value Versa sedan, the new Versa Note also offers more value on all grades than the previous Versa



The new Note hatchback version of Versa is versatile.



Nissan's 2014 Rogue will upgrade a well-performing nameplate.

hatchback (model year 2012), beginning with its starting MSRP of \$13,990, Nissan said. It went on sale in June.

At the same time, Nissan has been looking forward to this month's launch of the second-generation Rogue. The first-generation vehicle is the oldest model in a hot segment: small, crossover SUVs. But Nissan has managed to hold its own pretty well with the six-year-old Rogue, which ranks a solid No. 5 in the segment behind newly refreshed versions of Honda CR-V, Ford Escape, Chevrolet Equinox and Toyota RAV4.

In fact, in August, sales of Rogue set a record for the month of more than 17,000 units, an increase of nearly 37 percent over the prior year. For the year to date, sales of the current-generation Rogue were up by 16 percent.

But Nissan clearly is looking to leapfrog the competition with the new Rogue. It's the first U.S. product to embody what the Renault-Nissan Alliance calls its Common Module Family platform. For component modules such as front ends and cockpits, the new architecture is engineered to give designers and engineers more flexibility.

"By sharing development costs, while adapting powertrains, designs and equipment offerings for each specific region, Nissan has been able to add features and technologies while keeping prices affordable," Diaz said. "No matter the specific market nameplate, it's a guaranteed winner."

The Rogue's bold new styling certainly represents a leap forward: what Nissan calls "a premium, high-quality look and feel." Available are a power panoramic moon roof and power rear lift gate. And Rogue can offer optional three-row, seven-passenger seating for the first time thanks to its improved interior packaging efficiency.

The car's higher base price of \$22,490 remains well below entry-level models from other makers, which range up to \$26,000. Standard features include a five-inch color display screen, air conditioning, four-speaker audio system, LED map lights, Bluetooth audio, power windows and a rear-view monitor.

Nissan is building the Rogue at its Smyrna, Tenn. plant for the first time. The first generation Rogue, introduced in 2007 as a 2008 model, had been built in Japan.

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An employment interview is stressful. You need to say the right things to convince the hiring manager you're the perfect person for the job. But you also need to be sure your nervousness doesn't get the best of you and cause you to say something you'll regret. Saying the wrong thing can cost you the opportunity, no matter how skilled or experienced you are.

Here are examples of what not to say to a hiring manager:

No-no No. 1:

"My current boss is a jerk!" or "I left the company because it was a rotten place to work."

Never badmouth a current or former employer. Even if you have had legitimate issues with a colleague, boss or company, don't air the dirty laundry in front of the person with whom you interview. Complaining about others will just make you appear bitter and resentful and could cause the hiring manager to wonder about your attitude if you were to be hired at his or

her firm. Stick to neutral comments such as, "I am looking for a different work environment" or "My career goals have changed" if you're pressed for details about your desire for a new position.

No-no No. 2: "How much vacation time do I get?" or "What's the bonus structure like?"

Questions like these tell a prospective employer one thing: You're more concerned about the perks of the position than the job itself. It's OK to ask these questions if you have been through several interviews and the hiring manager has expressed serious interest in hiring you. At that point, these types of inquiries allow you to make an informed decision about whether or not you truly want the job. But until then, focus your efforts on what you can offer the company, not what it can offer you.

No-no No. 3: "How much longer will this interview take? I have

another appointment soon," or "Do you mind if I make a quick phone call?"

An important part of the interview is, of course, treating the hiring manager with respect. Asking questions like these makes you seem rude, as if the interview were something of an inconvenience for you. Instead, take pains to show how interested you are in the opportunity. Arrive to the interview on time -- or better yet, a few minutes early. Remain attentive throughout the meeting by taking notes and maintaining the right posture: Look the interviewer in the eye; nod when you agree with or understand a point he or she is making; and avoid crossing your arms, tapping your feet or displaying other signs of impatience. If you do have another appointment after the interview, leave a large enough window in case the meeting runs long or let the interviewer know ahead of time.

No-no No. 4: "I don't

want to have to work late," or "I'd rather not learn PowerPoint."

You don't want an interviewer to view you as inflexible, which is exactly how he or she will if you make statements like these. Keep an open mind about a position that interests you, even if some aspects of it don't seem ideal. Other factors -- such as a higher-than-expected salary or the possibly to advance quickly -- could outweigh the need to work overtime on occasion, for example. At the same time, don't overlook absolute deal-breakers. If you do not want to travel for work, no matter the circumstance, let the employer know the opportunity is not right for you as soon as you realize that.

No-no No. 5:

"Fortunately, my bad habits haven't caught up with me," or "I am one party animal."

While you want the hiring manager to be able to get a sense of your personality, you



don't want him or her to know everything about you. When the hiring manager says, "Tell me about yourself," use discretion and avoid the urge to overshare.

As a Robert Half survey indicated, strong people skills are among the most valuable qualities a job candidate can display when competing against another person with similar skills and experience. The first chance you get to show your strength in this area is during the interview, so think twice before you speak when meeting with an employer.

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IT TECHNICIAN

RESPONSIBILITIES:
• Assist the Business System Support Administrator in considering the present and future IT requirements and to assist in development of a strategic approach that will enable the Company to meet the demands placed upon it in the future.
• Assist in maintenance, installation and repair of the company's IT to ensure continuity of service provided to users.
• As required, to specify new hardware and software services in conjunction with users; to liaise with external suppliers of hardware and software and communication services; to assist in the project management of the development of all computer and communications systems.

REQUIRED SKILLS :
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Supporting Windows XP and Windows 7
Deploying desktop images using WDS
Antivirus and Anti-spam
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