

Toys for Tots

Marines of Northwest Detachment 162 in Northville, will be holding a spaghetti dinner from 1-6 p.m., Nov. 3 at the American Legion Post 32 at 9318 Newburgh Road, in Livonia. All proceeds will be used to buy toys for the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots program. The Marines ask visitors not to bring toys, but come have a spaghetti dinner for \$10.

For information contact Mark Sutton, detachment commandant, at 248-390-5481.

Honoring veterans

The Northville District Library will commemorate Veteran's Day a very special way this year. On Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. author Teresa Irish will recount the story of her writing of "A Thousand Letters Home," a moving and historic tale of life and loss, perseverance, unwavering faith and true love.

This free program is sponsored by the Library and the Friends of the Library. To reserve a seat, call the library at 248-349-3020.

TUESDAY'S BALLOT OFFERS VOTERS LITTLE CHOICE

By Kurt Kuban Staff Writer

Editor's note: Please see page A6 for profiles on the three candidates running for mayor and city council.

Tuesday's mayoral and city council election is a bit of an anomaly. The race for the three seats on the council (the mayor is essentially the city council president) isn't really a race at all. That's because there are only three candidates running, including Mayor Christopher Johnson and Councilman Jim Allen. Newcomer Sam Ekong rounds out the slate, leaving little choice for voters when they enter the polls.

Mayor Johnson, who has served in the position since 1987, is a municipal attorney with Johnson, Rosati, Schultz and Joppich, P.C. He says cuts from Lansing have really harmed cities like Northville in recent years, especially with the elimination of revenue sharing and other cuts like the impending end of the personal property tax.

"This will require the council to maintain tight discipline during the budget process for years to come," he said.

The mayor serves a two-year term. According to the city charter, the mayor's annual salary is \$600.

Allen, who is the current Mayor Pro Tem, has been on the council since 2005. Prior to that he served on the planning commission. Allen, who is a landscape architect and land planner, is also concerned about the city's financial health, especially considering the dark days of the recent "Great Recession," and he hopes to continue helping the city dig out of that tough chapter. Improving city infrastructure and updating the city's master plan are some of his goals.

Ekong is really an unknown entity. Professionally he is an engineer, and he is active in the Northville Democratic Club.

He said his goals include strengthening ties with Northville Township and Northville Public Schools. He also has concerns about parking and traffic in downtown Northville.

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NABF Woman of the Year

Co-director of Northville's World Series tourney earns recognition

> By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

When Carrie Slominski decided to take the reins of the National Amateur Baseball Federation World Series hosted in

Northville, it wasn't for any reason other than she wanted the tournament to continue forward in the community following 32 years of the championship being



Slominski

played here. After a successful tournament, which will ultimately be Northville's last world Series the NABF announced that they have picked Slominski as the 2013 Woman of the Year for the organization. The honor will be presented during the organization's annual award event Nov. 9 in Pearl. Miss. "Charlie Blackburn, president of the NBSA, called me to congratulate me on the success of the tournament," said Slominski. "He then informed me I had been nominated for 2013 NABF Woman of the Year. I was surprised because I didn't even know this award existed. About a week later, I received a letter in the mail saying I had won the award. I was shocked. And hon-



New Northville Police Officer Matthew Duggins recently began his law enforcement career with the city. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

CALL OF DUTY New police officer brings Army experience to job

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

New Northville City police officer Matthew Duggins brings a variety of experiences to his new job.

He served in Iraq as an Army engineer and has a business degree from Eastern Michigan University, and now he's bringing it all together to protect and serve the Northville community.

Duggins is married with two daughters. "I'm going to work to do the best job that I can," said Duggins, 29. "The goal is to learn and take advice so I can help out as many people as possible."

His call to a career as a police officer started while serving in the U.S. Army Reserves for eight years. He had a lot of friends that were police officers and their stories sparked his interest. The talk of helping others and service led him to change his mind about being a real estate appraiser.

"I was working with other soldiers who spoke about helping people and service, which piqued my interest and stayed with me," Duggins said of his time in the military. He served as a combat engineer and was busy during most of his time in Iraq, which started in 2005. The missions he worked on involved construction in areas under dangerous conditions and convoy operations.

After graduating from Eastern Michigan University in 2010 he became certified as a real estate appraiser. However, the stories of police work stuck with him so he went through police training at Washtenaw Community College.

The next step in his training will be on the job and getting tips from his fellow officers.

"I have to catch up, so listening to them will help me get me there," he said. Originally from Bloomfield Hills he is quite

Originally from Bloomfield Hills he is quite familiar with Northville and said the community's support of the police department played a big part in his decision to apply for a position.

"The support the community gives this department was a big factor in me wanting to come here," he said.

The city will pay Duggins an initial salary of \$42,474.

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Happy Halloween!



Homes in downtown Northville, like this one on High Street, have decorated their porches with pumpkins and other Halloween stuff in anticipation of all the trick-or-treaters tonight. Please be on the lookout for the little ones who will be out and about, especially when driving. The Record staff wishes everyone a ghoulish, but safe Halloween. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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Art House classes more popular than ever



Instructor Julie Woodard (right) consults with student Iris Wagenaar during an Oct. 22 watercolor painting class held at the Northville Art House. Woodard has been teaching at the Art House for many years now, and says that its classes are more popular than ever. More information on the classes offered there can be found on the web at northville.mi.us/community/ artscommission/events. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ELECTION

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Council members are elected to four-year terms, and receive an annual salary of \$500. There are a couple logistical matters city voters should know about. Absentee voter

ballot applications are still available on the city's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us. The last day to vote by absentee ballot through mail is Nov. 2 or at City Hall on Nov. 4. Absentee ballots are

available to registered voters who meet certain provisions, including being age 60 or older or

election day; or if attending the polls violates the tenets of a religion. Visit the city's website for a full list of the criteria. The polling locations have also changed a bit

physically unable to get

from the community on

to the polls; being absent

this year. The Community Center at 303 W. Main Street is the new polling

(Wayne County residents) while Precinct 2 voters (Oakland County residents) will still be at Amerman Elementary School at 847 N. Center Street. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

location for Precinct 1

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NABF

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Slominski said she knew that if a director didn't step up to take

CORRECTION

In the story "NHS claims record number of merit semifinalists" that ran in the Oct. 17 edition, Jacob Taylor's name was spelled incorrectly.

that Northville was as risk of losing the event.

"I didn't want to see that happen," she said. "My two boys played in this tournament in 2010, 2011 and 2012, so I quickly developed a passion for it. It was hard to see it go, so I offered to step in as co-tournament director, along with Northville High School assistant varsity baseball coach Bill Flohr."

For Slominski, the best part of the 2013 World Series wasn't the recognition

In fact, the award just

plays a small part in the memorable year of codirecting the NABF

event. "I think the most memorable part of running the series was its overall success," she said. "I had never run anything of this magnitude before. All of the teams and their parents were very complimentary the entire week. Most said this was the best run tournament they had ever been to, which was so nice to hear. The weather also cooperated, which was a very large

MILL RACE MATTERS

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

Details: Office open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday-Friday. Archives open Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Village buildings open 1-4 p.m., Sundays, mid-June to mid-Oct. Contact: 248-348-1845

Weekly Events

(*Grounds closed to public) » Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives open; 5 p.m. rehearsal

» Friday: 9 a.m. Archives open; 3:30-5:30 p.m. wedding*; registration for Children's Christmas Workshop at 218 W. Dunlap - 6 p.m. members, 6:30 p.m. nonmembers; 7 p.m. groups

» Saturday: 11 a.m. docent lunch; 3:15-5:15 p.m. wedding*

» Sunday: 12:30 p.m. Girl Scouts #40844

» Monday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hands-All-Around Quilters in Church

» Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 11 a.m. Country Garden Club; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #737

» Wednesday: 9 a.m. Mill Race Basket Guild; 1 p.m. AAUW Bridge Group; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group

> part of our success." Slominski was quick to give credit to Flohr, the community volunteers,

the U16 Northville Broncos parents and players for the success of the tournament.

"The list goes on," she said. "It truly takes a village to make this event run as smooth as it did and without any of them, this award would not have been possible.'

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



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Winchester students fill the gym during Jump Rope Club. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Not skipping a beat

Winchester's Jump Rope Club wildly popular

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Going into its 14th year, the Winchester Elementary School Jump Rope Club keeps on skipping and providing kids with a fun after-school activity.

"It's a really fun thing to do after school," said fifth-grader Grace Neafsey. "You get to learn a lot of new things and we get to perform at another school. That's a lot of fun.'

The coordinators of the club are Winchester physical education teacher Heidi Haite along with Ridge Wood PE teacher

Angie Phillips. Both say the club has been a success every year.

"The kids love it," said Haite. "It's a great way to get some exercise while having fun with friends."

Each year there is around 60 kids, in second-fifth grades, who sign up. They meet two days a week from October through January. This school year, the club will even perform a routine at Ridge Wood.

On Oct. 24, the club had its first meeting/ practice. Each student received a rope and a T-shirt. The club jumps rope as music plays and with each song they do

something different, like trying to jump rope for two minutes straight without a mistake.

Learning tricks is the highlight of the club. All the kids are in agreement on this.

'Yeah, learning tricks is a lot of fun," said Neafsey, while surrounded by friends shaking their heads in agreement.

At the first practice they started with some warm-ups and got a demonstration from Phillips on what a proper jump looks like. With a single bounce jump the fun started.

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Winchester Elementary School 3rd-grader Angelo Bahu leaps into the air with determination as he and other students take part in the Oct. 24 Jump Rope Club. The club, all about jumping rope and keeping fit, meets on Thursdays. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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Team ASUNM

Northville native Jody Washington is among a group of 26 students and faculty members from Arizona State University and the University of New Mexico who participated in the 2013 U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon. The international competition challenges student teams from institutions of higher education to design, construct and operate solar-powered houses that are functional, energy efficient and attractive.

Named ASUNM, the team is one of only 20 from across the globe selected to compete in the biennial event, which took place Oct. 3-13 at the **Orange County Great** Park in Irvine, Calif. Washington is co-project manager of Team ASUNM.

The team's project, named SHADE - Solar Homes Adapting for Desert Equilibrium – is an adaptable 800-squarefeet living space powered by solar panels and designed for an older, active couple living in a Southwest desert environment. The house features multiple patios to merge indoor and outdoor areas and create a fluid, expansive living space that can meet the changing needs of its occupants.

National cheer title

Northville's Kevin Mantay, who graduated on May 4, 2013 from the University of Michigan, was a member of the U-M's national champion cheer squad.

Mantay, a 2006 Northville High School graduate, cheered all four years at Michigan, and was also part of the Nationals Team all four

years that competed in Davtona with other teams across the country. This spring, for the first time at the University of Michigan, his cheer squad brought home the national title. He was presented a University of Michigan Championship Ring during the 2013 University of Michigan Football Homecoming Game on Oct. 5.

Upon graduation, Mantay began his career with a finance company in Troy, Michigan.

Student ambassador

Eryn Huber of Northville has been selected as a University of Detroit Mercy Presidental Ambassador. Huber, a sophomore in the School of Dentistry, is one of 59 students who were recommended by University leadership to serve as a representative of the Office of the President at various events throughout the academic year.

Ambassadors are volunteers, who work in a professional capacity to enrich their own lives and enhance the mission and image of the university.

WMU grads

Several local residents graduated from Western Michigan University in the summer of 2013. They are:

» Jordyn Elizabeth Bell, Master of Science in occupational therapy

» Matthew W. Funk, Bachelor of Science in student integrated curriculum

» Alicia Renee Van Ee, Bachelor of Science in geography environmental analysis and resource management

» Alicia Renee Van Ee, Bachelor of Arts in political science

S'craft launches website for alumni, friends

Schoolcraft College has a new website created just for alumni and friends.

The site, http://scf. schoolcraft.edu, is packed with information, including news and events, alumni features and important messages for those considering a gift to the Schoolcraft College Foundation. Alumni are encouraged to reconnect by visiting the class notes section to tell classmates about their successes since leaving Schoolcraft. Visitors also can read

the college's alumni publication, The Bell Tower, on the site.

"A special feature of the website is the Ocelots Online community," Schoolcraft College Manager of Alumni Relations Victoria Rexius said. "Alumni can register for events, explore alumni benefits and services and join a leadership committee and much more. They also will be able to personalize their profile, upload photos and class notes and share news about themselves.

Alumni can register by clicking the log-in button at the top of the website home page and following the registration directions.

For more information on getting started as an Alumni Community user, contact the Schoolcraft College Office of Alumni Relations at 734-462-4501 \mathbf{or}

alumni@schoolcraft.edu Founded in 1966, the Schoolcraft College Foundation assists the college in realizing its mission by partnering with donors, businesses

and private foundations to help secure new resources, maximize returns on existing funds and serve as ambassadors for the college within the surrounding communities.

While we would always like to personally speak with people about their interests, we acknowledge that some individuals want information accessible to them in a quick and understandable format," Schoolcraft College Director of Development Beth Kohler said. "We

think we've done that with this new site."

Additionally, the site serves as a resource for students seeking scholarship support. Through this portal, visitors can access applications, deadlines and contact information about financial aid.

Finally, the functionality of the site allows for ease in making donations to the foundation and becoming a sponsor or a guest at one of the school's premier events -Culinary Extravaganza and the Scholarship Golf

Outing.

To learn more about Foundation events, becoming a donor, the annual campaign and making an impact through scholarships, grants and campus enhancements, visit scf.schoolcraft.edu.

The site also can be accessed from the college website, www.schoolcraft.edu, by selecting the Alumni and Donors button in the lower right-hand corner.



Cooke School teacher Mallory Carmack has been promoted to the school's second-in-charge and its dean. Here she helps student Tyrone Keen into his jacket after school on Oct. 25. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

'More than a school'

New Cooke School dean excited about opportunity

tendent of Human Resources, the Dean allows interim administrative support and more accurately reflects the job duties assigned to this position, whereas the ongoing Assistant Supervisor (and associated duties) requires Special education Supervisor credentials.

support Bugar with daily management and operations functions at the school.

Carmack couldn't be more excited about the opportunity.

Northville gallery to show off autistic artist's work

Anthony Collar began drawing when he was 4, two years after he was diagnosed with autism. Now, at 27, he is charming his way into the hearts of people across Michigan.

The East Lansing man draws images from the world around him. Collar's drawings are now greeting cards that speak to life - to families, to pet-lovers, and there are holiday scenes with ghosts, goblins, birthday cakes, and the seasonal joys of raking leaves and ice skating. He's added his own sentiment to some and left some for you to fill-inthe-blank. He was able to pursue his dream with a little help from friends and associates in the creation of a business called Art of Autism

(www.artofautism.net.) Large-scale poster prints of his greeting card covers will be on display and for sale on Nov. 1 at Starring The Gallery in downtown Northville (118 W. Main Street).

Collar will have a



East Lansing artist Anthony Collar, 27, has work for sale at Starring The Gallery in Northville.

representative on hand to share his story and to offer insight into living with autism in today's world. The evening will be inspiring to those facing uncertain futures and rewarding to those who are looking for a colorful piece to hang on wall in a room that needs a little splash of

fun. "The greeting cards have been so popular," said Mary Starring, gallery owner. "My clients like to give cards and gifts that are unique ... pieces you can't find in the chain stores. Each

card is numbered. You could say it is a gift in itself - it is absolutely frame-able. Customers also like to support our local artisans, like Anthony. It's obvious that he really enjoys his work – folks jut can't resist his originality."

Northville hosts "First Friday" art exhibits monthly. Merchants kick off the night around 6 p.m. and stay open until at 9 p.m. They may offer special discounts, wine, cheese or other goodies, entertainment and a convivial atmosphere.

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By Lonnie Huhman

Staff Writer

After thoughtful consideration, the Northville Public School Board selected Mallory Carmack as Dean of Cooke School for the remainder of this school year.

This follows the school district selecting Jennifer Bugar as acting supervisor of the school after the departure of Mary Meldrum as Cooke's leader.

Carmack's new role will give support to Bugar in directing this special services school that educates students from around the area. She is expected to return to her teaching position at Cooke at the end of the year.

According to Dave Rodgers, Northville School Assistant Superin-

To meet the Michigan Department of Education administrator requirements, Carmack will enroll in an approved education leadership program and take at least one course in the first six months.

"After careful consideration, the interview team enthusiastically recommends Mallory Carmack," Rodgers said to the school board.

Carmack has been at Cooke since 2008 serving as an SXI teacher. She has done work as department chair at the school and been involved with the school improvement process.

Rodgers said she will

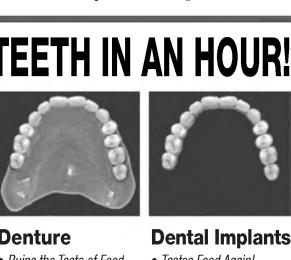
"The students, parents and staff are what make Cooke School great," she said. "We have such an amazing group of students. Our parents are so supportive of our program and are always looking to help.

"The staff is creative, energetic, and supportive.

Carmack's goals are to continue the school's progress in developing curriculum, help support staff as support student learning, collaborate principal with ongoing projects and have a better understanding of the administrative process.

"Cooke School is more than a school it is like a family," she said.

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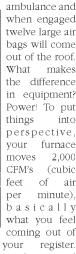
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LOCAL NEWS

Ekong: City needs to strengthen ties with township, schools

Record: What are the priority issues facing your City and what actions would you take to address them if elected?

Ekong: I will work to increase the level of cooperation and joint services with Northville Township, The Northville Schools Board of Education, and other neighboring municipalities, including the county, state, and federal government officials, and their various agencies.

I will work to solve the traffic and parking problems that are facing the downtown and the surrounding residential districts, and improve/ balance of our streets, sidewalks and infrastructure. I will work to maintain the level of government/fiscal responsibility that our community needs and wants.

Record: What qualifies you to hold this position and why are you running?

Ekong: I have over 30 years experience in project/program management, information technology and business ownership, and until recently have been supporting the **United States Marine** Corp.



Ekong

SAM EKONG

» Profession: Engineer » Education: Bachelor's of Science in mechanical engineering from the University of Washington, and a Master's of Science in industrial/ systems engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology

I am running for Northville City Council because I want to use my management skills and experience in any way I can to help safeguard and maintain our city's quality of life, advocate for the preservation of our city's historic and downtown business districts, and work to increase cooperation between all Northville city and township businesses.

Allen looks to improve city's infrastructure, encourage redevelopment

Record: What do you think are the three most important issues facing the city?

Allen: Maintaining the city's fiscal health is first and foremost with the current economic conditions, continuing to improve city infrastructure and putting in place a strong plan for the development/redevelopment of the areas currently being studied by the joint committee as part of the five-year Master Plan update.

Record: Why do you

Allen

JIM ALLEN

» Single, no kids » Occupation: Land planner/landscape archi-

Johnson wants to continue 'making a difference'

Record: What do you think are the three most important issues

facing the city? Johnson: 1. The most important issue is still our financial survival. Actions by the Michigan legislature and executive branch still make it very difficult for cities to survive. Examples are the near elimination of revenue sharing; an excessive number of tax cuts which rolled back local revenue but not state spending and the fact that the city will take years to regain the tax base which was lost during the "Great Re-cession". This will require the council to maintain tight discipline during the budget process for years to come.

2. Maintaining strong relationships with our other governmental partners. The City of Northville shares services with a number of



Johnson

communities to deliver quality services to our community. Examples include but are not limited to: dispatch and lockup; parks and recreation; senior services; fire services; district court and a host of others.

3. Planning for our future. The city is currently involved with the five-year update of the Master Plan. Special emphasis is on planning for the area where the Northville Downs is located as well as the civic center block.

CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON

- » Married/Children: Married to Patricia for 31 years. Two Children: Karlek and Tollie.
- » Occupation: Municipal Attorney, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz and Joppich, P.C.

» Education: Michigan State College of Law, JD 1981; University of Michigan BGS 1978; Northville High School 1973

» Community involvement: Mayor - 1987 to present; Northville Board of Education, 1976 to 1987; Northville Downtown Development Authority; Northville Historic District Commission; Conference of Western Wayne; South Oakland County Mayors' Association; Northville Education Foundation Board of Directors; South East Michigan Council of Governments Delegate

Record: Why do you choose to reside in Northville?

Johnson: Northville is a wonderful place to live and raise a family. It has been my home for 45 years.

Record: Why do you want to serve on the council?

Johnson: My parents and family taught me that you need to partici-

pate in order to make a positive difference. I believe that I have made a positive difference.

Record: Why should voters select you to represent them?

Johnson: I am able to listen, learn and make decisions. I have demonstrated the ability to make decisions even when they were difficult.

Birmingham's Eve Jung picked to run Bentivolio re-election campaign

By Jay Grossman Staff Writer

Eve Jung's political

compass has certainly changed direction in recent years.

In 2008, she voted for Barack Obama. Five

What gives? "I bought the dream – and then it didn't take long before I figured out

that's all it was, a dream," Jung said. "I'm very much a person who believes in America and believes in our republic. I was very disappointed that Obama was taking our country in a different direction. He's the most divisive president I've ever seen.²

Jung, 51, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, has never run a political campaign. She h as strong ties with

however: she's served as

a precinct delegate and

her husband Jerry was

appointed by Gov. Rick

Snyder to serve on the

runs a nonprofit called

Foundation for Common

Sense, which funds pro-

The couple resides in

jects that advance the

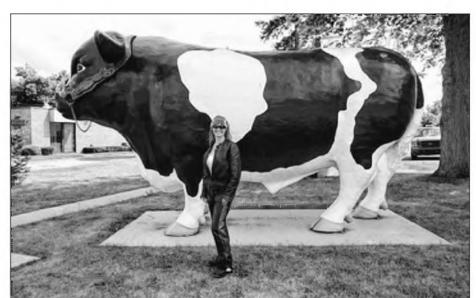
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conservative cause.

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Committee. She also

the Republican Party,



Eve Jung poses with Elsie the Cow in Elsie, Mich.

Park Drive, not too far from the home of David Trott, the prominent foreclosure attorney who is challenging Bentivolio in the 2014 GOP primary.

"I met him on a couple occasions during the Romney campaign, but that's about it." Jung

and Oakland counties and leans heavily toward Republicans.

Bentivolio, 62, is a retired school teacher who served for years in the U.S. Army. He and his wife Karen operate a small reindeer farm in Milford.

On choosing Jung to

ernment shutdown, Jung thinks Bentivolio came out on top.

"He was trying to be a good steward of our tax dollars and I don't think anyone can say that Obamacare is a good use of those dollars," she said.

On a personal Jung is something of a free spirit. She and her husband like to cruise around the country on motorcycles to check out famous sightseeing spots. They recently visited Elsie the Cow in Michigan, as well as the World's Largest Rocking Chair along Route 66 in Missouri. She isn't ready to say how much Bentivolio will need to spend in the coming months. But Jung is confident her candidate will have a strong showing in the polls. "He's a man of integrity," she said. "He always tries to do the right thing and the right thing isn't always easy. It doesn't necessarily get people to throw money at you ... but doing the right thing helps you sleep at night."



years later, she's agreed to serve as the campaign chair for Kerry Bentivolio, the 11th District Republican who's finishing his first term in Congress.

choose το re Northville?

Allen: I grew up in Northville Township and enjoyed the walkability and quaintness of the city.

Record: Why do you want to serve on the council?

Allen: I have greatly enjoyed serving the past eight years and would like to continue to do so

Record: Why should voters select you to represent them?

» Education: BLA, Michigan State University » Community involvement: Past Planning Commission member and chair, chair of the Northville Liquor License Review Board, Mayor Pro-tem

Allen: I feel I have made responsible decisions on the behalf of the residents and city and will continue to do so.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday. November 20, 2013, at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The ZBA will consider variance requests to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, for 46361 Northvalley Drive; 20060 Caldwell; and 41648 Elk Road (Front setbacks) and for 9300 Napier Road (Accessory structure height). Written comments regarding this request will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair Zoning Board of Appeals

Publish: October 31, 2013



said of Trott.

Bentivolio might be the incumbent, but so far it's Trott collecting the most money. He's already banked more than \$600,000 toward the August election, compared to Bentivolio, who has about \$60,000 in his treasure chest.

Jung appears up for the challenge.

"Personally, I feel it's unfortunate that politics has evolved into a payto-play sport," she said. "That being said. I think we're going to get a lot of middle-class voters who are tired of the status quo and having representatives who never had to decide between paying the electric bill or paying for groceries.'

Go Kerry

The 11th District covers parts of Wayne run his campaign, Benti-volio said: "I am deeply humbled to have the support of a military veteran and stalwart conservative like Eve. I look forward to working with her to get our message out about defunding Obamacare, cutting taxes and shrinking the size of our bloated federal government.

The two first met when Bentivolio was running for Congress in 2012

"I think Kerry is easy to relate to," she said. "His dad was a factory worker, just like half the people in Michigan who had parents working in factories. He's a combat veteran ... and he's been a teacher, so he understands what it's like to be in a union.

As far as the recent standoff with Obama that almost led to a gov-

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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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Holiday home tour

The Northville Community Foundation's 15th Annual Holiday Home Tour will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 15 and 16.

Five local homes have been selected to be decorated for the holidays. Each home is very different - contemporary, traditional, and a condo. Each home will be decorated for the holidays.

Proceeds from the event help pay for baskets for seniors in assisted living facilities as well as scholarships for high school seniors.

Tickets are \$20 advance and \$25 at the door. They can be purchased in Northville at Gardenviews and the Northville Chamber of Commerce. If you prefer to charge your tickets, please call the Northville Foundation at 248-374-0200. Tickets are limited.

Woman's Club meeting

The Northville Woman's Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 1 at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville. Topics of discussion at the meeting will include the Main

Street League and Civic Concern. It is also a guest

day. Please bring disposable diapers to donate. Amy Zubor will introduce the program.

Arsiwala reappointed

Gov. Rick Snyder has reappointed Northville resident Mohammed Arsiwala, MD, to the Controlled Substance Advisory Commission (CSAC). Arsiwala will serve a second one-vear term and continue to represent the Michigan Board of Medicine.

The commission was established in 1988 to monitor indicators of controlled substance abuse and recommends actions to address identified problems. The commission consists of 13 voting members and seven ex officio members.

Arsiwala is the president and medical director of the Livonia-based Michigan Urgent Care, a system of 10 urgent care facilities across southeastern Michigan. He earned his medical degree from Deccan College of Medical Science in Hyderabad, India, and completed his education and residency at Wayne State University/Detroit Medical Center. He is also currently serving as an alternate delegate to the American Medical Association of Michigan, and is on the Michigan State Medical Society Board and Michigan Board of Medicine.

Bizarre Bazaar

The 6th Annual Bizarre Bazaar will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 9. at the First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 W. Eight Mile Road in Northville.

The Bizarre Bazaar will feature more than 40 unique local vendors and craftters. There will also be door prizes, vendor drawings, bake shop, and a lunch. Admission is \$2, and \$1 for children 12 and under. All funds raised will benefit Village Banking.

For more information visit http://fumcnorthville.org/#/missions-andservice or villagebanking.org. There is also a Facebook page.

Children's Xmas Workshop

The Northville Historical Society's 35th

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Annual Children's Christmas Workshop will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7, in the New School Church at Mill Race Village

Children in grades 1-6 are invited to participate. They will make seven old-fashioned, handmade gifts for the special people on their Christmas list. The intent of the workshop is to surprise family members with the gifts that the children have worked on and made themselves.

There will be a morning session from 10 a.m.noon and an afternoon session from 1-3 p.m., accommodating 150 children total. Enrollment is \$20 per child, payable by cash or check made out to the Northville Historical Society.

hausens at 248-349-2833 for more information.

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Health Fair 3-5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. The event is free and open to the public. Participate in a variety of health screenings and chair exercise. Watch nutrition demonstrations and presenta-

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cies and vendors. Fern Vining, a certified diabetes educator and retired registered nurse, will focus on diabetes awareness from 3:30-5:30 p.m. A representative of St. Mary Mercy Hospital will be there to talk about their Senior Assessment Resource Institute from 4-4:20 p.m.

tions. Meet local agen-

For more information, call Randi Williams at 734-453-6879, ext. 7 or email randi.williams@pcuw.org.

Serving the Plymouth, Canton, Northville and western Wayne County area since 1944, the Plymouth Community United Way addresses human service needs for individuals and families.

Attic Treasures sale

The Attic Treasures Sale will be held Nov. 8-9 at the First United Methodist Church of Northville 777 W. Eight Mile Road in Northville.

Gently used items from the very old to almost new will be on sale. The sale will be open on Friday, Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon. Admission is \$2, and \$1 for children 12 and under. All funds raised will benefit Village Banking

For more information visit http://fumcnorthville.org/#/missions-andservice or villagebanking.org.



Resurfacing project smooths out Sheldon



Construction crews finish up resurfacing Sheldon Road as it approaches Main Street in Northville on Oct. 23. The road has been in poor condition for years, and benefited from a new coating of asphalt. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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LOCAL NEWS

Art House to feature two new exhibits

The Northville Art House will present two new exhibits during the months of November and December. Both shows begin Nov. 1 and continue through Dec. 14 during regular gallery hours, Wednesday through Saturday, 1-5 p.m. There will be an opening reception on Nov. 1.

"Small Works," an all-media juried art exhibit, is back just in time for the holiday gift giving season. This exhibit showcases works of art limited to 12" x 12" by artists from throughout metro Detroit. Unlike typical Art House exhibits, this show is "cash and carry" – meaning buyers may take the art home with them immediately after purchase.

"Through the Lens" is





"Path Maze" by Stephanie Sarris

the theme of this year's Northville Camera Club exhibit, the club's biggest event of the year. Members are invited to participate in this show and it's the one time of year that their local photographic talent can be seen in one place. Many creative interpretations of the theme "Through the Lens" will be on display, including nature, animals, family, culture and architecture. Many of the photos in the show will be for sale.

In addition, tickets for their raffle baskets will also be available throughout November and December. More than 10 baskets include valuable items and gift certificates from local businesses are up for

"Textural Study" by Gloria Czarnecki

grabs. Each basket is worth more than \$200 vet tickets only cost \$1. The drawing will be held during the First Friday event on Dec. 6.

The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the City of Northville. Admission is free. For more information, call the Art House at 248-344-0497.

City purchasing new mini pumper fire truck

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The City of Northville will save money and get ahead in its equipment purchase schedule by buying a new fire truck in the coming months for its station in downtown Northville.

By a 4-0 vote the Northville City Council approved the purchase of a \$219,201 Spartan ERV mini pumper to replace the current mini pumper at Station 1.

Northville City Fire Chief James Allen said the current mini pumper at Station 1 was scheduled to be replaced in the next couple of years, but after the department was forced to replace the pumper that was stationed at the City of Plymouth department, which Northville is in charge of, they decided to look at the other one because of a discount being offered.

The outgoing truck, which was built in 1988, will now be sold. The city had budgeted for a potential purchase like this. Allen said the price could go up in a couple of

years, so the purchase makes sense now.

"During the process of looking for a replacement vehicle for the truck that was destroyed during the Station 2 fire it was brought to our attention that there could be a significant cost savings if two trucks were purchased at the same time," Allen told the council on Oct. 21.

The cost savings realized would be \$5,000, he said. A Spartan ERV mini pumper has been approved for purchase for Station 2 in Plymouth.

With the council approval, Allen said, "this will be a great addition to the department."

Many in the department can't drive the older one because it's a manual shift. The new one is an automatic.

Water meter fees

The Northville City Council also approved a resolution to amend its Fees, Fines, and Penalties Schedule for water meter installation.

"Recently, the city has learned that the cost of water meters has increased. This cost, plus

The Northville City Police have submitted the case to the county prosecutor for arrest warrants. Fingerprints were lifted from the scene.

A Livonia woman was arrested for her second drunken driving offense by Northville City Police, who initially spotted the woman sitting at a green light.

were on patrol at North

the cost of a DPW em-ployee needed to install the meter is well above what we currently charge developers and new home owners.

As such, a mid-year adjustment may be in order." Public Works **Director Jim Gallogly** told the council.

He added, "We didn't think this was fair to the system, so we need to adjust."

Approximately 90 percent of city meters are one-inch meters. The total cost to install one is \$335 and the city was charging \$265, but now it will charge \$350.

'This increase in meter and meter placement fees is likely to have a modest positive impact on the City's Water and Sewer budget," Gallogly said. "More importantly, the full cost for new meters and meter installation will be borne by the developer or new home owner who is requesting the meter, instead of being subsidized by all the city's water customers."

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Burglary

Clean-o-Rama was broken into by an unknown suspect who used a rock to get inside the business located on East Dunlap Street.

On Oct. 21, Northville City Police were dispatched to the location after a 9-1-1 call by an employee. She had entered the business through another door and once inside found a cash register missing and glass on the floor. A rock was used to smash the front door glass. According to the employee, there was \$75 in cash inside the stolen register. Nothing else was taken.

The case remains open while police follow up on leads through security cameras in the vicinity and fingerprinting of the scene.

B&E robbery

Five individuals are suspected in a breaking and entering case on Rogers Street that had the homeowners computer stolen as well as some jewelry.

The group was detained by the Livonia

Police on another case and Northville City Police were brought in because the vehicle they were in matched the one

POLICE BRIEFS

spotted in Northville. After questioning, one suspect allegedly admitted they were in-volved with the North-

ville case. The home on Rogers was reportedly broken into by the suspects entering through a rear window. The suspect who confessed said another accomplice knocked on the front door to make sure no one was home. The homeowner arrived later to find the house ransacked.

OWI-second offense

On Oct. 19, the police

Center and Main streets when the woman's vehicle was spotted just sitting at the traffic light. The police turned around and checked her license plate, which came back expired. The woman told police she was lost and looking for directions to the Wagon Wheel.

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Northville residents honored for service

Three Northville residents were honored last month for their tireless dedication to community service.

The first recognition came at the Heart of Crossroads Awards Gala and Silent Auction, which honored two individuals and one organization for their commitment and service to Crossroads.

Pat Delany, a faithful friend and volunteer to Crossroads for 15 years, was presented with the Heart of Crossroads Gift of Hope Award. She travels to volunteer every week at the Crossroads Main Office as a counselor to assess and assist clients.

Crossroads of Michigan, which is based in Detroit, was founded in 1971 to provide emergency assistance to those in need of prescriptions, medical supplies, employment assistance, transportation, identification, food, clothing, and general aid.

Northville residents, Leon and Mary Ellen Judd, were presented with the prestigious Sep-



Crossroads of Michigan Associate Director Nicole Watters-Harris (from left); Forgotten Harvest board member Alice Osburn (accepting Community Partner Award for Forgotten Harvest); James A. McLaren award winner Fritz Damm; Gift of Hope award winner and Northville resident Pat Delany; Crossroads of Michigan Executive Director Mary Honsel.

tember Hero Award by Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority (OCCMHA) during the organization's monthly Board meeting on Sept. 24.

In honor of its 50th Anniversary, OCCMHA presents monthly Hero Awards throughout 2013 to individuals who champion for change, inspire and support others, lead anti-stigma efforts, advocate for equality and independence, and give back to their community. "The Judds have been supporting and advocating for persons with mental illness for nearly 20 years," said Christine Burk, OCCMHA Communications & Media Coordinator.

"They are two of the original founders of National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Metro, a grassroots, all volunteer, non-profit organization, dedicated to improving the quality of life for persons with serious mental illness and their



Pictured (from left) are OCCMHA board chair Malkia Newman, Mary Ellen and Leon Judd, and OCCMHA Executive Director Jeffrey L. Brown.

families through advocacy, support, and education."

Leon Judd currently serves as NAMI Metro's president and Mary Ellen is the treasurer and education chair responsible for the Families in Action and In Our Own Voice programs. They lead one of the largest Annual NAMI Walk teams, known for their bright, yellow t-shirts that read: "Stigma Stinks!"

In addition to the impressive work the Judds do through NAMI Metro, Burke said "they are also well respected for their warmth and consideration toward parents who are struggling with a loved one's illness. They respond to many calls, listen with a compassionate ear, and share their personal experiences."



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'HUMBLED AND HONORED'

Fecht surprised by 'Citizen of Year' award

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

It was an unexpected surprise for outgoing Northville City Council member Michele Fecht when her name was called at the 2013 Citizen of the Year ceremony.

"I'm so grateful considering everyone that has stood here and received this award," a surprised Fecht said. "Northville, I think, is a community that inspires service and certainly giving back, and looking around this room I'm inspired by you, so thanks you so much. I'm very humbled and very honored, and certainly grateful. Thank you." Held on Oct. 16 at Fleming's Steakhouse in Livonia, Fecht was honored with the annual award presented by the Northville Chamber of Commerce. Many local dignitaries were on hand for the recognition ceremony.

Northville Mayor Chris Johnson said Fecht epitomizes the community's spirit of service.

"She's always working hard and doing things that need to be done," he said.

Johnson designated Oct. 20 as "Michele Fecht Day." He recalled a story when a book publisher contacted him about a potential book about the history of Northville and was asked if he knew of anyone who could write it. He said Fecht was the ideal person for such a big task.

Fecht was also recognized by Northville Township Robert Nix, Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, State Rep. Kurt Heise and Northville School Board President Ken Roth, who said Fecht has been a longtime community supporter who has done the intangibles to help make Northville what it is.

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Michele Fecht smiles as she walks through a throng of applauding Northville Chamber of Commerce members on Oct. 16 after she was named Northville's Citizen of the Year.

to make a decision what's best for our community," Roth said.

He said he has always admired these important qualities in her.

The Chamber of Commerce said her selection made perfect sense. Fecht has volunteered her service to the community in a number of ways, from serving on boards and commissions to her current active role with the Northville Historical Society as a true guardian of this community's past, helping preserve its proud history for all generations to come.

"For those who have had the pleasure of working with her we know her intentions are true and efforts are selfless, and that's why our community is better because of



Northville Citizen of the Year Michelle Fecht listens to Northville Mayor Chris Johnson say a few kind works during the Oct. 16 Northville Chamber of Commerce meeting. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

her," said Chamber Director Jody Humphries.

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Monroe Bank & Trust promotes Audrey Mistor

Monroe Bank & Trust, which has branch locations in downtown Northville and Plymouth, has promoted Audrey Mistor to executive vice president and manager of wealth management. She had been senior vice president of the company as well as Plymouth-Northville Community president.

Mistor is a 30-year veteran with an extensive banking, management and financial services background. Her career includes 20 years at Michigan National Bank, where she began her work in management in the bank's credit ad-



Mistor

ministration division. She was subsequently appointed to several senior executive positions including controller of Investment Banking, vice president of corporate strategic planning and director of the bank's proprietary mutual fund portfolio. She also held senior management positions at Republic Bank (now First Merit Bank) and was president of Main Street Bank.

She has participated in several global executive leadership programs, providing her with an important international perspective into financial management best practices.

Mistor's commitment to community service is evident by her local participation in both Northville and Plymouth. She is past president of the Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club, has served as treasurer of the Northville Chamber Board of Directors and is vice president of the board of directors of the Michigan Philharmonic. She is a past treasurer and board member of the Northville Community Foundation and served on the Northville Township Beautification Commission.

In her new position as group manager, Mistor will guide all facets of Wealth Management operations and lead a staff of 30 investment, trust, estate planning and retirement professionals. She holds degrees from Siena Heights University and Central Michigan University.

MBT Vice President Darren LaLonde, who led lending operations in

MBT's Plymouth-Northville region, has succeeded Mistor and has been appointed senior vice president, MBT North Community president. He is a longtime Northville resident.

LaLonde, a 1988 graduate of Oakland University, has 24 years of banking and commercial lending experience. He began his banking career with Security Bank and Trust as a commercial loan officer. He later went to TCF Bank and was promoted to vice president for commercial lending, and to Michigan Heritage Bank serving as managing director

of commercial real estate. Prior to joining MBT he served as vice president – commercial loans at Plymouth's New Liberty Bank from 2002 to 2009

The Northville branch is located at 201 E. Main St. and can be reached at 248-449-3700. The Plymouth branch is located at 706 S. Main St. and can be reached at 734-354-9200.

Founded in 1858, Monroe Bank & Trust is one of the largest independently owned community banks in southeast Michigan. For more information, visit MBT's website at www.mbandt.com.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Plante Moran managing partner

Plante Moran, one of the nation's largest certified public accounting and business advisory firms, has named Dianne Wells, CPA, as office managing partner of the firm's new Detroit office, which is scheduled to open in mid-November in the Compuware building.

Wells, a Northville resident and a partner with the firm since 1995, is currently based in the Southfield office. She has a large tax practice and is the leader of Plante Moran's retail dealer industry, one of the largest practices in the nation focused specifically on assisting auto dealers with a broad range of financial and business issues. Wells' entire career has been centered on serving owner-managed businesses and she is known for her balanced approach to tax savings, long-term business planning and shareholder relationships.

"Dianne Wells brings not only meaningful professional experience in owner-managed and family-owned businesses to her new role, but a reputation for strong leadership among her colleagues," said Gordon Krater, Plante Moran's managing partner. "She is enthusiastic about Plante Moran's opportunity in Detroit and eager to get started." Wells holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants. Wells serves as vice president of the board of Girls on the Run® of Southeastern Michigan. an affiliate of Girls on the Run International, a nonprofit prevention program that encourages preteen girls to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles through running. She also serves on the advisory board and is a mentor for Women of Tomorrow, a Detroitbased mentoring program for high school girls. Approximately 50 staff are expected to occupy Plante Moran's new Detroit office in November. The office, which will occupy 15,000 square feet on the third floor of the Compuware building, will have a strong manufacturing, distribution, service and real estate group mix and a complementary balance of not-for-profit, government and employee benefit plan teams. The Detroit office will be the firm's seventh office in southeast Michigan. Plante Moran's other area offices are located in Ann Arbor, Auburn Hills, Flint, Macomb and two in Southfield. For more information, visit www.plantemoran.com.



Bridget Lang of the local Fish Window Cleaning, and her son, J.R. Lang, at the 2013 FISH Convention "Going the Distance" convention held in St. Louis, Mo.



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has increased its client base by 70 percent in 2013 in the healthcare, retail and financial services industries. These additions, along with increased work requests from existing clients, have led to a more than \$1 million increase in monthly revenue this year compared to 2012. Some of DataFactZ's clients include AARP, Meijer, Alticor, Volkswagen, Intel, Domino's Pizza, Gap Inc., American Association for Community Colleges, Sports Authority, Conway Inc., Bank of Ha-waii, SONIC Corp., and Maximus Inc.

For more information, visit www.datafactz.com or call (866) 739-0820.

Monroe B&T hands out 'Green Apple Awards'



Monroe Bank & Trust, which has offices in Northville and Plymouth, and many other local communities, announced the winners of its inaugural Green Apple Financial Education Awards on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at Monroe County Community College's Meyer Theater. The awards recognize MBT employees and non-MBT community partners who go above and beyond to teach others good practices in personal finance. The winners were Airport High School teacher Jill Bradley, Flat Rock Community High School Principal Andrew Brodie, Michigan Works Monroe Service Center Coordinator and Facilitator Stacey Goans, MCCC Upward Bound Program Director Anthony Quinn, Monroe County Learning Bank Network Director Vuncia Council, Monroe County Middle College Teacher Michael Miller, St. Mary Catholic Central High School teacher Christine Raymond and MBT team members Dixie Bartee, Paula Lipper, Teresa Marino, Susan Mehregan, Laurie Rost, Tom Scott, Cindy Sonoras and Barb Toska.



TPI certification

Northville Physical Rehabilitation's Joe Stanislowski was recently

DataFactZ makes investment

The Northville-based DataFactZ has invested \$1.5 million to create its **Global Delivery Center** (GDC) in Gachibowli, India, a major technology hub for companies around the world. The GDC will provide business intelligence and data warehousing services to DataFactZ's growing list of clients.

According to company officials, the 11,500 square foot GDC in India provides clients with offshore services, enhanced flexibility, cost optimization and longterm maintenance benefits as well as 35-40 percent return on investment.

"Companies around the globe are realizing the impact that data services can bring to their bottom line," said Krish-na Kallakuri, vice president of DataFactZ. "Our new Global Delivery Center helps us deliver those results to our clients in a more timely and cost efficient manner. Plus, with our GDC we have the capabilities to fulfill the offshore services requirement that many corporations require."

DataFactZ hired 20 employees to work in the GDC. To accommodate growing demand for data services, the company has also hired 60 employees in the United States, 15 of which are in Michigan. DataFactZ now employs more than 550 workers worldwide.

To date, the company

Top sales recognition

Bridget and Joe Lang, owners of the local Fish Window Cleaning operations, were recognized for top sales at the annual Fish Window Cleaning Convention in St. Louis, Mo.

The Langs were recognized for adding more than 500 accounts to their customer base in 2012, making it the third year in a row that they've received this recognition. They opened their Fish Window Cleaning business in 2003, and their office provides service to commercial and residential customers in Detroit, Livonia, Plymouth, Northville, Novi, Wixom, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Royal Oak, Birmingham, Troy and Rochester Hills.

"We had a great year," said Bridget Lang. "This recognition is affirmation that hard work pays off.

To contact Fish Window Cleaning, visit www.fishwindowcleaning.com/540 or call 248-354-3340.

Small business seminar

Monroe Bank & Trust (MBT) will host the fourth and final part of its 2013 Small Business Seminar Series from 8-9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7 in the banquet room of Station 885, at 885 Starkweather Street in Plymouth.

The topic is of the final seminar is "Retirement Plans for Small Businesses and the Self-Employed". The seminar is free. All business owners are welcome to attend.

Detailed information regarding each seminar is available online at www.mbandt.com. You may register by calling 734-384-8267.

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Brightmoor **Christian Church**

Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi Contact: 248-227-4420 or www.brightmoorchurch.org **Celebrate Recovery** Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Mondays Details: Worship, teaching or testimony, and open-share recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing 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.

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit

holyfamilynovi.org Mass Schedule

Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)

Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Michael Zuelch, associate pastor AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays

Crosspointe **Meadows Church**

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m.

to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org Sunday worship: 11:15 a.m.

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

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

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville

Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

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ERB, **RUSSELL "BUTCH"**

Age 68, passed away October 15, 2013. He was born on December 29, 1944, in Detroit, son of the late Lorne & Wilma Erb. Butch graduated from Redford High School and attended trade school to become a carpenter. He was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather and could often be found at his grandsons sporting events. Butch will be deeply missed by his many friends at the South Lyon VFW Post 1224 where he was an active member. He is survived by his beloved wife of over 42 years, Carol; his daughter, loving Michon Marquez; his two grandsons: Ryan Gates and Austin Hoots; and his great-granddaughter, Arlanna Lyn Gates. He is also survived by his sisters: Gail Sharon (Tom) Chittenden, Brooks; his brother Larry Erb and many nieces, nephews and a ton on loving friends. He was preceded in death by his beloved son, Jeff in 2010 and his parents. Visitation was held on Thursday, October 17, from 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service was held on Friday, October 18, at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home.

Online guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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JOHNSTON, ERNEST A.

Age 71, passed away of natural causes on October 23, 2013. Ernest is survived by his daughter Deborah (Scott) Bone, Timothy (Shellie) Johnson, Brian (Janet) Johnston, and his 4 grandchildren: Robert, Austin, Ryan and Paige. A memorial service will be held Nov. 2, Saturday at 11:00 A.M. at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 24155 Griswold, South Lyon.

Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com





KELLAR, DAVID L. Age 76, a longtime resi-

dent of Northville, passed away October 27, 2013. He was born on June 11, 1937 in Grand Rapids, MI; son of Francis and Lula (nee Shaver)

TAYLOR, ROBERT Feb. 12, 1937 - Oct. 11, 2013 obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

TREVIS, LUCILLE

Age 96, passed away Oct. 26, 2013. She was born on February 22, 1917 to Zdzislaus and Catherine (Piotrowki) Treutler. Lucille was from a prominent Polish family. She was lucky enough to enjoy the status of being both an immigrant and a United States citizen. When the Second World War broke out, Lucille had been on a world cruise and afterward settled in with relatives in Hamtramck. She married, became a mother, and a grandmother. Lucille is survived by her son, Roger Trevis, her daughter, Diane Painter, and grandson, Wesley Painter. A graveside service was held on Oct. 29 at South Lyon Cemetery. Online guestbook:



Twydell, Patricia A. Age 72, passed on Oct. 20, 2013. She will be laid to rest with her husband at Great Lakes National Cemetery. phillipsfuneral.com



RELIGION CALENDAR

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia Web: www.emmanuel-livo-

nia.org Contact: 248-442-8822

Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Adult special needs worship:

9:30 a.m. Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesdavs

Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11: 30 a.m. Mondays; study book - "Hind's Feet in High Places" by Hannah Hur-

nard Men's Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. Saturday Nov. 2

First Baptist Church of Northville

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

First Baptist Church of Novi - Family Integrated Church

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

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org

Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Cafe 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

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

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

Alternative Christmas Fair Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 9 Details: Over 40 organizations will be selling holiday items to raise funds and awareness for a myriad of non-profit charities, social service agencies, and international fair trade organizations. Shoppers will find the Alternative Christmas Fair remi niscent of a global bazaar with special products from around the world. Many purchases will benefit those closer to home: The Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, The Salvation Army; St. Aloysius Neighborhood Services, and the St. Joseph Food Pantry. In addition, advocacy groups raise funds for those battling cancer, terminally ill patients, and senior citizens. Admission is \$1.

Contact: (248) 553-7170 or visit www.alternativechristmasfair.org.

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia

Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile

Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister, 248-348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Church School: 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. Merry Widows Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month

Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m. Sundays

7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet weekly)

Surviving the Holidays -

6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15; ReNew Ministry will be hosting a seminar to encourage your heart and help you find new joy in the midst of the season with guest speaker Robert Rogers. This event is for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one, and for singles (divorced or never married). Cost is \$10/person, which includes dinner provided (must preregister www.oakpointe.org).

Women's Life Groups Minis-

tries: 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday

Men's Life Groups Ministries: 6 a.m. Friday; at the church and various locations

Orchard Grove Community Church

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

Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

Orchard Grove Community Church

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

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

Location: 23455 Novi Road Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665

Preschool/Kids Choir: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday Details: For ages 3-6; ongoing event; no need to preregister; all are welcome.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville Contact: 248-349-2621 or olvnorthville.org Saturday Worship: 5 p.m.

Sunday Worship: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, vmouth

GODMAN, DAVID

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HAMILTON-PIERCE, HOLLY A. Age 34, died on Oct. 23, 2013. Visitation Oct 28, 3-8pm; funeral 6:30pm, Phillips Funeral Home.



JOHNSON, JR., ROBERT GEORGE

Of Highland, passed awa peacefully on October 22, 2013 surrounded by his loving family. He was 81 years old. Bob was a longtime devoted parishioner of St. Mary's, Milford and Church of the Holy Spirit, Highland and was active in the Men's Club and ushering. He owned Wright Glass in Detroit for over 40 years. He was preceded in death by his son, Thomas and leaves his beloved wife of 57 years, Mary; dear children, Dianne (Tom) Callahan, Judy (Tom Florkey), Terry (Dan) Reno, Luanne (Larry) Rossi, Robert G. Johnson III, John, James (Amy), Paul (Karen), Jennifer (Eric) Menser, Andrea (Dan) Caldwell; great-23 grandchildren; -5 grandchildren; brother, Thomas (Betty) Johnson; Daughter-in-Kathy Johnson, Margaret laws, Trembley and nieces, nephews, extended family and many dear friends. A Memorial Mass was held at Church of the Holy Spirit on October 25, 2013. Memorial contributions may be made in Bob's name to the Holy Spirit Men's Club Scholarship Fund or Providence Park Hospice.

For further information phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com LYNCH & SONS Funeral Directory

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

Kellar. After high school he proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. Dave was united in marriage to Lee Grasmeyer on December 22 1962; this December they would have celebrated 51 years of marriage. He received his Bachelor of Science from Western Michigan University and he also began his Master's degree at WMU. Before acquiring his job as a Systems Analyst with AT&T, Dave was a math teacher at a high school in Vicksburg, Michigan. He enjoyed camping and travelling. Dave spent winters in Dade City, Florida and summers in Traverse City, Michigan. He also enjoyed watching football and baseball games. He was nicknamed "Super Dave" by his son's fraternity Delta Sigma Phi. There wasn't anything Dave wouldn't do for his family and friends. He was a very devoted and caring husband and father. He is survived by his loving wife Lee Kellar; his son Chuck Kellar; and his sister Jeanne Beaty. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers William Lethcho and Phillip Kellar. Visitation will be held Friday, November 1, 2013 from 1-2pm with a memorial service beginning at 2pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. Memorial contri-

butions would be appreciated to CurePSP, 30 E. Padonia Road Suite 201,



TALLANT, DALE E.

Age 52 of of Commerce Township died at his home on October 25, 2013. He is survived by his mother, Janet Tallant and her husband Elson Carmien, and his brothers, Brian and Kevin Tallant. He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Tallant. Dale worked with Ron Rose Productions for many years, and in recent years worked as a freelance audio engineer, sound designer and composer. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Thursday, October 31, at 11AM. Burial will follow at Milford Memorial Cemetery. Friends may visit at the funeral home on Wednesday from 4-8PM. Memorials may be made in his name to the Metro-politan United Methodist 8000 Woodward, De-Church, troit, MI 48202.

For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com LYNCH & SONS Funeral Directors



WATERS. PHILIP

Age 73, passed away at home on October 24, 2013, ending his eight year fight with Pulmonary Fibrosis. Philip was born to Frank and Hilda Waters on September 1, 1940, in Coventry, England. After attending Manchester University, he came to the United States as a scout leader in the first boy scout exchange between Great Britain and the United States held at the Charles Howell Scout Camp. He had a wonderful 35 year career with the Allstate Insurance Co. at locations in Livonia, Novi, and Northville before opening his own office in South Lyon's King Plaza. After retiring from Allstate in 2004, Philip applied his love of talking to people to a new position at the Henry Ford's Rouge Factory Tour, where he became a master presenter. Philip married the love of his life Sharon (Hawkins) on June 5, 1965. Loving father of Kevin, Geoffrey (Twila), Susan (Jay), Nadine, and Kayla (Peter). Wonderful Granddad to Justin, Madalyn, Sean, Sarah, and Sofia, who will miss their loving Granddad. He also leaves two sisters, Rev. Jill Waters, and Diane (Phil & nephew Christopher) Littler, and many cousins in England. He had a wealth of family and friends who will fondly remember his sense of humor and friendship. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Philip Waters to: The Pulmonary Fibrosis

Foundation

230 East Ohio St., Suite 304 Chicago, IL, 60611

Memorial service will be held Nov. 3, 2013, at First United Methodist Church, 640 S. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Greeting starts at 2pm, service starts at 3pm.

WIRWELLE JR., VERE

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May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

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 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 Lvon Contact: 248-437-2875

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville

Contact: 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org Summer Sunday Worship (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Summer Sunday School (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 a.m. - Nursery; 10 a.m. Nursery - sixth grade

Sunday Worship (September-May): 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m Sunday School (September-

May): 8 a.m. Nursery; 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery sixth grade

Attic Treasures Sale Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8 and 9 a.m. to

noon Saturday, Nov. 9 Details: Gently used items from the very old to almost new. Admission is \$2; \$1 for children 12 and under. All funds raised will benefit Village Banking. For more information go to: http://fumcnorthville.org/#/ missions-and-service or www.villagebanking.org.

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

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile Contact: 248-348-9030; ncalife-.org

Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in multipurpose gymnasium; 1015 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

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

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

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

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

Novi United Methodist Church

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

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

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

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

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Rd., Novi,

Contact: 248-912-0043 Web:

www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday

Contact: pastor Bill Burke at 734-927-0891

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

Pentecostals of Novi

Location: Novi Civic Center. 45175 W. 10 Mile Contact: 248-697-8158 or visit

www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org

Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth Contact: 734-453-0190, Ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth-.orq

Praise Baptist Church

Location: 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Contact: 734-748-3898

St. James Catholic Church

Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi Contact: 248-347-7778 Pastor: Monsignor John Kasza Mass Schedule: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

St. John Lutheran Church

Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills Contact: 248-474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com Saturday Worship: 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship: 9, 11:15 a.m. Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

Unity of Farmington Hills

Location: 32500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington

Contact: 248-737-9191; AdministrativeDirector@unityfh.com

ReNew Life Group Ministries:

LOCAL NEWS

Scout's work at Mill Race earns Eagle rank

Northville's Patrick McCormick earned his Eagle rank in August. becoming the 206th Eagle Scout from Troop 755, which has been chartered by Northville's **First Presbyterian** Church since 1947.

For his project, Mc-Cormick organized the sanding and staining of two staircases in the J. M. Mead General Store at the historic Mill Race Village, and also the trimming of the 60-yard arborvitae hedge that separates the parking lot from the Mill Race grounds.

"We are deeply grate-

ful to the tireless efforts of the Boy Scouts of Troop 755 under the direction of Patrick," said Northville Historical Society President Ed Gabrys.

"The staining of the two staircases, although out of the public eye, was the final step in a fiveyear project to reassemble a mid-nineteenth century Main Street store on the grounds of Mill Race Historical Village. Patrick's dedication to the task was evident in his willingness to make sure that the job was completed to our satisfaction. In addition,

the 'taming' of the arbor vitae hedge was a major undertaking that has been a welcome sight for visitors to the village."

McCormick said the project, especially trimming the hedge, was a lot of work.

"Mr. Gabrys said it hadn't been trimmed in five or six years and they wanted about three feet taken off the top and sides. It took 16 of us working for nearly a whole day, with hedge trimmers and even a chainsaw, to cut and bundle it. As we were trimming it, neighbors were stopping by to



Northville's Patrick McCormick earned his Eagle rank by doing important work at Mill Race Village. Here he is with parents Lisa and Chris McCormick.

thank us," McCormick said. McCormick's efforts

were recognized on Oct.

13 during his Court of Honor ceremony at Mill Race Village, along with with fellow Eagle Scouts and Troop 755 members Nolan Landis and Sean McCullough.

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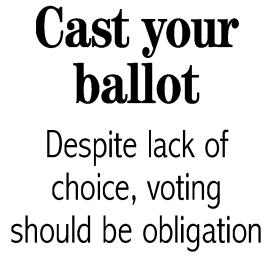
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OPINION

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

OUR VIEWS



Voters in the city of Northville face a bit of dilemma with next week's election. And it isn't deciding who the best candidates are for City Council and mayor. It's whether they should even bother to vote at all.

The reality is there isn't really a choice for vot-ers as they enter the polls on Tuesday. There are only three candidates running for the three open seats. Mayor Chris Johnson, who has served in the position since 1987, is running unopposed. That's also the case for Mayor Pro tem Jim Allen and newcomer Sam Ekong, who were the only council candidates that filed to have their names placed on the ballot.

Of course this means the three are guaranteed to win, especially now that nobody has even filed to be a write-in candidate. Johnson will be mayor for two more years, and Allen and Ekong will serve four-year terms on the council. As a result, this doesn't even feel like an election at all.

So voters may be asking themselves why both-er. What's the point of making time to head out to the polls on Tuesday?

Well, we live in a democracy. We elect peers to represent us in all levels of government. This is especially important at the local level. The people who serve on City Council determine not only how the city pays its bills, but they enact local ordinances and initiate projects that directly impact our daily lives and quality of life. So it is important to participate in the election of these folks.

Fortunately in this case, voters pretty much know what they are getting – at least with Johnson and Allen. Johnson has done a great job as the city's top cheerleader and policymaker for a quarter century. Allen has been on the council since 2005, and prior to that was a planning commissioner for more than a dozen years. Both have shown they are invested in their community. Their guaranteed election will insure stability on the council, which is certainly a good thing.

Sam Ekong is a bit of a wild card. He will be replacing Michele Fecht, who decided not to run for re-election. There is some mystery surrounding Ekong.

After securing his name on the ballot back in August, he said there were a number of city issues he was concerned about, though he has never fully articulated what those are. His election website, www.samekong.com, is still under construction and doesn't offer up much information about the candidate. He has rarely been seen at City Council meetings, and has run somewhat of an evasive campaign.

We do know he is a member of the Northville Democratic Club and an engineer by trade. He told the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County he wants the city to increase cooperation with Northville Township and Northville Public Schools, which are certainly laudable goals. He also wants to see improved traffic and parking in the downtown area. We can't imagine anybody arguing with that. It is yet to be seen what kind of councilman Ekong will make, but that can be said for any first termer.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Who should the Detroit Tigers hire as their new manager?

This question was asked in downtown Northville.



"I think it should be someone that used to play for the Tigers, maybe Kirk Gibson. He is one of the all-time great Tigers and he's competitive, so he would be perfect."

Michael Osenkowski Northville Township



"I would love to see Tony La Russa, but I don't think he will come out of retirement. We need an established person who can match the talent we have inside the locker room but it should be someone from the outside. Cal Ripken Jr. might not be a bad selection."

Jason Spiller Northville Parks and Recreation director



"I would like to see Kirk Gibson, but that might not be realistic. Brad Ausmus was a good leader when he played here, but he doesn't have any experience. Those are my two picks. We need someone who can help get us that World Series."

Rich Gibson Northville

'Gibby because he has a heritage here in the state. His walk-off home run will never be forgotten and he's always competitive. We should steal him away."

Dave Robinson Northville

LETTERS

Church does its part

I must have struck a nerve in my letter two weeks ago ("Least among us") because Steve Lawrence certainly came out swinging in last week's letter ("Rightwing indifference"). I had mentioned how the liberal judges and politicians have consistently legislated the deaths of 55,000,000 babies since 1973 through abortion-on-demand. Although that was the only documented numerical fact I cited, Mr. Lawrence accused me of "throwing around a lot of numbers." He then proceeded, out of the clear blue, to bash the Catholic church and blamed it for the "abject poverty and life of misery" of people around the world, and that there is no concern for the baby once it is born.

I will take his allegations that I am connected with the Catholic church as a compliment, and on the church's behalf I would like to set the record straight on both of his accusations I suggest that the poverty and misery in large parts of the world have much more to do with the effects of war, ethnic cleansing, untreated diseases, pollution, lack of potable water supply, government corruption and mismanagement, natural disasters, famine, and lack of technology, rather than the Catholic church's position on birth control. On the contrary, the Catholic church works tirelessly to fight poverty. The associated Catholic Charities in the United States is the second largest social service provider in the United States. surpassed only by the federal government. It disburses \$4.2 billion annually in the service of eight million people. That doesn't include the Catholic schools, universities, hospitals, shelters, missions, and community aid groups, that if they were gone tomorrow would leave a huge hole in people services that no government would be able to fill. Internationally the Catholic Relief Services and Caritas Internationalis, whose mission is to help the poor and oppressed, with over a million staff and volunteers serves well over a hundred million people in 200 countries and territories worldwide. The Catholic church is the largest nongovernment provider of education and medical services in the world. The church manages a quarter of the health care facilities in the world, including hospitals, clinics, orphanages, pharmacies and centers for those with leprosy. As for after the baby is born, there are thousands of pregnancy help and resource centers in operation across this country serving women with compassion. In 2010, they served over 2.3 million people and supplied baby and maternity clothes, new parenting classes, children's books, baby formula, cribs, car seats, and in one state alone (Ohio) 900,000 diapers – all in a year's time. In its publication, "A Passion To Serve," the Family **Research Council documents** that pregnancy centers saved communities well over \$100 million in one year. That figure does not include the estimated

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5,700,000 uncompensated hours of work performed by the 71,000 center volunteers. In the U.S., 15 state legislatures have adopted resolutions commending their work.

In summary, it seems that "Catholic" is not only pro-life, but also pro-baby after birth, pro-mother, pro-women, propoor people, and pro-all people in a distinctly generous, positive and uplifting manner.

five-page laws to where all of us can read them and understand them. We still might not agree, but we'll have a clear cut understanding of the law.

We sent a regular guy to D.C. to represent us the common folk and it's working. Kerry has proven himself.

John Anton Milford

Teachable moment

Let me get this straight. One party wants to keep government open and Obamacare delayed for a year. Despite knowing healthcare.gov was flawed the other party refused to delay it allowing the government to shut down.

Healthcare.gov does implode and the collective finger pointing is directed at the party that tried to stop it in the first place. The party, who refused to delay it, is now considering delaying it.

When healthcare.gov does get fixed you can huy expensive insurance with high deductibles and access to limited physician networks. Young people will pay more to support their elders. For those who voted for wealth redistribution expecting to be on the receiving end this is a teachable moment. Everyone's assets are fair game to a government that can't afford to fleece only the rich whose support they need to stay in power. Jack Belisle South Lyon

All in all, it's not a bad slate of candidates, despite the lack of options.

So, why vote? The answer is simple. As Americans we are blessed to have the right to vote. It is important that we exercise that right and play our role in our democratic system. Even when we don't like the choices, or in this case, don't have much choice at all

Well, we live in a democracy. We elect peers to represent us in all levels of government. This is especially important at the local level.



Democracy only works the way it's supposed to if people get out to the polls and vote.



Kurt Kuban, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor

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William Stockhausen Northville

Catholics are charitable Regarding Mr. Lawrence's letter in the Oct. 24 edition of the Northville Record, it is obvious he is not a logician. He states that billions of people are born into poverty because of the Catholic church's stand on birth control, and then he states that 95-percent of Catholics use birth control. Is that logical?

In addition, he has his decimal wrong when he claims billions of Catholics are born into abject poverty - a very inaccurate statement. Based on the world population of Catholics and the worlds growth rate, only about 18 million Catholics are born each year.

Also the Catholic church does put its money where its mouth is. Every single day, it feeds and houses more people worldwide than any other institution on the face of the earth. In the United States alone, its charitable works amount to billions of dollars annually.

Ernie McLaughlin Northville

Still supports Kerry

Congressman Kerry Bentivolio has done a great job in Washington by working with others to stop runaway spending, excessive government waste, he voted against NSA spying on citizens and also trying to stop the individual mandate that will force people to buy health care or penalize them for not buying it.

I understand a wealthy foreclosure attorney named David Trott is running against him. Do we really need another lawyer in Congress? It seems like the rich want to be in Washington to make more rich buddies and met lobbyists and don't care about the little guy. They are out of touch with the hardships of the working class

Let's keep the lawyers in the Senate and the people's representatives in Congress. Lawyers make everything more litigious and their work demands to much judicial and statutory interpretation. That's why everyone is arguing about "Obamacare." It's 2,000 pages and nobody truly understands it. I'd like to see

Greed and lies

I read an interesting, and very biased, article on the editorial page of one of our daily papers.

The editor wrote that the Affordable Care Act will hurt Michigan businesses. He cites two corporate tycoons - the first said he would fire workers and the second will not hire full-time employees.

Now, remember, these are two of the CEOs who were given a fortune in your tax dollars by Rick Snyder and the tea party -\$4 billion and counting. Snyder assured us that due to this giveaway, we would be in the land of milk and honey.

Surprise! This did not happen because they pocketed the money, honey. To add insult to injury, they are now planning to put the screws to the very people whose taxes were raised to pay for Snyder's folly.

James Huddleston Cantor

Gov. needs to explain

After many months of calls for Gov. Snyder to shutdown his controversial "Nerd Fund," the governor has finally announced that he is closing the secret account. It seems like Gov. Snyder believes that by simply scrap ping the "Nerd Fund" the appearance of impropriety and conflicts of interests will vanish. The governor needs to come clean regarding his special interest donors who have contributed close to \$1.7 million in 2010 and 2011 to his secret fund. Michigan taxpayers deserve transparency not mystery from Gov. Snyder.

Jill Farber-Bramson West Bloomfield

Performing 'Miracles'

League caps another special season

By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

Jim Kritzman is like any other dad. He loves being able to watch his son having fun playing America's pastime on a fine summer day.

But until his son Mark started playing with the Miracle League of Plymouth two years ago, Kritzman didn't have much opportunity to do that. Mark, a specialneeds player, had nowhere to play.

Now, though, like hundreds of other special-needs kids, he's played four seasons (the league plays two seasons a year) of baseball at Bilkie Field. And Kritzman has done more than sit back and watch.

"Parents get to sit back and watch their kids play and have fun and have success out on the field," said Kritzman, who actually developed a tool to help kids hit the ball. "You don't always get a lot of opportunities for that. The kids get a chance to play when they normally wouldn't. Everybody gets to play, they all have the same successes and fun on the field. Everybody gets cheered for and everyone has a blast with it."

The Miracle League of Plymouth just completed its 2013 seasons (they play spring and fall campaigns). Each season drew more than 90 players and involved at least that many volunteers, from announcer Jonathan Weid to the folks who man the concession stand and the "buddies" on the field with the players.

"Every person plays an important part in the league," commissioner Deb Madonna said. "Whether someone vol-



Dave Visser and Raymond Bidini welcome Miracle League player Ben Terrian at the plate.



Mark Kritzman gets a hit during Miracle League play. PHOTOS BY MARCEL MADONNA



Jamie Jones takes a whack at it during a Miracle League game.

unteers each week or it's their first time, it's their smile and their time. Each of our volunteers seems to find a way to get to know each player (and their family) during the game. How in the world could every single moment of the last three years be so great if it weren't for all the great people who show up on Miracle Saturdays?"

League officials have turned their attention to 2014. Registration for the spring season begins in mid- to late January, with not only player openings, but chances to volunteer as buddies, umpires and game-day helpers. Anyone who wants to volunteer can email info@miracleleagueplymouth.org.

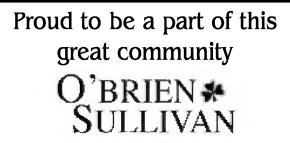
But as she prepared for next year, Madonna reflected on 2013.

"Dozens of wonderful things happen every single moment," she said. Drowning in Debt? Debt Settlement and

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'A part of history'

Visitors recall history made at Willow Run plant

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

It's been more than 60 years since Lee Detrich stood inside the Willow Run Bomber Plant where she had worked from July 1942 until after the end of the war in Europe in 1945

"It brings back some memories," said the South Lyon resident. "I remember I made \$1.15 an hour and they paid us in cash. I worked a ninehour shift and 54 hours a week.

Detrich was among hundreds of people who accepted the Yankee Air Museum's invitation to see the portion of the former Willow Run Bomber Plant that it is confident will become the museum's official home.

YAM presented an afternoon program with guest speakers talking about the history of the Willow Run Plant and about Detroit as the Arsenal of Democracy before announcing in a hangar within a few hundred feet of the plant that it had until May 1, 2014, to raise the remaining \$2 million to buy the 175,000 square feet of the facility where at its peak was producing one B-24 Liberator bomber every hour.

"I thought we'd have a few hundred people, but this is a great turnout." said Kevin Walsh, the museum's executive director. "Thank God, we got the extension to May

Sharing the day

Former bomber plant employees and their relatives were joined by former GM employees who came to see the plant one last time before it is torn down for redevelopment. They peered into



The massive overhead door, where the B-24 bomber left the plant, was up, letting people go inside and see the future home of the Yankee Air Museum. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

the cavernous area where the finished B-24 Liberator bombers rolled off the assembly line in the 1940s and where GM manufactured transmissions until closing the plant in 2010.

"It's kind of emotional," said Jeff Dold of Garden City who retired in 2009. "It's exciting because I hope to see some of my fellow workers, but it's sad to see what's going to happen to it. I worked from this end to the far end."

Dold was at the plant with his wife Kim and son Jake who saw a story about the event and called his father.

"I only remember seeing it from the outside when I was a kid," said Jake Dold. "He used to bring us out here and park in the lot to watch the air show for free."

"I remember driving out her and it was like Dodgem Cars," said Kim Dold. "I stopped at a red light and Jeff asked me why. Nobody stopped for the red light.'

Joining them was Morgan Price of Garden City. Known around the pant as Mo, he noted rattled off the three locations of horse shoe pits outside the plant.

"This is an historic

day," he said.

'Needed a job'

Detrich also was a part of the plant's history. She started working there just after graduating from high school.

"I needed a job, so I came from Chicago," she said. "I'd just turned 18, I was one of the younger ones.'

Detrich was a riveter on the inner wing of the airplane and was "let go as soon as it was over.

That wasn't the case for Ivan Woodard who came from Grand Rapids with his daughter Myra Neuman. He started working in the plant in November 1942 as a riveter on part of the fuse-

lage. "I was on one side and there was a Rosie on the other," he said. "I did that until the Ohio draft board found out I was up here and sent me an invitation to come home."

Woodard spent three years in the Army Air Force, all in the U.S., working as a mechanic, including 18 months at Freeman Field in Seymour, Ind.

"I wanted to fly, but I couldn't pass the eye exam," he said.

Like Detrich, he, too, remembers being paid in cash, but "with \$2 bills." "It was a wonderful, a great experience," he said.

Earlier in the day, Margaret Strickland of Bloomfield struck a pose with the museum's Rosies who have been promoting the SaveTheBomberPlant.org campaign. Strickland came to the event with her sons, Tom of Bloomfield and Richard of Seattle, Wash.

Strickland was attending the University of Michigan and spent a summer working in the plant's blueprint department. She can't really remember what she did there, but does recall that when she left, she took a section drawing of the bomber's fuselage and left wing.

"It doesn't show every detail, but I thought it was so beautiful. It was all hand drawn," she said. "I snuck it out. I remember I was scared to death, but I wanted something because I knew it would be a part of history."

"It was a unique time when the country came together," she added. "We were concerned about our survival. Germany and Japan was taking over everything. It was an unbelievable time. I couldn't wait to get home



Margaret Strickland of Bloomfield still has the section drawing of the wing and fuselage assembly that she snuck out of the Willow Rune **Bomber Plant where she** worked in the summer of 1942.

Vivian Litchard of Ypsilanti cames to visit the Willow Run plant where she worked for three years during World War II.



Morgan Price (left) and Jeff Dold, both of Garden City, are former GM employees who worked at Willow Run transmission plant before it was closed for good in 2010.

to turn on the radio."

'lt's important'

Vivian Lit chard wasn't a Rosie; she worked in the sewing department. The first couple of weeks she worked on a sewing machine until she put a needle into her finger.

'It was a big needle and my finger wasn't that big," she said.

Litchard started working in the February-March of 1942 when the plant wasn't even finished yet. She was 18 at the time. She cut material and did hand sewing. The department made padding that went over the frame on the inside of the airplane and covers

for the rudder ailerons and elevators.

"I came here because I wanted a job," she said. "I graduated in June of 1941, there weren't a lot of jobs then. I think I started at 75 cents an hour and worked my way up to \$1.15 an hour. I wanted to join the WAACS, but no one in my family would let me."

Looking around the plant, Litchard didn't recognize anything "except that it was big, but then it was big back then."

"I wouldn't want to see it torn down," she said. "It's important to people, not just the men who flew the planes, but everybody."

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Boys harriers win first regional since '78

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Remember when gas was just 63 cents a gallon? How about houses costing on average just over \$58K? Maybe Jimmy Carter as president of the United States?

Yeah, us neither. But the year was 1978 and Star Wars was huge in the box office, the Bee Gees were rocking the radio waves with Stayin' Alive and Happy Days was one of the top-rated television shows.

It was the same year that Kobe Bryant and Ashton

ON TAP

Northville will run this Saturday in the MHSAA state finals. The event will be held at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Kutcher were born and it was the last time the Northville boys cross country team won a

regional championship. That is, until this year. Last weekend in Ann Arbor, the Mustangs won the regional tournament with 60 points, edging Ann Arbor Pioneer (73) and Plymouth (83).

The team was led by Dan Sims, who took third overall in

15:56. "The pace of the race, pe-destrian early on, really didn't suit Dan," Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "After being away for a month, he is ready to attack, but the conditions and our team approach today didn't lend itself to that type of race. That being said, after another solid performance, I feel Dan has put himself back into a rather elite group for Saturday's finals at (Michigan International Speedway)."

Next in was Sean McCullough, who was seventh over-

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The Northville boys cross country team won its first regional since 1978.



Northville's Jake Slominski (left) tries to break free from Walled Lake Western's John Simmons. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

capt unofficial KLAA title

Shamrocks fall against Brother Rice in Catholic League final

Team falls to Warriors again, only two losses this season

> **By Sam Eggleston** Correspondent

It wasn't the ending of the regular season Detroit Catholic Central was hoping to have, but the team is well aware that regular-season lumps don't

mean much in its long-term goals. The squad, coached by Tom Mach, suffered a 20-7 loss to Birmingham Brother Rice in the Catholic High School League championship game last weekend. The loss gives CC a final record of 7-2 and second place in the CHSL

"Defensively, we had a mix of up and down moments, but credit to that unit for hanging tough as long as they did," assistant coach Michael Mach said. "Offensively, we struggled to possess the ball and left our defense on the field far too long, especially in the first half, and then turnovers killed us in the second half."

The Shamrocks' defense was led by ris Micoff, who had two sacks, and sophomore defensive back Alex Bock, who snagged an interception near the end of the first half in the end zone to kill a Brother Rice scoring opportunity. On offense, Nick Cococcetta, a junior tight end, caught three passes and scored a touchdown.

Gridders come from behind to knock off Walled Lake Central

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Down by 17 points and facing the Lakes Conference champion, Kensington Conference champion Northville could have easily thrown its hands up in despair and taken just its second loss on the season.

Instead, the Mustangs came out in the second half, tied the game and then beat Walled Lake Western in overtime, 38-31.

Northville trailed 31-14 and tied the game with less than a minute to go to force the overtime.

"I am very proud of the resilience our players demonstrated in this game," Northville coach Matt Ladach said. "Football is a very emotional game and things weren't exactly going our way. However, our players never gave up - I couldn't ask for anything more from them.²

The Warriors took a 14-7 lead in the first quarter and extended that to 24-14 $\bar{b}y$ the end of the first half. They climbed to a 31-14 lead early in the



Northville's Matthew Pirone picks up some yards. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

third to keep the Mustangs off-bal-

ance. "Their quarterback is a tremendous athlete and he is a playmaker," Ladach said. "I felt like we kept getting better defensively as the game went on. He's

ON TAP

Northville will play host to Detroit Catholic Central at 7 p.m. Friday in the first round of the MHSAA playoffs.

probably the best quarterback that we have faced all season and he's got some real weapons surrounding him.

"Our kids started to get a feel for how they were attacking us and they came up with some big stops when we needed them most."

In the third quarter, quarterback Joey Hewlett ran in a 4-yard play for a touchdown to cut into the lead, 31-21. The Mustangs then tacked on a 37yard field goal off the foot of Zack Wilds to make it a 31-24 game.

Northville's defense held the Warriors out of the end zone on the following possession and then the offense began to march. With time expiring, Hewlett hit Jake Slominski with a pass that the receiver turned and carried into the end zone for a 14-yard score. The point-after kick by Wilds tied the game, 31-31.

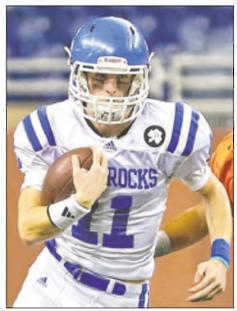
In overtime, Northville scored on a 10-yard carry by Evan Wieland for the winning touchdown.

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ON TAP

Detroit Catholic Central will visit Northville at 7 p.m. Friday in the first round of the MHSAA playoffs.



Shamrocks QB Sean Birney keeps the ball against Rice. SCOTT CONFER

Surprising boys tennis team earns 15th place at state tournament



The Northville boys tennis team poses following a 15th-place finish at the MHSAA state finals in Midland. SCOTT BALDWIN

By Scott Baldwin Correspondent

After losing eight seniors to graduation last spring, 2013 was a rebuilding year for the Northville boys tennis team. With only two returning senior starters, the Mustangs were not expected to be contenders this year. But apparently low expectations didn't mean much to this tough group of underclassmen.

After putting together a solid conference record, coach Matt Stetson and his Mustangs surprised even their own fans with a solid team performance in the regional tournament. By finishing as a runner-up to

eventual champion Novi, Northville earned a return trip to Midland to compete for the Class A state meet, held Oct. 17-19, where they placed 15th.

Leading the way for the Mustangs was sophomore Connor Johnston at No. 1 singles. Johnston was last year's No. 2 singles state champion. In a cruel twist of geography, all three of the top singles competitors came from the same region. With their respective schools only miles apart, these three have competed regularly, so it was no surprise to see each other across the net in Midland.

Perhaps the match of the tournament occurred in the semifinal, with Johnston facing his Catholic Central foe Michael Dube. It was an epic match, lasting nearly four hours, and both players fighting severe leg cramps. After fighting off four match points, Johnston secured the hardfought victory, 5-7, 7-5, 7-6 (8-6)

"It was a big performance on a big stage. Connor really stepped up," Stetson said. Only 45 short minutes later, Isbacton found bimself back

Johnston found himself back on the court against another familiar opponent and friend, Tim Wang of Novi, in the state final. With a burst of youthful

Sharigian leads girls harriers to regional crown

Mustangs ready to compete for state title

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

In the beginning of the season, Northville girls cross country coach Nancy Smith set out three very clear goals for her team

Win the conference check.

Win the regional check.

Now only one goal remains for the Mustangs - who boast the statistical-best team the Northville girls program has ever fielded – and that's to win the MHSAA Division 1 state championship.

ON TAP

Northville will run this Saturday in the MHSAA state finals. The event will be held at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

In order to get there, the Mustangs had to turn in a strong performance at the regional, which was held in Ann Arbor last Saturday. Northville packed together extremely tight and came away with the first-place team finish, taking it home with just 17 points while Salem took second with 59 and Ann Arbor Pioneer was third with 100 points.

Not only did the Mustangs turn in some impressive times, they

placed all seven runners in the top 20 and an amazing top five runners among the top seven finishers.

"They ran like a true team, picking it up when needed," Smith said. "I am so proud of these girls. They knew what they wanted to do and executed the plan perfectly."

Northville's top five runners finished just 46 seconds apart. Leading the team was Taleen Sharigian, who has been hampered throughout the majority of her high school career by injury. The stellar senior won the individual title, finishing in just 18:19 despite cold and windy conditions.

This is a huge step for her and sets her up great for the state finals," Smith said.

Sharigian's injuries still flared up despite the win. Following her finish,



The Northville girls cross country team poses for a quick photo as it preps for this weekend's state finals. From left are Cayla Ekenroth, Nicole Mosteller, Alison Robinson, Amma Herrmann, Lexa Barrott, Rachel Coleman, Erin Zimmer and Taleen Sharigian. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

she could be seen with her shoe off and grimacing slightly. But as Kayla Kavulich from Saline cross the finish line, she nearly collapsed from

exhaustion. Sharigian, still with just one shoe on, hobbled over and then helped Kavulich clear out of the area beyond the finish.



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Next in for Northville were two runners who have been in stride with one another the entire second half of the season, as Rachel Coleman finished in second with an 18:30.1 and Lexa Barrott was third with an 18:30.8.

Cayla Eckenroth was fourth, finishing in 18:34, while Emma Herrmann was seventh in 18:34.

"Hermann and Eckenroth moved their pack up and secured the win today for us," Smith said.

Finishing 20th was Erin Zimmer, who has been sick all week long but still dug deep to push through for a time of 19:57.

Northville, which was undefeated in dual meets, won the Central Division, Kensington Conference and regional titles and is ranked No. 1 in the state and No. 7 in the country for girls teams this season.

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Northville to host Shamrocks in playoff opener

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Northville and Detroit Catholic Central will meet Friday night in the first round of the MHSAA playoffs, marking the third time the teams have met in the postseason in the past four years.

The Mustangs, coached by Matt Ladach, have been on the wrong end of the meeting the last two times, falling 35-10 in the second round in 2010 and 56-6 in the postseason opener two years ago.

The Shamrocks, coached by Tom Mach, have been second in the Division 1 state finals the past two seasons, falling 36-21 to Detroit Cass Tech in 2012 and 49-13 in 2011.

This year, the two teams will face off at 7 p.m. Friday at Northville.

It's hard for Ladach and the Mustangs (8-1) to set aside history, especially when it comes to playing against the Shamrocks (7-2).

Under normal circumstances, when teams play against CC, they're not just playing against a good football team, they're also playing against their tradition," Ladach said. "They beat a lot of

people before the ball is even kicked, but that will not be the case with our kids. Our kids believe in themselves and in one another.'

Catholic Central assistant coach Michael Mach insists his team won't be relying on tradition when it takes on the Mustangs.

"We are looking forward to the matchup," Mach said. "I think this is what high school football is all about. Not only is this game high-stakes, with this being an MHSAA playoff game, but add in the fact that we're geographical rivals and you know its going to be a high-intensity atmosphere Friday night at Northville."

Mach said the Shamrocks are focusing on Northville's traditionally high-powered offense, which has lived up to its reputation. He pointed out that the team had scored 40 or more points for five straight weeks until last week, when Mach joked that it "only scored 38."

Northville has scored 324 points this season (36 per-game average) while giving up 200 points (22.2 per game). Leading the way on offense is quarterback Joey Hewlett, who can throw and run and has more than 1,000 yards in each category



Northville's David Moorman (left) yells encouragement to the defense against Walled Lake Western. The Mustangs believe they are up to the challenge of facing Catholic Central. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

this year. His favorite targets are Sean Conway, Nick Stegmeyer and Jake Slominski, as well as Evan Wieland, who is also a threat in the running game.

On defense, the Mustangs will look to Jack Ernst, Jake Cheslik, Lee Moore and Chris Komorous to lead their attack. Cheslik is also a bit of a ball hawk, often taking on the opponent's top receiver.

"But what you see from the 2013 version of Northville is that they

are solid in all three phases - offense, defense and special teams," Mach said. "They're 8-1 and champions of the KLAA, which is one of the better leagues in the state, so you know they are talented and competitive."

Northville proved its mettle last week, when it came back from being down by 17 against Walled Lake Western to win in overtime.

"We have tremendous respect for the challenge they will present to our football team," Mach

said.

Ladach said his team will respect the talent the Shamrocks bring to the game.

"Catholic Central is a very good football team," he said. "They are perhaps the best team that we have faced all year long.

The Shamrocks have scored 249 points (27.7 per game) against some of the top competition the state has to offer. They took two losses to Brother Rice, including one loss in the Catholic High

School League championship game last week.

On defense is where the Shamrocks always shine and it's the focus of their game. They have allowed just 84 points (9.3 per game). The only team to score 20 or more points against them was Brother Rice (28-21 Sept. 27 and 20-7 last week).

Leading CC's attack will be Connor Holton, Zach Bock and Dylan Roney, who have combined for nearly 1,500 yards and 15 touchdowns. And while the Shamrocks don't pass much, quarterback Sean Birney has proven effective this year with both his arm and his feet.

On defense, the Shamrocks are led by Jordan Jenkins, Dylan Roney and Daniel Collins and specialize in pressuring (and sacking) the opposing quarterback. The trio of Jack Van Acker, Zach Bock and Daniel Collins has 13 interceptions, three of which have been returned for a touchdown.

Northville's home games are played at the Hillside Middle School at Taft and Eight Mile roads

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Cross country teams striding toward state title dreams

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Prior to the start of the 2013 regular season, Northville boys cross country coach Chris Cronin was asked the typical question about his team's goals this year.

One of the answers he gave was blunt and to the point: a Division 1 state championship.

Cronin has never been the kind of coach to make any kind of predictions, so such a lofty goal came as a bit of a surprise. After winning the regional title last Saturday, Cronin cleared up what he meant when he made that statement months

ago. you may recall on the preseason writeup, I told you that this team's goal was to compete for a state title," he said. "Next Saturday, we will have that opportunity. God willing and if everyone is healthy, we have a legitimate chance. When I made that comment back in August, it was less about bold predictions and more about letting this team know that I believed their dream." It has been proven time and time again in the world of sports that dreams do come true -



The Northville boys cross country team warms up as it preps for this weekend's state finals, held at the Michigan international Speedway: (from left) Jason Ferrante, Sean McCullough, Nick Noles, Dan Sims, Conor Naughton, Nick DuFresne, and Ben Cracraft. JOHN HEIDER I STAFE PHOTOGRAPHEE

especially for those athletes who outwork the competition and come

compete for and potentially capture a Division 1

man, Taleen Sharigian and Lexa Barrott taking the lead and Erin Zimon the team, running a 17:59. That's a crazy good time in the eyes of any high school cross country pundit, but what's amazing is that Coleman, who is also a senior, has a best time of 18:00 and Barrott, a sophomore, has an 18:11. Zimmer's best time this year is an 18:44, while Hermann ran a 19:05. Nicole Mosteller has a 19:21 and Alison Robinson's best time is a 19:29

To put Northville's times in a bit of perspective, the top girls runner in the Upper Peninsula finals was Kameron Burmeister of Menominee, who ran a 19:36.1.

On the boy's side of the program, the Mustangs will be looking to senior Dan Sims to lead the way. After a month of being sidelined with injury this year, Sims came out in the KLAA championships and ran his best time yet with a 15:54 Not far behind him is junior Nick Noles, who has truly stepped into a leadership role this year and has a personal-best time of 15:57, which was also run in the KLAA title meet.

to potentially dip below the 16-minute mark in the state championships. Currently, the third runner is Conor Naughton, a sophomore, who has a best time of 16:01, while junior Sean McCullough has a 16:05 under his belt so far this season. Jason Ferrante, a junior, is the fifth runner and has a 16:09, which he ran in the Wayne County championship.

Northville's sixth runner heading to the state finals is Nick Du-Frense, a senior, who has a 17:03 as his best time, while freshman Ben Cracraft will be the team's seventh and has a 17:05.

The Upper Peninsula hampionship's best time was a 16:56 by Lance Rambo of Marquette. With some of the best times in the state already to their credit, the girls and boys programs will be looking to break out the best runs of the season this Saturday at Michigan International Speedway with the goal of finishing the day clutching the championship trophy.

together as a team.

In Northville, it's not just teams coming together, but the entire program spanning varsity and junior varsity and boys and girls.

Last week marked the first time in the history of Northville High School that both the girls and boys programs won the regional in the same season.

Now both teams are looking to Brooklyn and the Michigan International Speedway with the expectation that they will

"I'm confident that this is the best team in school history," said Nancy Smith, the head coach for the girls program. "They work great with each other and pull each other along to be the best they can be."

The key to any strong cross country program is the pack time the top runners can create, pulling and pushing one another along and driving down finishing times.

The Northville girls program has two solid packs, with Rachel Colemer, Cayla Eckenroth and Emma Herrmann forming the second pack that often finishes just behind the other.

The key for Northville's girls program, Smith said, is breaking the mental barrier and bringing their absolute best race to the state finals.

The girls will be looking for Coleman, Sharigian and Barrott to attempt to break the 18minute mark in the finals. So far, Sharigian, a senior, has the best time

Northville will be looking for its third, fourth and fifth runners

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Northville swim team defeats Stevenson, finishes undefeated in dual meets

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

The Northville girls swimming and diving team has known all season long that its talent runs deep, but last week against Livonia Stevenson it was that depth that lead it to victory.

The Mustangs also benefited from the fact that Stevenson was celebrating its senior night and had seniors in events where they may not normally swim. The result was a 118-68 victory for the Mustangs.

We had a bit of a rough night as far as times are concerned, but we were still able to get the win," Northville coach Brian McNeff said. "It was Stevenson's senior night, so they did not have a full lineup in, which made it easier for us.'

McNeff said that sometimes swimmers just don't turn in the times they want to turn in - it's a natural part of a training regiment. "Some of the girls

ON TAP

The Northville girls swimming and diving team will be back in the pool when it swims in the KLAA meet this weekend at South Lyon.

were upset that they did not have a good race, but I told them afterward that if they have been doing everything that I have asked them to all year, then they should not be fast right now," he said. "We train for November, not for October. Half of the girls just got done with another very hard week of training so they are tired and the other half is in taper mode, so their bodies are not used to the change yet."

The win gave Northville its second straight season of going perfect during dual meets.

"That is a pretty good accomplishment, considering the talent we face every meet," McNeff said. "That is something these girls will look back on and be very proud of."

Northville's places in each event:

200 medley relay: team of Nicki Pumper, Sarah Lohman, Kesley Macaddino and Laura Westphal (first, 1:55.89), the team of Olivia Burrows, Simone Young, Julia Scavnicky and Sabrina Lee (third) and the team of Shannon Hayes, Nora Orlandea, Madeline Chen and Hannah Craig (fifth); 200 freestyle: Alissa Moore (first, 2:03.4), Jessica Yan (third) and Elena Pando (fifth); 200 individual medley: Westphal (first, 2:15.76), Darby Mroz (third) and Lohman (fourth); 50 freestyle: Macaddino (second, 26.35 seconds), Sarah Ptashnik (fourth) and Gillian Zayan (fifth); diving: Andrea Meister (first, 199.50 points), Claire Ostrowski (fourth) and Erin Aquinto (sixth): 100 butterfly: Macaddino (first, 1:01.12), Scavnicky (third) and Brittany Nayh (fourth); 100 freestyle: Pumper (first, 57.97), Natalie Filipow-

icz (second) and Zayan (fourth); 500 freestyle: Westphal (first, 5:21.84) Moore (second) and Yan (third); 200 free relay: team of Lauren Jarzembowski, Lohman, Filipowicz and Moore (first, 1:47.12), the team Scavnicky, Carly Stone and Kelsi Morgan (third) and the team of Melissa Clawson, Allie Stellon, Hannah Wonfor (fourth); 100 backstroke: Pumper (second) and Sabrina Lee (fifth); 100 breaststroke: Lohman (second, 1:12.94), Jarzembowski free relay: team of Pumper, Macaddino, Moore and Westphal (second, 3:48.41), team of Filipowicz, Yan, Lee and Allison Tucker (third) and the team of Hope Miller, Tellon, Allie Pierce and Chelsea Lepish (fifth).

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CC's Dylan Roney hits Rice QB Alex Malzone as he releases the ball. SCOTT CONFER

SHAMROCKS

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Brother Rice is the only team to defeat the Shamrocks this season, also beating them on a last-second play Sept. 27 in a 28-21 decision.

Last weekend, the Shamrocks were looking to secure the title of the CHSL, which is considered by the fifth strongest league in the country by MaxPreps.com.

"We're disappointed in the outcome, but Brother Rice is a very good football team," Mach said. 'They made life hard on us today and will make

life hard on a lot of teams going forward in the playoffs."

Mach said his team has already put the loss to the Warriors behind them.

"As a team, we have to look forward. The playoffs are here," he said. "There's always a lot of excitement this time of year as it's a new beginning of sorts for everyone, ourselves included. We're excited for the opportunity to potentially get back to Ford Field in a few weeks.'

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of Maria Gutowski, Danielle Siwula and (first, 1:05.54), Mroz (third) and Young (fourth); and the 400

NORTHVILLE COLTS ROUNDUP

Varsity drops heart-breaker

The Northville Colts varsity dropped a hardfought playoff game against the Novi Bobcats, 30-28, ending its season Sunday.

The Bobcats were the only team to score in the first half and took a 8-0 lead into the break

Although the Bobcats scored their second touchdown in the third quarter, the Colts picked up yards with great runs by Ryan Silberg and Robert Johnson. Colts quarterback Daniel McLaughlin made several passes connecting with Silberg, which ultimately led to their first touchdown of the game in the fourth quarter, narrowing the gap to 14-6.

Then with 1:54 left in the game, McLaughlin threw a perfect touchdown pass to Anthony Abbott. Elijah Gash made the extra point, tying up the game 14-14, sending the game into overtime.

After winning the coin toss and several attempts at potentially solidifying a spot in the Super Bowl, the Bobcats won by a kick 30-28.

– By Jillian Rizk

JV Colts prevail, 8-6

The JV Colts (9-0) revisited the Livonia Orioles for a playoff game at Bentley Field. Both teams fought for their right to progress to the Super Bowl.

Early on, the Orioles gained their yards, but the Colts' defense didn't allow much else with hard hits by Ayden Oliver, Jimmy King, Andrew Hayek and Tim Ferrence.

Isaiah Gash opened the score scrambling for a touchdown late in the second quarter; sealing the deal with a two-point kick. Ryan Logan made a huge interception at the end of the first half.

ON TAP

The Northville JV Colts play the Garden City Chargers at Eastern Michigan University for the Super Bowl at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Energized, the Colts started the second half holding the Orioles on the line with backfield sacks by Nick Lauderback, Zachary Bonofiglio, Gavin Nafso and Gash

The Orioles managed a touchdown late in the fourth quarter, but their kick was blocked by a herd of Colts, sending the team to the Super Bowl.

– By Deanna Roseberry

Freshmen end season with victory

Great coaching and tough play helped the freshman Colts (5-4) earn a season-closing win against the Livonia Orioles.

The offense showed range as Matthew Barnett, Drew Backus, Parker Ladach, Daniel Logan, James Monticelli and Danny Sheehan advanced the ball. Caleb Gash had a nearly 50-yard touchdown run and he returned one of two interceptions for a long touchdown; Rocco Giammarusti punched in the critical extra point.

In the second half, Cole McGowan's touchdown sprint and Logan, Massimo Porco and Dominic Pollifone's consistent rushes led the way for the Colts.

The tough defense of James Davis, Gash, Matthew McLoughlin, James Monticelli, Cameron Naujokas and Pollifrone sent the Orioles backward.

Gash also had two interceptions, Aaron Weiskopf broke up a pass and McGowan caught an Oriole headed to the end zone.

With a blocked extrapoint kick attempt, the Colts won with a final score of 20-18.

WINE TOURS * BREWERY TOURS

- By James Davis

OLV claims first CYO championship

On Saturday at Ford Field in Detroit, Our Lady of Victory won the school's first Catholic Youth Organization varsity football championship 30-16 over Plymouth's Our Lady of Good Counsel. Head coach Mark Gardner's Cougars also won the school's first Division A title in 2013 with a 5-1 record and won another two playoff games to reach the tightly contested championship game in the 48-team CYO

Ten Cougars started on both offense and defense, but it was two seventh-graders who led OLV. Running back Colin Gardner finished the game with 40 yards rushing, eight catches for 154 yards and scored both first-half touchdowns on passes from QB Austin Brown.

The Cougars scored first, but the Crusaders matched each touchdown. Jake McWilliams kicked two extra points in the first half, which are worth two points each in the CYO

Defensively, Gardner and Brown, who play linebacker, were joined by fellow linebacker Zach Peurach to contain the Crusaders to two touchdowns in the first half.

Coach Keith Kawsney's defense had a



Our Lady of Victory celebrates after winning the school's first Catholic Youth Organization varsity football championship at Ford Field in Detroit.

strong second half, starting with an early interception by Austin Brown.

Big tight end Cass Phillips caught three passes for 47 yards, including what proved to be the game-winning 32-yard touchdown. McWilliams again followed with the successful PAT. Offensive coordinator Jeff Husak's offense looked sharp as Brown finished 15-of-18 passing for 233 yards with three touchdowns passing and one rushing. The effort was aided as coach Chris Peterson's offensive line, which gave Brown time to throw the ball all game. Peterson's line includes Matt Stinebiser, Patrick

Brandemihl, Hugh Lambert, John Lobbia, Evan Good and Robert Pousak. Similarly, defensively, Brandemihl, Cass Phillips and Pousak helped the Cougars control the line of scrimmage in the second half.

The game remained in doubt until late in the fourth quarter, when coach Husak, facing third down and long, called on quarterback Brown, who somehow scrambled to heave a 40-yard pass to Gardner, who made a circus catch and carried a couple of Crusaders to the 3-yard line, from where Brown carried the ball for OLV's final touchdown OLV offensive line-

Northville received to

start the game. After a

drive including runs by

Grady Zoroya and Noah

scored and Reece Jones

kicked the extra point to

start 8-0. After the kick-

Saad, Johnny Metrusias,

over, and a quick 34-yard

touchdown run by Ross.

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Brodde and others led to

a turnover on downs.

Runs by Jack Gattoni,

led to a score by Ross. After a kickoff by Ben

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McCluskey, Jack Ellis

NORTHVILLE STALLIONS ROUNDUP

men Lobbia and Pousak were key to the drive, as they were for most of the season.

The OLV defense then stopped the Crusaders. The offense muscled for a couple of first downs to seal the game, which enabled Mark Gardner to call timeout to pull the ironman starters and let them cheer on their fellow teammates as they played on the NFL field.

Before receiving the prestigious CYO championship trophy, coaches Larry Weathers, Brett Gardner and John Alandt distributed premade CYO championship hats to the Cougars, who celebrated on the Ford Field turf.

The varsity Stallions (3-6) shut out the Livonia Orioles at Tom Holzer Ford Field this weekend with a 12-0 playoff vic-

The Stallions' defense held the Orioles scoreless in the first half with strong stops by defenders Tyler Troyer, Shane Rankin, Spencer Ishaq, Alex Ajlouny and Jonathan Michalak. Troyer had three key sacks in the backfield for the day, one forcing a fumble recovered by Ishaq. On offense, QB Michalak connected with Rankin and Alec Stathakis to move the Stallions down the field. Michalak's pass to Stathakis put the Stallions up 6-0 going into the second quarter. Michalak also connected with Stallions receivers Enzo Rodriguez, Troyer and Rankin, but the Stallions didn't score again. The Stallions' defense kept the pressure on the

game. Key plays by Alex Karem, Parker Dietrich, Rodriguez, Saaz Malhotra, Stathakis and Matt Esqueda kept the Orioles out of the end zone. Late in the game, Michael Williams' interception gave the Stallions one last shot to get into the end zone. Michalak's pass to Rankin resulted in another touchdown, making the final score 12-0. After the kickoff return, Kevin Townsend's second fumble recovery of the day gave the Stallions back the ball to end the

Orioles throughout the

– By Maureen Schmidt

Freshmen advance to Super Bowl The freshman Stal

The second period saw e Falcons score twice Despite being slowed by

the Stallions on tackles

by Ray Shukeireh, Ryan

Reynolds, Tommy Man-

dell and Luca Prior, the

half ended 24-12.

Pillsbury, Alex Maynard and Angelo Bahu. After a turnover, the Stallions' drive led to a score by Ross. Following the kickoff, tackles by Prior, Ethan Marafino and Brett Mathiesen slowed the Falcons, but they scored for a 32-18 contest. The Falcons succeeded in an onside kick and had the ball to drive with 12 minutes left.

The Stallions' defense stiffened at that point and tackles by Greg Staton, Reynolds, Jacob Merritt, led to a turnover on downs. The Stallions took over at their own 41-yard line and proceeded on an eight-minute clock-killing drive, including three fourthdown conversions. The game ended with the team in the victory formation, taking a knee and securing the 32-18 win. The undefeated season continues, with just one game left to secure the league championship.

Varsity season ends with win

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TENNIS

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adrenaline, Johnston took an early lead, but soon the effects of the previous battle took their toll and he succumbed to a ferocious onslaught by Wang, who won the championship 6-4, 6-2.

Although not as successful, the rest of the Mustangs fought hard and gained valuable experience for next year.

HARRIERS

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all, as he finished in 16:06

"Sean's had a great season," Cronin said. "He has been consistent all season and really worked to develop himself as a complete runner."

Right on his heels, in eighth, was Conor

lions (9-0) won their playoff game against the Livonia Falcons, 32-18, advancing to the Super Bowl for the league championship. The win propelled the team to the first 9-0 record in Stallions history.

to Rochester Adams in

the round of 16. Fresh-

man Stephen Freeman

lost a first-round match

to Port Huron Northern.

for the doubles flights as

well. Daniel Baldwin and

Umais Rao, both juniors,

lost a heart-breaker to a

tough Rockford squad at

It was tough sledding

After halftime, the Falcons received, but were stopped by Chase No. 1 doubles. Jason At No. 2 singles, sophomore Oliver Daniel fell 6-0, 6-0 to fifth-seeded Brother Rice. Andrew Schafer, a junior, earned a three-set victory over Troy Athens, only to fall

Wang and Jonathon Bi, at No. 2 doubles, lost to Ann Arbor Pioneer. Senior Veer Shah was injured, so Victor Lee joined fellow sophomore Evan Simoff at No. 3 doubles. They fought hard, but were defeated by Grandville. Finally, lone senior competitor Sam McCutcheon and his junior partner Nick Chatas earned a win vs. Holland West Ottawa, before losing a battle with Troy.

"Although we would

Sims, McCullough, Naughton and Noles earned all-region honors for their finishes.

Nick DuFresne finished in 30th with a time of 17:03, while Ben Cracraft and Sam Kremke were 32nd and 43rd, respectively, with times of 17:05 and 17:22. Both Cracraft and Kremke posted personal-best times.

Resting for the state

– By Justin Casagrande

have enjoyed winning more matches," Stetson said, "I am really proud of what our young team accomplished this season. In a sense, we overachieved and by doing so prepared ourselves to be a real force next season.'

When the dust cleared Saturday and Ann Arbor Huron was crowned state champion, the young, surprising Mustangs were standing in 15th place and holding welldeserved high hopes for a title run in 2014.

finals was junior Jason Ferrante, one of Northville's top runners.

Taking first overall at the regional was Ann Arbor Pioneer's Costa Willets, who finished in 15:47, while teammate Lucas Arrivo finished second in 15:53.

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FOOTBALL

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The Warriors looked to tie the game and pushed toward the end zone when they had the ball in overtime, but a clutch play by Colin McDonough found him fighting off a double team block and then making the final tackle of the game to secure the victory.

"We've got a good mix

of juniors and seniors on this team, but it was great to see our seniors shine on senior night,' Ladach said.

Northville was led by Hewlett, who had 440 yards of total offense, including 17-for-28 passing that netted 275 yards and two touchdowns. He added 165 yards on 24 carries with two more touchdowns.

Wieland added 30 yards on five carries and a touchdown, while catching two passes for

84 yards. Matthew Pirone had seven catches for 80 vards, while Slominski added six catches for 73 yards and a touchdown. Nick Stegmeyer also had a touchdown with two receptions for 38 yards.

On defense, Northville followed the lead of Jake Cheslik and Jack Ernst, who had 11 tackles each, while Joel Booth added eight, Jack Meacham had seven and Wilds, Lee Moore and Michael Minick had five apiece.

The victory put the

Mustangs at 8-1 and gave the Warriors their first loss. Since the game was between the Lakes and Kensington conference champions, the win also gave Northville the unofficial KLAA championship.

The Mustangs will now face Detroit Catholic Central in the first round of the playoffs.

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Naughton with a time of 16:08. "I think we have the best sophomore in the state right now," Cronin said of Naughton. "I

know there are a few runners at that grade level who have posted better times, but Conor is ready to take that next step and be one of the state's elite.²

Nick Noles finished 13th with a time of 16:15.

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Owners value energy efficiency in homes

Homeowners frequently see their heating bills rise as fall begins and the weather cools. For this reason, homes with energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly features are often a priority to prospective buyers. According to the National Association of Realtors' 2012 Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers, nearly nine out of 10 recent home buyers said that heating and cooling costs were somewhat or very important when considering a home for purchase.

"Realtors build communities and know that consumer demand for greener homes and features has grown considerably over the past several years. Going green has proven to be more than a trend; many people now seek out this way of living and want homes and communities that are more resource efficient and sensitive to the environment," said NAR President Gary Thomas, broker-owner of Evergreen Realty in Villa Park, Calif. "As energy savings and green building features are becoming more important to buyers, sellers and businesses, it comes as no surprise that consumers are placing a higher value on properties with those features."

It's easy to understand why home buyers tend to favor greener houses; often the higher a home's energy efficiency, the more money is potentially saved in monthly heating and cooling costs. NAR data show that features which directly affect monthly energy costs are important to buyers; 39 percent of survey respondents reported that a home's heating and cooling costs were very important when considering a home for purchase, followed by energy-efficient appliances and lighting, each at 24 percent. Landscaping for energy conservation and environmentally friendly community features were less important but were still a factor in the minds of home buyers; nearly half of buyers found these features very or somewhat important.

Regionally, buyers in the North and South placed a greater importance on heating and cooling costs, probably due to more extreme temperatures in those areas of the country. The survey also found that buyers who purchased more



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recently built homes placed greater importance on environmentally friendly features than buyers who purchased older homes; nearly 60 percent of buyers who bought homes built in 2011 said heating and cooling costs were very important, compared to less than 30 percent of buyers whose homes were built before 1910.

To help its Realtor members meet the growing consumer demand for green building practices and energyefficient homes, NAR created the Green Resource Council in 2008. The council administers NAR's Green Designation, which provides advanced training in green building and sustainable business practices so that Realtors can seek out, understand, and market properties with green features; nearly 9,000 Realtors have earned the Green Designation.

The National Association of Realtors, "The Voice for Real Estate," is America's largest trade association, representing one million members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 15-18, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office.

39674 Wales St 41584 Wild Turkey Ln 2593 Woodmont Dr E **GARDEN CITY**

33024 Oakley St \$166,000 \$190,000 29748 Puritan St \$178,000 15666 Sussex St 15447 Williams St

26941 Glendale \$154,000 \$224,000 11351 Hemingway \$168,000 26740 Joy Rd 17142 Kinloch \$182,000

\$69,000

\$58,000

\$11,000

\$35,000

\$38,000

Best to head off suit at pass

Q: I own a condo in Florida, and I know that there is a Florida statute that specifically prohibits "dead-beat lists," and it is not limited to debt collectors. Do

you know of anything like that in Michigan, and do you think it is a good idea?

A: I am not aware of any statute in the Michigan Condominium Act that makes deadbeat lists illegal. However, it is



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not something that our firm recommends to its community association clients, because there are ample remedies available to associations to collect assessments, fines and the like. Moreover, there is always the prospect that the list that is published may not be accurate and may result in the association being sued for defamation, intentional infliction of emotional distress, harassment, invasion of privacy, and other intentional torts that may be pursued. In short, don't do it.

Q: I live in an apartment complex and there is a great deal of crime resulting in problems for the tenants. Does the landlord have any responsibility to contact law enforcement given the tendency for criminal acts?

A: In a recent Michigan Supreme Court decision, the court held that landlords and their agents, including security guards, have a duty to call law enforcement when notified of an imminent risk of danger to identifiable tenants or guests on the premises. The court basically held that landlords owe the same limited duty of care when put on notice of criminal acts that pose a risk of eminent and foreseeable harm to an identifiable tenant or invitee. That is a duty to reasonably expedite police involvement. The court also said, however, that just as a landlord does not owe a duty of repair within a tenant's leasehold, a landlord likewise does not have a duty to respond to criminal acts occurring within the leasehold of a tenant, meaning inside the apartment unit. In any event, you should get a lawyer to write your landlord and advise it of its legal obligations.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the ' Condo Living 2: An Authorita author of 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.

Listed below are cities, a		523 Arcola St	\$78,000	17395 Woodside St
and sales prices.	uuresses,	31224 Barton St	\$50,000	NORTHVILLE
and sales prices.		6432 Burnly St	\$75,000	16299 Appleby Ln
CANTON		6437 Elizabeth St	\$117,000	618 Carpenter St
43465 Abbey Cir	\$255,000	33541 Florence St	\$57,000	39456 Champion Ct
45020 Brunswick Dr	\$234,000	6460 Huntleigh St	\$78,000	19397 Granite Ct
716 Buchanan St	\$380,000	1229 Lathers St	\$64,000	50405 Hunters Trl
42348 Chase Dr	\$265,000	LIVONIA		16321 Lincoln Dr
42058 Cherrylawn Ct	\$190,000	31629 Alabama St	\$143,000	17060 Lochmoor Ct
41525 Copper Creek Dr	\$136,000	20209 Antago St	\$50,000	46889 Merion Cir
39571 Dorchester Cir	\$255,000	9901 Auburndale St	\$164,000	47069 Merion Cir
7730 E Claymore Ct	\$220,000	36303 Curtis Rd	\$169,000	15919 Morningside
6923 Foxcreek Ct	\$2 38, 000	31015 Dorais St	\$155,000	16383 Mulberry Way
1749 Glengarry Blvd	\$305,000	14954 Fairway St	\$180,000	19633 Neptune Ct
47609 Glengarry Blvd	\$400,000	32695 Five Mile Rd	\$67,000	18913 Oak Leaf Ln
830 Glenulline Dr	\$198, 000	34206 Fonville Ct	\$239,000	17720 Rolling Woods Cir
7809 Haverhill Ct N	\$495,000	9063 Fremont St	\$75,000	PLYMOUTH
7332 Hillsboro Dr	\$232,000	11055 Garden St	\$125,000	455 Arthur St
7383 Hillsboro Dr	\$230,000	18948 Gary Ln	\$50,000	48045 Colony Farms Cir
1356 Kensington Dr	\$301,000	29542 Lamar Ln	\$137,000	48379 Hilltop Dr E
39524 Koppernick Rd	\$198, 000	39182 Lapham Dr	\$189,000	42430 Lakeland Ct
44133 Leeann Ln	\$205,000	14212 Lyons St	\$108,000	954 N Mill St
45301 Middlebury Ln	\$300,000	31827 Maine St	\$126,000	1199 S Sheldon Rd
45528 Muirfield Dr	\$305,000	11274 Middlebelt Rd	\$18, 000	11540 Spicer Dr
192 Savannah Dr	\$313,000	34721 Middleboro St	\$245,000	11698 Spicer Dr
39735 Scottsdale Dr	\$180,000	30586 Minton St	\$127,000	REDFORD
1682 Steeplechase Rd	\$77,000	18946 Myron St	\$8 0,000	15867 Denby
532 Terrace Ct	\$385,000	28101 N Clements Cir	\$132,000	25025 Elmira

\$156,000	18484 Poinciana	\$38, 000
	11327 Seminole	\$32,000
\$235,000	WESTLAND	
\$130,000	1929 Alanson St	\$22,000
\$230,000	35856 Castlewood Ct	\$24,000
\$225,000	32907 Chapman Cir	\$125,000
\$660,000	35516 Dove Trl	\$8 5,000
\$400,000	31014 Fernwood St	\$74,000
\$287,000	30045 Lacy Dr	\$115,000
\$625,000	2 98 51 Lonnie Dr	\$75,000
\$68 5,000	32861 Mackenzie Dr	\$120,000
\$154,000	7624 Manor Cir	\$44,000
\$371,000	6090 N Carlson St	\$98, 000
\$122,000	5710 N Harvey St	\$55,000
\$760,000	8507 N Hubbard St	\$90,000
\$473,000	7441 N Kingston Ct	\$82,000
	34524 Pardo St	\$12,000
\$500,000	8215 Parkside Dr	\$240,000
\$160,000	158 S Hanlon St	\$115,000
\$405,000	34734 Sansburn St	\$77,000
\$136,000	34233 Shawnee St	\$107,000
\$143,000	2417 Wilshire St	\$117,000
\$42,000	33070 Woodworth Ct	\$60,000
\$244,000		
\$191,000		
\$80,000		

\$78,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 24-28, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

\$235,000

\$345.000

\$350,000

\$400,000

\$509,000

\$690,000

\$780,000

\$163.000

\$895,000

\$360,000

\$535,000

\$595,000

\$565,000

\$175,000

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BEVERLY HILLS

32320 Arlington Dr 30201 Fox Run Dr 30576 Lincolnshire E BIRMINGHAM 1590 Fairway Dr 1946 Fairway Dr 1379 Hazel St 1517 Shipman Blvd \$1,082,000 1119 Southfield Rd 1741 Southfield Rd 608 Vinewood Ave 1992 Washington Blvd 660 Woodland St 1248 Yosemite Blvd **BLOOMFIELD HILLS** 1159 Greensted Way 5245 Kings Gate Way 5245 Kings Gate Way 4725 Dover Rd \$1,250,000 3279 E Breckenridge Ln 1979 Eagle Pointe 2383 Hickory Glen Dr 6950 Holiday Dr 1954 Hunters Ridge Dr 3877 Lincoln Rd 4237 Sawarass Dr 1005 Stratford Ln **BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP** 1347 Ardmoor Dr 1312 Ashover Dr

1711 Brookview Cir 1847 Golf Ridge Dr S 80 Maywood Ave 2880 Middlebury Ln 526 Newburne Pointe 528 Newburne Pointe 4400 Quarton Rd 4740 Ranch Ln 463 Rolling Rock Rd 1292 Stuyvessant Rd 2 The Oaks 619 Windsor Run **COMMERCE TOWNSHIP** 4677 Achilla St 3670 Benstein Rd 6090 Birchcrest Ln 4904 Birkdale Dr 4436 Driftwood Dr 3273 Rio Vista St 5327 S River Dr 4795 Sundew St 1910 Tiley Cr 5470 Wentworth Dr FARMINGTON 21450 Birchwood St 23382 Farmington Rd 33709 Oakland St FARMINGTON HILLS 25287 Carollton Dr 28062 Danvers Dr 37636 Dorchester Dr 29231 Fieldstone 30482 Fox Club Dr 29111 Glenarden St 30500 Glenmuer St 29820 Indian Trl 39098 Kennedy Dr 24145 Locust St

\$315,000 26362 Pillsbury St \$530,000 34508 Ramble Hills Dr \$615,000 30711 Ramblewood \$300,000 Club Dr \$225,000 38269 Remington Park \$200,000 21661 Rockwell St \$415,000 24887 Springbrook Dr 30052 W 12 Mile Rd \$324,000 29870 W 12 Mile Rd # \$240,000 \$355.000 706 26440 Westmeath St \$425,000 MILFORD \$387,000 173 Cottage Ln \$106,000 544 E Liberty St \$329,000 410 Hickory Ridge Ct 410 Hickory Ridge Ct \$60,000 4500 Lone Tree Rd \$312,000 355 Ravineside Dr \$335,000 \$35,000 205 Rose HI 772 S Milford Rd \$195,000 \$134,000 631 Telva Rdg \$169,000 NORTHVILLE \$285,000 21354 Equestrian Trl 47100 Grasmere Rd \$155,000 21234 Stanstead Rd \$200,000 21202 W Glen Haven Cir NOVI \$137,000 23436 Broadmoor Park \$276,000 Ln 20926 Chase Dr \$353,000 \$280,000 28325 Clymer Dr 28395 Clymer Dr \$233,000 22240 Edgewater \$380,000 \$187,000 43125 Emerson Way 26471 Glenwood Dr \$248,000 26551 Glenwood Dr \$118,000 \$265,000 25823 Groveland \$305,000 22564 Havergale St

\$207,000 29017 Hearthstone Dr \$295,000 \$465,000 23465 Highmeadow Dr \$279,000 \$175,000 \$195,000 41703 Juniper Cir \$288,000 30128 Lanford Dr \$163,000 23860 Meadowbrook \$101,000 \$110,000 Rd \$142,000 23153 Mystic Forest Dr \$435,000 \$534,000 \$37,000 47156 Northumberland \$64,000 St 41858 Ridge Rd E \$190,000 \$201,000 41858 Ridge Rd E \$92,000 \$295,000 24802 Sarah Flynn \$36,000 25878 Venetian Ct \$421,000 \$194,000 24000 Westmont Dr \$417,000 \$285,000 23350 Whitehall Dr \$590,000 \$290,000 SOUTH LYON \$185,000 24521 Brompton Way \$324,000 \$340,000 1015 Carriage Trace Blvd \$330,000 \$427,000 1368 Chaise Ct \$290,000 23180 N Dixboro Rd \$131,000 \$147,000 \$205,000 \$265,000 1052 Paddock Dr 59281 Peters Barn Dr \$83,000 \$772,000 1154 Surrey Ln \$314,000 \$285,000 28862 Vista Way \$366,000 SOUTHFIELD \$311,000 \$125,000 16148 Addison St \$98,000 \$140,000 19590 Eldridae Ln \$585,000 \$20.000 23372 Grayson Dr 21720 Hampshire St \$65,000 \$470,000 29961 Rock Creek Dr \$135,000 \$96,000 29231 Stellamar Dr \$140,000 \$93,000 20702 Woodburn Dr \$73,000 \$108,000 WHITE LAKE \$262,000 379 Melinda Cir E \$70,000 \$670,000 8412 Vanden Dr \$683.000 \$385.000 \$398,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

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

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

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

Seminar on Tuesdays, Thursdays

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

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

Email Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour-.com.

Investors

\$8,000

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

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

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