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Michigan's agenda

The Northville District Library is hosting what it is calling a Community Conversation at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29, in the Carlo Meeting Room of the library. The goal of the meeting, which is being sponsored by the Center for Michigan, is to help set Michigan's future agenda.

The Center for Michigan is a non-profit, non-partisan organization working throughout the state to amplify the voices of ordinary citizens in an effort to find common ground solutions for a more prosperous future.

This Northville event is one of 150 Community Conversations taking place across the state with thousands of diverse residents. The Center aims to engage Michiganders in these discussions, with the goal of identifying priorities for our state, and then amplifying these public priorities in all campaigns and in the state capitol after the Nov. 14 election.

For more information or to register for the event, call the library at 248-349-3020.

Steppin' in

Yakima comes home to share her love of dance

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

It hasn't quite sunk in yet what it meant to win *So You Think You Can Dance*, but Northville native Amy Yakima got another reminder what it means to others in her own hometown.

At least 60 young dancers from Northville gave her a warm homecoming welcome at the dance clinic put on by her old team.

Yakima, who recently took home top honors in the 10th season of the Fox reality dance show, joined the Northville High School varsity and JV dance teams for their annual dance clinic on Saturday at Performers Edge Dance Company located downtown. You might say the program helped lay the foundation of Yakima's future success.

"It was really great to win, but I still don't fully realize how



Amy Yakima (middle) poses with dancers at the Northville High School dance team clinic.

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Northville Township firm continues to add employees, increase revenue



Bryan Johnson, Canton resident and manager of marketing and communications for ZF Group, takes in the North American International Auto Show. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ZF Group fine-tunes its growth for success

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Editor's Note: Please see page A9 for more of our North American International Auto Show coverage, including Northville's connections to the big event that kicks off this weekend.

It's getting a little cramped in the Northville Township offices and North American headquarters of ZF Group, as the German company's worldwide success continues into 2014.

The big news last year for the automotive

supplier was the introduction of the new nine-speed automatic transmission and, as a result, the news this year is the growth of the company in North America.

Currently, Chrysler and Land Rover have applications with ZF Group for the transmission and CEO Stefan Sommer said a third customer will "launch a big project this year."

"We are at close to 8,000 employees in North America, so that is a significant growth for us," said Bryan Johnson, a Canton resident and manager of marketing and commu-

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Cavanagh



McNamara



Wild



Ficano

Challengers lining up to face Ficano – if he runs

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Publicly, Robert Ficano is not saying whether he will seek a fourth term as Wayne County executive. But several potential foes have been working behind the scenes for months now and are just about ready to declare their intentions.

Westland Mayor William Wild, state Rep. Phil Cavanagh and Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara all appear just about ready to get in the race to succeed Ficano, regardless if he runs or not.

McNamara, a 56-year-old Belleville resident and the son of former Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, is scheduled to make a "special announcement" Thursday, Jan. 23, at the Wayne County Community College District's Downriver Campus in Taylor. While he won't say what the announcement will be, indications are he will declare his candidacy for county executive.

Wild, 45, who is in his second full term as mayor of Westland, said his exploratory committee has already raised \$225,000. He was expected to announce his official candidacy at a Wednesday press conference. During an interview last week, he already sounded like a man campaigning for the position.

"I've always had an interest in the job," he said.

Cavanagh, the son of former Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanagh (1962-70) who, like McNamara and Wild, has set up an exploratory committee, said he has been spending considerable time "garnering support" for a run.

"The feedback I'm getting is people are looking for new leadership," the 52-year-old Redford Township resident said. "With the experience I have at the county, state and federal levels,

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I believe I can make a difference and provide the leadership people are looking for.”

Ficano, 61, who was first elected county executive in 2002, said it is too early to make any announcements about his intentions.

“It’s premature right now to even talk about it,” he said. “The political season is still a ways away. Right now, my focus is on the issues impacting the county. And bringing in jobs is our No. 1 priority.”

Ficano pointed to the recent GE research facility Downriver and Ford Motor Co. plant in Wayne as examples of how the county has worked with the private sector to bring in new jobs.

Early polls

Due to the fact that his administration has been mired in a litany of well-documented issues dragging down his electability, it’s not surprising Ficano doesn’t want to discuss the race. Among those issues is a failed jail project that has cost

county residents nearly \$160 million to date. Several of Ficano’s appointees have been sent to prison for crimes including obstruction of justice and taking bribes. Others have walked away with lavish retirement or severance packages that have angered taxpayers. And then there is the fact that the county is facing a \$225 million budget deficit.

Early polls show him trailing all of the likely candidates in the race. In fact, a MIRS News survey commissioned in December indicated more than 80 percent of Wayne County voters are looking for new leadership. Another poll, conducted in October, showed Ficano coming in tied for last place (with Wild) among five possible candidates, which included McNamara, Wild, Cavanagh and former Detroit Mayor Dave Bing, who most political observers believe has no interest in running.

Both McNamara and Cavanagh said their internal polls show Ficano earning no more than 18 percent if he were to run.

So the question is whether or not Ficano

has enough time to repair his image before the August Democratic primary. McNamara, for one, doesn’t think so.

“Whatever fix that happens in Wayne County is going to take some state help, not necessarily money. They are going to have to give us the time to let us change the way we operate. As of right now, the state will not work with us. Bob has been damaged enough that they won’t even talk to him,” said McNamara, who has been a member of the county commission since 2006. “Everyone I’ve talked to believes the time is now for new leadership.”

Ficano, however, says he has been working closely with Gov. Rick Snyder’s office to reduce the burdens created by some state regulations that are costing the county money. Other ways he is cutting costs is through layoffs – he said the county workforce has been reduced by 2,000 – and implementing 10-percent budget cuts across the board to all county departments.

Fixing the problems

Wild said if people are seeking fresh leadership, they should take a closer look at him. He said the city of Westland, like the

county and most municipalities, went through some difficult times during the recession that saw property values and subsequent tax revenues plummet. However, his administration was able to balance the city’s budget.

“I believe the skill set I bring to the table would be beneficial at the county level. I think we could replicate what we were able to do in Westland,” said Wild, who was re-elected to a new four-year term in November.

“The biggest task at hand is balancing the budget. In Westland, we have had a 40-percent property value loss, but we still have a two-year running balanced budget,” Wild said.

Both Cavanagh and McNamara believe the key to balancing the county’s budget is dealing with the large deficits in public safety (jail, sheriff, prosecutor and courts) and feel tough decisions are going to have to be made.

Cavanagh, 52, said it’s no surprise that the prosecutor’s office, sheriff’s office and circuit court have all sued the county to try to protect their turf – their budgets.

“We really need to change the philosophy in Wayne County. If we are going to solve these

problems, we need all the different departments to buy in – everyone should be part of the solution, not if you don’t like it, sue us,” said Cavanagh, who is serving his second term in the state House after serving four terms as a Wayne County commissioner.

“We need everyone to sit at the same table and hammer out some agreements on how we get the situation fixed. You can’t do this piecemeal,” he said.

McNamara said he would really focus on the courts, which he said haven’t made any cuts in recent years.

“It’s time they join the rest of the world,” said McNamara, who noted savings could be gained through more video arraignment, cutting bailiffs and outsourcing some services. He also believes overtime needs to be cut in the jails, which he said is costing taxpayers \$20 million annually.

“It’s going to take some real courage to do what needs to be done to bring fiscal responsibility back to the county,” he said. “We need to reinvent and rebuild Wayne County for the next 25 years. A big part of the problem is we have too many people rooted to their piece of

the pie. But it’s time to change the way we do business.”

Cavanagh said it isn’t lost on him that the race seems be coming down to “four guys from western Wayne County duking it out.” However, he thinks the key to winning the race will be who can garner the most support from Detroit voters. With his deep ties to the city, he feels he will be that candidate.

One of the concerns Wild, McNamara and Cavanagh share about this race is that they will divide the vote to such a degree that Ficano might be able to squeak out a victory.

“I don’t think there’s any doubt that a crowded field will help him, but I think the recent election in Detroit where Mike Duggan won showed people want change,” Wild said. “People are more concerned than simply voting for someone with name recognition. They want someone with a proven track record and somebody who has executive experience.”

Prospective candidates have until April 22 to file the necessary paperwork to run for the office.

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many people watched the show and enjoyed it,” said the Northville High grad. “There have been a lot of moments where I will have someone who I don’t know walk up to me and tell me they loved the show and voted for me. It’s always good to hear that.”

She joined the dance teams for a fun and exciting morning of dance

while passing on some of her secrets for success. This time she was teacher rather than student.

“Dance is ultimately about having fun, so my style will be to see how we feel and then go from there,” she said of teaching at the clinic.

She led a class of dancers that ranged in age from elementary to high school. Her primary style is jazz contemporary, so some fun modern music accompanied the lesson. The main takeaway from class was

individuality.

“Be yourselves and you will stand out,” she told them. “And don’t be scared to make mistakes as you go.”

Laughing at this, she remembered the time she fell on national television but afterward got up without it holding her back.

“Just go for it,” Yakima told the class as they worked through a short routine.

The students really enjoyed the lesson. There was a meet and

greet afterward with a lot of smiles and photos taken.

“I thought she was an amazing teacher,” said Ally Farenger, 13. “She really broke it down for us. The best lesson was that she said we should be ourselves. I liked that.”

Yakima will make another appearance with her old team on Jan. 17 at NHS.

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New, exciting and cutting edge for 2014

Parks and Rec expanding its fitness offerings for new year

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Northville Parks and Recreation fitness classes are new and improved for 2014.

To unveil new equipment and offerings, Northville Parks and Recreation hosted a Winter Fitness Open House Jan. 4 at the Northville Community Center, giving those interested a look at how they can fulfill a New Year resolution. Around 100 people showed up to participate in mini-classes and talk with instructors.

“We have a lot of exciting, cutting edge things to offer going into this year, so we wanted to let the community see the new options we have through Northville Parks and Rec,” said Stacy Sloan, health and wellness coordinator.

The open house gave an idea what strength and cardio training might look like. Many who showed up burned some calories and boosted their heart rate in a healthy way.

Some of the new state-of-the-art fitness equipment and improvements are in the fitness room in the Community Center and up at Hillside Recreation Center. These include TRX suspension ropes/bands, new mirrors and a wood ballet floor.

TRX and Barre are the newest class offerings. Both give a full body workout. TRX leverages gravity and one's own body weight to perform hundreds of exercises. Sloan said it's a great option for any level of fitness and age because the participant is in control of how much they want to challenge themselves.



Karen Howe (center) leads a Silver Yoga class at the Northville Community Center. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

“This is really the vision of Parks and Rec Director Jason Spiller. He wants to grow our program and make it better,” Sloan said of the changes to group fitness classes.

TRX and Barre are just two classes among at least 10 options through Parks and Rec. Yoga has become a popular class with offerings for beginners and advanced.

What makes group fitness through Parks and Rec attractive for many is its pricing. Sloan said many clubs may charge a rate of \$15-20 per class, but they offer it at \$8 for a drop in. There are cheap monthly passes as well.

However, Sloan said the true uniqueness of their classes is the great instructors who make it a comfortable environ-



Karen Howe (center) leads a Silver Yoga session at Northville Community Center on Jan. 10. The slower-paced yoga classes are aimed at gentle, but continuing strengthening of the body. It also features lots of breath-work and calm concentration.

ment to work out in. She said it's about making the participants feel at home.

“We try to make it as nice and relaxing as possible,” she said. “We like to think we are accessible and affordable, which can appeal to a

variety of people.”

To learn more about group fitness or to sign up for a class, visit <http://www.northvilleparksandrec.org/FitnessClasses/GroupFitnessClasses.htm> or call 248-349-0203.



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Submitted photos
Milford Attorney Jack W. Bolling loves the historic surroundings of his office now located in a renovated 130-year old home at 334 Union St. in downtown Milford.



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An avid history buff, Milford attorney Jack W. Bolling is passionate about keeping the past alive for future generations.

He is just as interested in preserving your family's legacy by helping you make decisions that will keep your memory alive through your children and grandchildren.

As an estate/legacy planner, Bolling has trademarked his approach to the estate planning process and accompanying legal services as Legacy LifeLines™. This process includes three steps: 1) counseling and plan design; 2) funding of the revocable living trust; and 3) an on-going maintenance plan that is unique to Bolling's practice.

Bolling encourages his clients to think beyond their financial matters and look into their own life's fulfillment by asking themselves questions like: What really matters most to me? What would I really like to accomplish? What legacy

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These important life questions are all the more reason that Bolling has expanded his practice to include Medicaid planning.

He believes that estate planning and Medicaid planning go hand in hand.

“Through proper planning, it is possible to provide for your long-term care while preserving assets for you and your loved ones,” Bolling said. “Why should you give up something that you've worked your whole life for when

your spouse becomes ill?”

Bolling is also an accredited VA attorney and can help people who have either served or whose family member has served in the U.S. military. “There are many veterans' programs available, but you need to know who to ask and what to ask,” Bolling said. “I am the person who can help you sort through these issues.”

While helping people on a one-to-one basis with their legacy planning, Bolling reaches an even broader

audience as a guest columnist for Gannett Newspapers, including The Milford Times. He is also a guest speaker for many local groups and organizations.

With a deep respect and passion for history, Bolling is pleased that his practice is now housed in a 130-year old Victorian home at 334 Union St. in downtown Milford, which has been renovated to the period of time in which it was built.

Original pine wood planked floors, a cupola, winding staircases, tall ceilings and etched glass front doors are just a few of the features that drew Bolling to this location in November 2008.

“History comes alive to me while conducting my practice in this historic home,” Bolling said. “It gives me a sense of the past and a vision for the future — exactly what I want to bring to my clients.”

— By Sally Rummel

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Gallagher: Replacing teachers was in best interest of students

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The Northville Board of Education has accepted the resignations of special education teachers Jennifer War-nock and Lynn Traxler after reaching an agreement with both. However, many of the students and parents impacted by the their absence believe the well-liked Northville High School teachers were forced out. And they say that is a travesty.

An online post by Northville High School parent Amy Prevo to a previous *Northville Record* story summed up well what the group of disgruntled families believes about the situation.



Gallagher

“What this article doesn’t say, and what (Northville Public Schools) NPS certainly won’t admit to, is that while, in fact, the teachers did ‘choose’ to resign it really wasn’t much of a choice at all,” wrote Prevo. “They were forced out by the threat of being fired and risk losing their teaching certificates. That was their other choice.”

This sentiment has been echoed from others through letters to the editor, phone calls and emails to the *Record*.

However, Northville Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said it is a complicated matter, but the district has always looked out for the best interests of the students. She said the issue began in November when administrators initiated an investigation to look into some test scores at the high school that they viewed as noticeably low and concerning.

Getting answers

In an effort to provide clarity to the issue and get some concrete answers, the *Record* submitted some questions to Gallagher

She prefaced her answers by saying, “While personnel issues are difficult because of the confidentiality laws, we want our community to feel confident that when decisions are made, they occur in a fash-

ion that represents the best interests of the children and their families, the best interests of the teachers and staff, and the best interests of the taxpayers.”

She said, “Obviously the district cannot violate the (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) FERPA laws or laws governing employee confidentiality if several individuals are unhappy with what occurred. We balance what we say with the issue of respect and fairness to all involved. On all issues, we want to be respectful of the teachers, staff, and students when events occur. Sometimes, as you know, it is a difficult line to walk.”

Just to recap what has been said earlier in the press and by the district, Gallagher said: There were questions raised regarding results of tests administered to formulate instructional programming. The district promptly investigated the concerns. While discussions with the teachers were ongoing, the teachers involved made the decision to transition from the district. Finally, the district and high school leadership teams have been working with the staff to provide support for the students and families during and following the transition.

Record: Do they receive pay/benefits for the remainder of year?

Gallagher: Yes, when the teachers resigned, there were provisions made for them to have continuation of salary and benefits as part of the resignation agreements.

Record: Why did they voluntarily resign?

Gallagher: We both know this is a very difficult question. It is speculative in the sense that you are asking me to identify motive for the decision. Anything I say is pure speculation. The teachers made the decision and ultimately, I do not know the motives.

At the same time, it is no secret that there were ongoing discussions with the teachers regarding the testing process and what was occurring in the classroom. There came a point in the discussions between the teachers and the leadership

team when discussions regarding transition occurred.

Obviously, as part of all of these discussions and events, each of the teachers made a decision to resign. This is a case where the district respects the decisions that were made. Again, I am not trying to be flippant when I say ultimately a resignation is strictly a voluntary action. Employees make decisions for a range of reasons.

Record: Was there another option?

Gallagher: Yes. Every individual has multiple options when it comes to employment decisions. As noted above, a resignation can only be determined by the employee. Individual employees have the opportunity to choose not to resign.

In any situation involving personnel matters, the District gives careful consideration to the need for action, if any, based on the individual circumstances. In any such process, employees have due process rights and supports offered by their association (i.e. Michigan Education Association.)

Record: What did the investigation reveal?

Gallagher: It is important to note that the investigation was initiated to assure the academic integrity of our assessments, assessment procedures and the proper use of that data. Remember that our commitment is to excellence in all that we do, and this includes the process of assessments. While parents often do not realize it, assessments are critically important for students. They allow the district to ensure that instruction occurs at a pace, manner and level appropriate for each student’s needs and abilities.

As a natural part of the discussion and the process of investigation, there were discussions involving teachers as well as students. But, it is important to note that while the teachers made the decision to transition before the investigation was complete, that did not change the fact that assessments are not about any one person or any single group of students. We are committed to continuous improvement regarding the district’s assess-

ment processes and protocols.

Record: How many special needs students and teachers are at the high school?

Gallagher: Currently, Northville High School provides a variety of special education services to 118 students based on their individual needs and eligibility criteria. NHS employs seven special education teachers and one speech therapist (not including Cooke School satellite classrooms).

Record: How is this defined?

Gallagher: By Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education conducted by the Individualized Educational Planning Committee process involving a team of individuals knowledgeable of the student, disability, and curriculum and includes the student, parents, and special educators, general education teaches and district administrative representation.

Record: What type of needs is represented at the high school?

Gallagher: There are 13 categories of special education eligibility under Michigan law. (This includes cognitive impairment, deaf-blindness and traumatic brain injury. For all 13, check out the link: <http://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/education/eligibility-categories/>.)

Record: Who/how many take the NWEA test and why?

Gallagher: Students in grades K-1 take the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress for Primary Grades Assessment in reading and mathematics. Students in second through eighth grade take the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress assessment in reading and math. In high school, students who receive support through our English Language Learner program and/or Special Education program continue to take the NWEA assessment.

The NWEA assessment is given in the Fall, Winter, and Spring in elementary school. In the Fall and Spring at the secondary level (middle and high school).

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vidual needs and abilities. The NWEA Measures of Academic Progress is different from other standardized assessment in a number of ways.

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Second, the assessment is given in the Fall and again in the Spring. Information from the Fall assessment is used to target each student’s instruction in the areas of math and reading.

Third, it is used to set a “growth target” for the student’s development in each of these areas over the course of the school year. Having accurate data in the Fall provides the opportunity to target instruction appropriately, and is important for setting a “growth target” that accurately reflect each student’s potential.

Record: Were the guest (interim) teachers certified special needs teachers?

Gallagher: Yes. The two guest teachers are both certified and qualified special education teachers. One of the guest teachers has been in place without interruption since the end of November. The transition was more difficult in the second resource classroom, as there were a few certified guest teachers prior to securing the current longer term guest teacher, who started prior to the holiday break.

Again, it may sound cliché, but we take seriously our focus to provide a nurturing and positive program that supports the learning of our students. This means that we need qualified competent teachers in place. It also means that we have policies and procedures that respect the due process rights of every individual who works in the district. We are committed to acting with excellence be it with our policies and practices or in helping students achieve the skills, knowledge and attitudes needed for future success.

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Northville to observe M.L. King Jr. Day

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a time of observance and remembering the life of the great civil rights leader.

It's also a federal holiday that has many government offices and schools closed for the day. In observance of the day Northville Public Schools are closed as well as municipal offices in Northville Township and City.

There will also be some local remembrance events leading up to the day in the community to commemorate the civil rights leader.

At Silver Springs Elementary School on Wednesday, Jan. 15 a story teller was to give students a look into the life of King Jr.

Storyteller Karen Czarnik was scheduled to visit the school for an all-day event called "Diversity: The One and Only We – Celebrating our differences and embracing our unity through song and world stories." Two grades at a time gath-

ered at time to listen and interact.

Principal Melissa Hunt said Czarnik would be integrating stories and songs reflecting on the work of Martin Luther King, Jr. through a program captivating their hearts and imaginations.

"Karen will take students on a delightful journey while engaging through interactive call, response and story play," Hunt said of the learning assembly.

At the Novi library on Monday there will be more story time, activities, crafts and special author event featuring Jean Alicia Elster at 7 p.m. and her book "The Colored Car."

Elster will describe her story's plot, reveals powerful glimpses of everyday life in 1930's Detroit plus teaches all of us how she creates her wonderful works of fiction. Books will be available for purchasing and signing by the author.

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Author to share stories of racial struggles

By **Julie Brown**
Staff Writer

It's been some 20 years since Jean Alicia Elster of Detroit gave up her legal career to be a professional writer.

"Once we got married and had a family, I wanted to do something home-based," the former attorney and Detroit resident said. She also has her B.A. in English from the University of Michigan.

The author of *The Colored Car* and *Who's Jim Hines?*, both published by Wayne State University Press, began with editing and ghost-writing others' work. She'll discuss her newest, *The Colored Car*, published last fall, in a 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, presentation at the Novi Public Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile. Call 248-349-0720 to register.

"This is a companion book to that volume," she said of *Who's Jim Hines?* "Both of the books are based on real events in my maternal family's



Author Jean Alicia Elster of Detroit will speak Monday at the Novi library.

history."

The Colored Car, recently named a 2014 Michigan Notable Book by the Library of Michigan, tells of Patsy Ford, 12, and family members taking the train from Detroit to Patsy's grandma's in Clarksville, Tenn.

Family ties

Elster uses "lines of time" and oral histories from her family in her writing. Memorable lines or sentences become the basis of chapters.

The prologue of *The Colored Car* addresses the term "colored" as it referred to black people in the 1937 book setting. The word wasn't considered derogatory at that time.

Elster is pleased with the cover by New York City's Lauren Castillo, with the artist showing the young girl looking at the train car. The books are geared to ages 8 through adult.

"I always assume I'm going to have an adult audience, in addition to my young readers," Elster said.

Clarksville was El-

regation. Elster asked if she'd learned that in school and the girl said: "My mother makes sure I understand about things like this."

Elster's husband is a historian and they gave their own son and daughter, both now in their 20s, extensive history lessons growing up. The couple's son is a copy editor for the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, their daughter a school social worker.

Elster likes to visit communities "that are not quite as diverse racially or ethnically." She's usually invited by a teacher or librarian who realizes the importance of such learning.

Novi trek

She'll be at the Novi library on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, her first appearance there. "I look forward to meeting members of the Novi community," she said.

The day will also include a related storytime at 1 p.m. and crafts and activities at 1:30 p.m., with information at 248-349-0720.

Who's Jim Hines? tells of a 12-year-old boy who's African American in 1935 Detroit. Elster also wrote about 10 years ago the *Joe Joe in the City* four-volume series (Judson Press) for ages 6-10.

That series offers life lessons on African-American heroes. "I try to choose figures that aren't quite as well-known," she said.

Elster noted the many good things about living in Detroit. She grew up in the city and she and her husband raised their family there.

"I do not think we would have done that if we did not have an optimistic viewpoint," she said, adding there have long been core good things about Detroit.

Elster's website is jeanaliaelster.com.

jcbrown@hometownlife.com



Artist Lauren Castillo did the book's cover artwork.

ster's maternal grandmother's birthplace and the author set her books in the 1930s in part because it was an important time for her family's history.

"I do want to make sure that young people of this generation are aware" of earlier racial injustice, she said. "I do want to make sure this part of our history is appreciated and remembered."

She was at a book fair in Rockford and a girl around 12 recognized the reality of Jim Crow seg-



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North American International Auto Show chair talks about industry, new attractions

By Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

Bob Shuman, chairman of the 2014 North American International Auto Show, knows the auto industry will need to reach some lofty numbers to top the nearly 16 million vehicles sold in the U.S. last year.

He thinks it can be done.

“The auto industry in North America had a great year – 16 million cars is a huge number,” he said. “Two or three years ago, no one thought we’d be at this. But the auto companies are lean and they’re ready. I think we’re going to see some really strong sales in 2014.”

Shuman, 52, with Shuman Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in Walled Lake, is a third-generation car guy. His grandfather started out selling used cars on Fort Street. Shuman himself was an attorney for 11 years with the Bloomfield Hills law firm of Beier Howlett before he switched gears

and joined the family business.

“My dad was ready to retire in 1997,” he said. “I finally couldn’t resist and came back. I grew up here as a kid and the thought of selling the place was too much to bear.”

As for 2014, Shuman said now is the perfect time to lease or buy a car.

“We all have heavy inventories at this time of the year,” he said. “It’s a great time to buy a car and everyone has a good lease these days.”

Part of his responsibilities as chairman includes traveling to auto shows around the world. Visiting those other places reinforced the importance of the Detroit car show.

“Sometimes in Detroit, we get a little down on ourselves,” he said. “But when you talk to someone in France or China and you say you’re with the



Shuman

North American International Auto Show, their eyes will light up and they’ll tell you it’s one of the best shows in the world.”

Earlier in the week, Shuman spoke with the *Birmingham Eccentric* about the auto show:

Q: How does the North American International Auto Show compare to other major auto shows around the world?

Shuman: NAIAS is one of the top three shows in the world. We pride ourselves on our media coverage.

Over 5,000 media members come from more than 60 countries to cover the best new vehicles being unveiled on the world stage in Detroit.

That is the primary reason the NAIAS is one of the most important venues for worldwide vehicle reveals. The media come because the intros are here. The auto-makers come because the media are here. There are a lot of other

factors that go into that formula, like a hospitable city and a world-class convention center, but this is key when it comes to why our show is so critical to both media and automakers.

Then, of course, these fresh reveals are on display for all to see, including the nearly 800,000 people who will go through Cobo Center in the next couple of weeks.

Q: What are your responsibilities as the show’s chairman?

Shuman: I act, along with our executive director, Rod Alberts, and the dealer members of the NAIAS Executive Committee, to keep the show true to its standing as an international auto show, while trying to be as innovative as possible. Producing the show takes the combined effort of a great many highly talented individuals. We are not burdened by a large, lethargic Board of Directors. We’re flexible, quick and decisive and get the work done that

leads to the producing the best show in the world.

Q: What cars are in the 2014 show?

Shuman: In terms of vehicle introductions, we know that these brands will be unveiling world-wide product introductions on the Detroit stage: Acura, Audi, Bentley, BMW, Cadillac, Chrysler, Chevrolet, Ford, GMC, Hyundai, Infiniti, Kia, Lexus, Mercedes-Benz, Nissan, Porsche, Subaru, Toyota, VW, Volvo.

In addition, there will be more than 500 vehicles on the show floor from virtually all categories, including luxury, SUVs, CUVs, concepts, sports/performance, trucks and alternative-fuel vehicles. Remember, the auto show is the best entertainment venue for families and individuals and is the best place on the planet to comparison shop.

Q: Are there activities for the whole family?

Shuman: Yes, always. I like to encourage people to really take their time

and look deep into the exhibits to learn about the changing automotive landscape.

There is so much great new technology that goes into new vehicles today and this is really the best place to learn about it all, because it’s here to stay. Same goes for safety and communications. You’ll be amazed, entertained and educated.

Q: Can you tell us about this year’s Charity Preview?

Shuman: Charity Preview is the crown to an already amazing week in Detroit and one of my favorite nights of the year. It’s the night when those connected to the auto industry come together to show their generosity ... it’s a night for high-fives and a night to celebrate the rebounding auto industry. Charity Preview is also the largest single night fundraiser for children’s charities in North America and we expect to raise over \$4 million on Friday night, Jan. 17, in Detroit.

ZF GROUP

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nications for ZF Group. “In our Northville office, we have seen a lot of growth there in different areas and are almost at capacity in our facility, which is a good thing.”

Sales revenue for ZF Group, which develops and produces transmissions, steering systems, axles and chassis components, as well as complete systems for passenger cars, commercial vehicles and off-road machinery, increased by almost 10 percent in 2013 to \$23.4 billion — including \$4.2 billion in North America — and almost 5,000 jobs were created worldwide.

It has 121 production companies in 26 countries and eight engineering centers in four countries.

“The North American market in the future will be even more important,” Sommer said. “We are seeing it now as a very successful and growing market with a huge demand for high technology and very efficient cars.”

And as demand is increasing and the market has stabilized, Johnson said it is important for suppliers like ZF Group to have “controlled growth” and be targeted about the market.

“We have all learned lessons about growth

and growing too fast and that is part of the problem everyone had,” Sommer said. “Now everyone is going to be a little more cautious with their growth and are finding better ways to be more efficient with their production so you can produce with the same capacities.”

ZF Group has a spot on the main show floor at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit and hopes to use it to create partnerships and improve relationships.

“And then when the public comes, it allows them to understand what technology might be coming,” Johnson said.

The Detroit-based auto show also has a more intimate feel because it is the Motor City.

“For me, it’s more about the people than the cars,” Johnson said. “I’m so emerged in the car thing every day and this is my industry and these are my people and it’s great getting all these people in one place.”

Johnson joked that he has colleagues who won’t even walk the show floor with him because he stops and talks to someone every 10 feet.

“The way relationships work, that is how you do business,” he said.

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Aisin makes most of prime spot on main floor at Detroit auto show

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

It’s hard to believe the fifth largest automotive supplier in the world has a problem with visibility.

But that is one of the many areas the Plymouth Township and soon to be Northville Township-based Aisin is focused on as it enjoys main floor space at the 2014 North American International Auto Show.

“I think one of the issues for us in North America is the supply base is very well-established for the Detroit customers,” said Chuck Sanders, vice president of sales and marketing. “They aren’t necessarily looking for a new supplier, so we have to bring them new technologies and new ideas that put us to the forefront in their mind.”

The company hopes the move of its North American headquarters to Northville Township, with the benefit of a \$1.2 million Michigan Business Development Grant, will help with that as it will allow the company to expand its research and development and create more than 50 new jobs.

Officials expect to invest nearly \$8 million into the facility and have additional room to expand.



Aisin automotive technology personnel gather at the 2014 North American International Auto Show in Detroit. Currently based in Plymouth Township, the company, which produces components and systems for OEMs, will soon be moving to Northville Township. From left are President and CEO Masayasu Saito, Vice President of Sales and Marketing John Clark and President Takashi Aoyama.

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Growth has been steady for the company over the years, trending up from between \$400 million to \$500 million in sales 20 years ago to an estimated \$2.4 billion. Globally, sales are about \$3.5 billion and still growing.

Sanders said the company’s facilities are “nearly running at full” and expansion is happening globally to meet the needs of the customer.

“As fast as (the economy) came back and as fast as things have grown for us, it has been a little hard to keep up so we have to be continually looking for where we are going to expand addition-

al production,” he said.

Aisin serves as the largest transmission supplier in the world, but still that only makes up about 40 percent of the company’s sales. It also makes products for the drive train, engine, electronics, body, brakes, chassis and more.

“There are so many other products we make and so many other things

we do,” Sanders said. “We pretty much cover the gamut of the vehicle.”

The company also wants to use its floor space at the auto show to get feedback on some of its new technologies and possibly attract new engineers at industry days.

“It’s very tight,” Sanders said of the job market in Michigan. “Right now as everyone is rapidly expanding and with the talent pool being very shallow, it is hard to find people. We are always looking for engineers.”

On a personal level, Sanders said he enjoys seeing all the new cars, concepts and technologies on display.

“Even if it never goes into production, some of the ideas out there and the way we can keep advancing always continues,” he said.

“You think you made this next big breakthrough and then a couple years later, it is old technology. It’s amazing to see how we can keep improving.”

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Northville First United Methodist Church Associate Pastor Rev. Monica William (left) and Lead Pastor Rev. Marsha Woolley are surrounded by the coats, sweaters, hats, gloves and personal hygiene items gathered in a special one-day drive at the church. These items, along with more than \$2,500 in cash is being delivered to Cass Community Social Services in Detroit to help with the crisis created by the recent extreme cold days, which required their shelters to be open 24 hours daily.

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BANDKAU, FREDERICK W.

Margaret Bandkau, loving daughter, acknowledges the recent passing of her dad, who is thankfully now at peace.

BANDKAU, FREDERICK W.

The family of Elizabeth Bandkau Jespersen (Otto) want to express their deepest sympathy at the passing of her dad Frederick Walter Bandkau. We rejoice in the love and knowledge he freely shared throughout his gifted life and are grateful for the peace that came to him on Saturday, January 4, 2014. You are forever in our hearts.



DICKENSON, MARGARET "MEG"

Age 74, passed away January 11, 2014. She was born on March 22, 1939, in Highland Park, daughter of the late LeRoy & Beatrice Dickinson. She was employed with Michigan Bell for many years prior to her retirement in 1988. Meg was a chaplain with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Ann Arbor and attended St. Joseph Catholic Church and the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon. She is survived by her sister, Judy Hendrian, six nieces and nephews and many great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and two brothers-in-law. Visitation will be held on Friday, January 17, from 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 18 at 1:30pm at the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon, 640 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Online guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com



DZIECKZOWSKI, SYLVESTER "CORKY"

Of South Lyon peacefully passed away on January 4, 2014. Corky was born December 25, 1928, in Detroit and was very proud of being a U.S. Marine veteran. He was the loving father of Diane, Leanora (Mike), Roxanne, and Jeffery (Renee). He was the proud grandfather of seven and the great-grandfather of six children. A Memorial Service will be scheduled at the Memorial Gardens in Plymouth, Michigan, in the spring. Please share a memory at: www.cremationmichigan.com.

FLETCHER, ALBERT

Age 79, passed away at home, surrounded by his loving family, on January 7, 2014. He was born on January 6, 1935, in Hurst, Kentucky, son of the late Samuel and Reva Fletcher. He was a longtime South Lyon resident and spent 30 years with Michigan Seamless Tube prior to his retirement. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Olema; his children: Glenn Fletcher, Kaye Fletcher-Brewbaker and Vickie (Tim) Alan; his grandchildren: Matthew Brewbaker and Rosalee Alan and one great-grandson Matek Brewbaker. Al was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers: Arnold and Vernon. Visitation was held on Friday, January 10, from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A Funeral Service was held on Saturday, January 11, at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Online guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com



HANLON, PATRICIA L.

Age 85, of Fowlerville, Michigan, passed away on November 9, 2013. She was well loved and deeply missed. Survivors include children, Joseph and Brenda Hanlon, Dennis O'Hanlon, Jeanne and Richard Russo, Cynthia and Timothy Mays, and Peter Hanlon; and grandchildren Jacob (Kamie) Russo, Samantha (Robert) Ballard, John, Grace, Ryan, and Eric, Katherine and Sean, McKinley, Ryan, and Jada. Memorial Service will be held Saturday, January 18 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church, 855 E. Grand River Ave., Fowlerville, MI. Interment will be Sunday, January 19 at 12:00 p.m. in Rock Falls Cemetery, Harbor Beach, MI. She loved her family and the Lord with all her heart.



Paying tribute to the life of your loved one.



JAFFRAY, SUSAN J.

age 62, of Milford, passed away Sunday, December 8, 2013. Beloved wife of Mark for 28 years. Daughter of Patricia and the late Thomas. Susan, who was loved by all, will be missed by Pita, Divot and numerous friends. Seldom without a smile, Susan could always light up a room. Memorial Visitation will be held Saturday, January 18, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m. at Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 9455 Hilton Rd., Brighton. Memorial contributions can be made to Love INC of Greater Livingston County or Cholangiocarcinoma.org. Share a memory at www.eltonbl-ackandsonhighland.com.

KARPENKO, JEROME

Age 85, died January 12, 2014. Funeral was on January 15 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

KAYFES, JOYCE (MILLER)

Died on December 24, 2013 in Hubbell, Michigan. She was born December 18, 1933 in Mowhawk, MI. She was married to Edward Kayfes in 1953 and he died in 2012. They lived in South Lyon, MI until retiring in 1994 and moving to Laurium. Surviving are two sons: Michael (Ellen) Kayfes of South Lyon, MI and Dan Kayfes of South Lyon, MI; grandsons, Kristopher and Gregory; great-grandson Nicklaus; siblings, Kenneth Miller, Betty Taipalus of Southfield, MI, Jannette Peterson and Clayton (Carol) Miller. Funeral services were held December 26, 2013. Online condolences can be left for the family at ericksoncrowleypeterson.com

KELLER, MORAIG

Passed away peacefully Sunday, January 5. Preceded by her loving husband Harry and son James. Survived by sons Layne of Farmington Hills and Thomas (Marilyn) of South Lyon. Beloved Wife, Mother, Musician, Teacher (West Bloomfield), Congregation President and Deacon (St. Olaf Lutheran Church), Artist and Gourmand. Donations in Memory to Antioch Lutheran Church (Farmington Hills) and Seedlings Braille Books for Children (Livonia).



LIZZET, CHARLES J.

Longtime resident of Milford area and Detroit, died peacefully on January 12, 2014 surrounded by his family at the age of 87. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Lynn and leaves his beloved wife of 66 years, Barbara; children, Larry (Gayle), Linda (Lee) Marble, LuAnn (John) McKay, Chip (Sheri); 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Marjorie (Jack) Still; son-in-law, Dan (Pat) Sorvari and many extended family and dear friends. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 11 a.m. with gathering beginning at 10 a.m. Friends may visit the funeral home on Friday, January 17th from 3-9 p.m. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, American Cancer Society or Seasons Hospice. For further information phone 248-684-6645 or visit: LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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MADIGAN, WILLIAM P.

August 17, 1940-December 28, 2013. Bill Madigan of Jackson, MI, passed away with his loved ones by his side, December 28, 2013 at the age of 73. He is survived by his mother Mildred, sister Patricia Van Bonn, and brothers Dennis and Kerry. He is also survived by his sons Brent (Kimberly), Bryan (Lara), Bruce; and his grandchildren who meant so much to him, Ian, Nathan, Molly, Sean, and Sara. Bill was preceded in death by his father William and his brother Michael. Bill was born in Hastings, MI and raised in Northville, MI. He was a 1959 graduate of Northville High School and served in the U.S. Army from 1960-1966. Bill retired from The Country Club of Jackson after 36 years of service as the Golf Course Superintendent and was an active member of the GCSAA. He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, golfing, and the family cabin in Cedarville, MI. Bill enjoyed time spent with friends and was always there to lend a hand. A Funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville, MI on Saturday, January 18 at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Michigan Audubon Society.

MANZO, BEATRICE V age 92, of Hartland, formerly of Detroit, passed away on January 2, 2014. Preceded in death by her beloved husband, Sam, and her daughter, Nancy Durfee. Survived by her loving children, Bernice Collura, Shirley (Walter) Macklin, John (Martha) Manzo, Linda Gore, Sandra (Joe) Waling; 14 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. Also survived by several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. A Funeral Service will be held at West Highland Baptist Church, 1116 S. Hickory Ridge Rd, Highland, Saturday, January 25th at 11 a.m. Friends may visit at the church one hour prior to service. In lieu of flowers, memorials are encouraged to a charity of choice. For further information please contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Milford 248-684-6645 www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

NUNN, REGINA A.

Age 61, of Howell, passed away January 7, 2014. Full obit and online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

SIMS, DANIEL J.

Age 22, passed away January 5, 2014. He was born October 13, 1991 in Livonia, son of John and Catherine Sims. Dan will always be remembered as being intelligent, kind, and considerate of others. He was known for his great sense of humor and for being a huge Detroit Lions fan. Dan enjoyed riding motorcycles with his Dad and spending time with his family. He was and always will be a loving and devoted son, brother, and grandson. He is survived by his loving parents, John (Wendy) Sims, and Catherine (Gary) Weir; his sister, Kari Sims; his grandparents, Archie and Faye Sims, and Eleanor Jarosz. Dan is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and loving friends. He was preceded in death by his grandpa, Marion Jarosz and his aunt, Caroline Seman. Visitation was held on Thursday, January 9 from 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A Funeral Service was held on Friday, January 10 at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. A gift of hope may be made to Dawn Farm - Ypsilanti, 6633 Stony Creek Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com.



POLICE BRIEFS

Weather-related accident

A bus trying to make it up to Hillside Middle School skidded on the ice before getting stuck in a residential yard. On Jan. 10, a Trinity Coach Bus was attempting take Walnut Street to the Recreation Center up the hill, but hit a sheet of ice causing it to slide down across Center Street into the yard at 620 N. Center. The bus contained ski club members. There were no reported injuries.

It was one of several reported weather-related traffic situations in downtown that day due

to the icy roads.

Purse stolen

A 74-year-old Plymouth woman reported to Northville Township Police that her purse was taken while she was dining Jan. 9 at Steve's Family Dining on Five Mile. The woman told police that while eating around 5:30 p.m., she went to use the bathroom, where she set her purse down on a table. She went back to her table, but when it was time to pay her bill realized she had left the purse in the bathroom. When she returned, she told police the purse was nowhere to be found.

The woman said the purse contained \$80 cash, her checking book, and a Visa debit card.

Employees looked for the purse in the area, including in garbage cans, but never found it. They also told police they never saw anyone suspicious in the store. A police officer told the woman to call her banks and report the theft before she became a victim of identity theft.

Cell phone stolen

A Hillside Middle School student had his cell phone stolen from his gym locker. The 14-year-old student told Northville City

Police that his locker was locked when he last checked it. However, the phone was gone. Through using the "find my phone app" the phone was tracked to the Taft and 10 Mile roads area before it was turned off. It was later found and returned by Novi Police.

Pot bust

Two friends let their buddy take the fall after Northville Township Police found marijuana and drug paraphernalia in his school backpack after they were involved in a traffic accident on Jan. 9. According to police reports, the 18-year-old Novi man was in the

backseat of a car driven by an 18-year-old Northville man. A 19-year-old Orchard Lake man was in the front passenger seat.

When the officer questioned the men about the accident, he could detect the odor of marijuana in the vehicle. He told the men to give it up, and the man in the backseat handed over the bag, which contained two baggies filled with marijuana, two grinders filled with marijuana, a glass pipe and a one-hitter.

Although the two men in the front seat said they didn't have anything to do with the pot, the

Novi men said both had handed him drugs to hide in his bag after the accident. However, he was the only one charged because it was in his possession. He was arrested and charged with possession of narcotics, and the vehicle was towed. The man was able to post the \$300 bond and was released. He is due in 35th District Court on Jan. 29.

Flags stolen

An American flag and a Christmas flag were stolen from a home on High Street sometime on Jan. 3-4. There are no suspects at this time.

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OUR VIEWS

Use MLK Day to make commitment to equality

The year 1968 was a watershed year in American history. In a span of two months, the country lost two charismatic leaders — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy — to assassins' bullets.

The losses came at a time when the fabric of life in the country was being ripped apart. Opposition to the Vietnam War was increasing and confrontations over the push for civil rights were escalating. Americans in their 50s and older, who lived through those turbulent times, remember the rallies and marches, the mass of people who descended on Washington, D.C., to demand jobs and equal treatment.

But for the younger generations, there is a disconnect. Everything that happened is simply information found in history books. King and Kennedy are names under photographs and what they did or hoped to accomplish are just words on a page.

An advocate of non-violence, King was a transformational figure in American history. He sought "to make real the promises of democracy." He called on the country to "rise up from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice ... to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children."

He challenged America to fulfill the promise of liberty and justice for all. Under his leadership, change came and blacks experienced more progress toward racial equality than had been seen in many, many years. He came to forefront with the Birmingham, Ala., bus boycott and stayed there until his death, leading blacks and whites in peaceful protests to end segregation.

His August 1963 speech given on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington was a defining moment of the American civil rights movement. The 1963 rally on the mall in Washington was instrumental in the passage of the Civil Rights Act in 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

In looking back, it appears that segregation as it was existed in the 1950s and 1960s is all but gone. People of all colors live and work together. They attend the same schools and colleges. There is no separate seating in public places or on public transportation or separate bathrooms and drinking fountains.

But before we pat ourselves on our backs for a job well done, we need to ask ourselves what King would think. Would he see us at the end of the journey he started? Or would he tell us we need to do more? Would he say that segregation has not gone away, that it has taken on a new form, fueled by poverty and lack of access to a quality life?

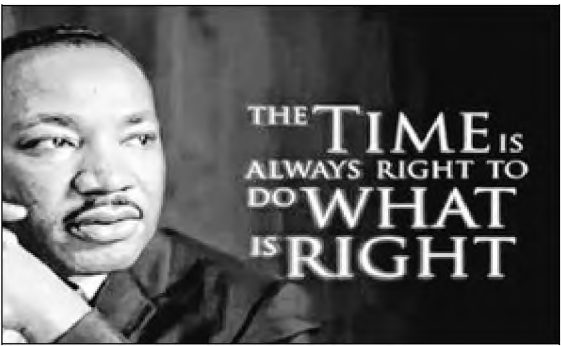
On Monday, the nation will pause to remember King. There will be marches, there will be speeches about his life and his vision of social and economic justice for all people. There will be ceremonies remembering what he did so many years ago.

Monday is MLK Day. It isn't a black holiday, it's an American holiday, a time to reflect on the commitment of one man to bring equal opportunity to all people. Through his words and his actions, we now can step up to the ballot box and vote without the fear of threats and intimidation. We cannot be discriminated against because of who we are, what we believe in or the color of our skin.

Communities from Northville and Canton to Southfield and beyond are holding events to celebrate the life and work of King. Let them be the opportunity to reflect on King's vision of liberty and justice for all and recommit to making that happen.

Let Monday be the starting point for change, not another day off from work or school. King did not tolerate inequality and we shouldn't, either.

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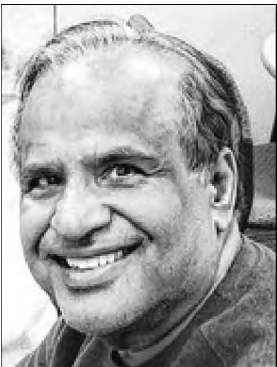
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COMMUNITY VOICE

What's your favorite thing about the Northville Community Center?

This question was asked at the Community Center on Main Street in downtown Northville.



"I've enjoyed learning to play cards here and some of the good food that we've had."

Bob Kothari
Northville



"I love the fireplace during the winter."

John Dzapo
Northville



"All of the activities there are for a variety of ages."

Sue Campbell
Northville Youth Assistance director



"That it's a true community center filled with activities for all ages with an emphasis on senior programming."

Suzie Johnson
Northville (Community Center coordinator)

LETTERS

VFW comes to rescue

Happy 2014! How do you thank thee? The Winchester Cub Scout Pack 903 would like to give thanks for the help we received during our annual "Fellows Cake Bake" last week that was supposed to take place in the school's gym.

This event is huge with unbelievable work from each scout and their adult male partner. Now to some this may mean their father, some it is their grandfather and to even others it is their friend. Not all scouts have a dad at home to help. It is

a lot of work with amazing memories created in the kitchen of quality time that in the real world the days are short. Overall and for the history of this pack, the results are amazing.

With this year's winter and the kids on day three of an extended Christmas vacation, the boys still worked on their cakes. They still planned on this event so when the schools closed for the third day, the question was do we cancel. We just couldn't.

The Northville VFW consists of some very caring individuals as our Charter Organization they stepped up. Although the

hall in Northville cannot hold all 50 kids, they put us in touch with Plymouth VFW Post 6695 and when I made the simple call asking if they would help, there were no questions but only the answer of "yes."

So a simple thank you is all that is needed for these kids whom have put their heart into these cakes. From the parents of Winchester Pack 903, we must thank the VFW for their hospitality. It is appreciated so much.

Stephanie Neff
Committee Chair, Winchester Pack 903

GUEST COLUMN

Community's support needed to help 'salute the flag'

It's nice to know that there are still surprises in life — even after 50-some years.

I am a baby-boomer. Like a lot of others my age, my dad served in World War II. He was never recognized as a hero, but he was in my eyes — and in the eyes of the family that received their son's remains thanks to my dad. He swam along side another sailor in the Pacific Ocean for days — the two of them bringing back a third young man who did not survive their ship being blown up.

My dad taught me to vote (and he always reminded me it was his right — and mine — to a "secret" ballot), to respect authority, to love my family, to practice my faith and to help my neighbor. I try to honor him daily, even though sometimes it's pretty hard. The only thing my dad and I ever fought over was the Vietnam conflict. We may not have shared the same view about that painful conflict, but we were both passionate about our love of country and both proud to be American.

I put my hand on my heart when I hear the national anthem while singing along. One morning I went to Our Lady of Victory School to participate in an activity with my grandson, Parker. I stood absolutely still while over the loudspeaker and resonating through the halls I could hear a myriad of voices reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

A few months ago my employer and life-long friend, Dr. William Demray, who is one of the biggest downtown Northville supporters I know, made some noise about the flag mural on the Marquis Theatre. He respects the national symbol and recognizes its importance to our town. He put out a call for action.

After a little bit of creative thinking we teamed up with Northville Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce and the Marquis Theatre to support a raffle. Northville Rotary is the raffle sponsor. The odds are fantastic — only 500 tickets, each costing \$100. If all the tickets sell, the proceeds will cover the cost of restoring the flag mural and three lucky supporters will walk away winners — the 1st place prize of \$10,000, a 2nd place prize of \$5,000, or a 3rd place



The American flag mural that adorns the back of the Marquis Theatre was originally painted by Jeff VonBuskirk in 2002 to commemorate the Sept. 11 attacks. It is starting to show its age.

prize of \$2,500. Any less than 400, the raffle will be a true 50/50.

We are pretty close to making our goal but there are still tickets available. If you are interested in taking a chance and "saluting the flag" you can purchase a ticket at Dr. Demray's office (Preservation Dental — the corner of Griswold and Main), at the Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville, at the Northville Chamber of Commerce or at Monroe Bank and Trust (Northville branch). In addition to a chance for the cash, you will be recognized in a commemorative ad that will run in the *Northville Record*. It will be suitable for framing and will hang in the Marquis Theatre for all to see for years to come.

Tickets will be available until they are sold out or until the night of the drawing — Saturday, Jan. 25 at a special presentation of "Yankee Doodle Dandy" at the Marquis Theatre. The show starts at 6:30 p.m. and the drawing will take place at 9:11 p.m. after the movie. There will be a limited number of tickets to the movie available at the theater the night of the show.

Back to my original thought about still being surprised. Day after day I have the pleasure of meeting terrific people as they come to buy a ticket for the raffle. They share their story and are often humbled when I ask how they want to be recognized for their donation. It is incredible to me that there are so many families that have one genera-

tion after another living in or working in Northville.

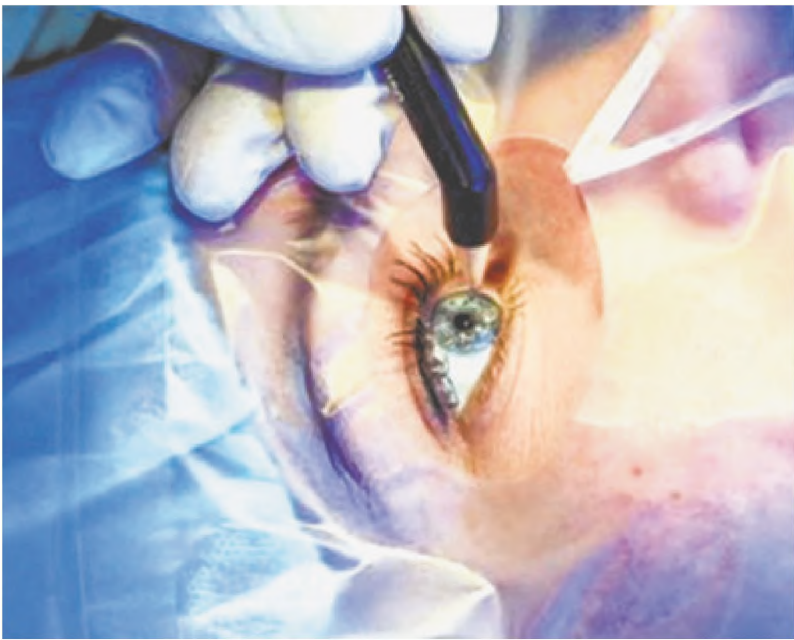
There are out-of-towners who come to an event and fall in love with our hidden hamlet. One local businessman made a special trip on one of his busiest days of the year, Christmas Eve, because he was worried we might sell out. I get a kick out of the folks who make sure they pick the check with a flag picture to purchase their ticket. My big thrill is the thought I will likely know the grand prize winner. This is exciting.

I lost my dad in January, 2002. I sat at his hospice bedside telling him the tragic tale of 9/11. We once again shared a patriotic moment in time and for a week or so watched and listened to stories of great heroic acts.

In my hometown of Northville, Inge Zayti, the late owner of the Marquis, commissioned Jeff VonBuskirk to paint an American flag on the back of her theater. Today many cannot remember or imagine the historic building without the symbolic red, white and blue mural dedicated to those who lost their life on 9/11/2001.

I continue to honor the memory of my dad in the ballot box, respecting authority, practicing my faith, loving my family and helping my neighbors. I hope you will join me with a \$100 donation. I bought one ticket for me, and one honoring my dad.

Denise Jenkins works at Preservation Dental. She can be reached at denisemjenkins@aol.com.



Northville Vision Clinic plus Adelson Eye & Laser Center equals a 20/20 Solution

Northville Vision Clinic is excited to announce we have moved to 42000 6 Mile Road into a brand new, state of the art facility with Adelson Eye & Laser Center. According to Dr. Martin Levin who started Northville Vision Clinic, “We are a full service family eye clinic that stresses individualized personal care. We have been providing the Northville area professional care for over 40 years.” Our clinic offers examinations for adults and children and is a leader in the fitting of all types of contact lenses. Many types of ocular disease including infections and dry eye syndrome are treated at Northville Vision Clinic. All of our staff are trained opticians who have a combined total of over 100 years in the optical industry. We are constantly looking for the most current and fashionable eyewear to assure the patients have the best selection in the area. The full service on premise lab can guarantee the fastest service possible for eyewear. Priding ourselves on using the latest equipment including the Zeiss I Terminal for precision frame and lens measurements, allows the opticians to produce the most exact glasses possible. The I Terminal will also take four pictures of the patient trying on eyewear, so they can



view themselves with the new frames. This eliminates the guesswork in selecting your eyewear. The optical department consists of 1000’s of frames in all price ranges, including Tiffany and Co., Prada, Tom Ford, Dolce & Gabbana, Maui Jim, Oakley and Willy X. Our knowledgable and experienced technicians will guide you in the selection of frames based on your style preference, budget, and functionality. Constantly updating equipment has allowed Northville Vision Clinic to continue being a leader in the field and recognized as one of the most comprehensive clinics in the area. By the addition of Adelson Eye and Laser Center, an incredible state of the art facility has been created. Our clinic can now offer services extending from examinations, contact lenses, treatment of diseases, cataract surgery and Lasik. Our staff and Dr. Levin extend a personal invitation to you and your family into our new home.

Adelson Eye & Laser Center is pleased to introduce our new and expanded location located at 42000 Six Mile Road in Northville as well. After almost 10 years of service at our Main Street location in downtown Northville, we have an all new



full service center. This center offers the same comprehensive eye care, including the management of glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, dry eye syndrome, cataracts, corneal diseases, conjunctivitis, retinal and vitreous abnormalities, and most other eye related difficulties.

Adelson Eye & Laser Center is additionally very excited to announce our new partnership with LASIKPlus.

LASIKPlus currently has more than 50 centers throughout the United States and the LASIKPlus surgeon network has completed more than 1 million laser vision correction procedures. We are ecstatic that LASIKPlus has picked us to bring their services to our hometown of metropolitan Detroit. As ophthalmologists who are fellowship trained in advanced cataract and LASIK surgery and who have already performed thousands of procedures, we feel that the resources that LASIKPlus offers are invaluable. Most importantly, we now have our own laser center located onsite at the new Northville location. This allows us to offer all of the most advanced laser vision correction procedures, including all laser LASIK surgery, within the confines of our own surgical suite. Along with the assistance of LASIKPlus, we have brought all of the “latest and greatest” technology for laser vision correction right into our office

Adelson Eye & Laser Center will also continue to provide cataract surgery, including the use of premium lenses which allow correction for nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, and presbyopia. We have performed thousands of these procedures and continue to evolve with the recent advances in cataract surgery. Additionally, we will also continue to provide blepharoplasty procedures (eyelid surgery) for droopy eyelids and age related changes. In fact, the cosmetic component of our practice continues to expand as we now perform many cosmetic modalities including laser resurfacing procedures around the eyes and throughout the face.

With Northville Vision Clinic, we have attempted to create a comprehensive eye care experience at our new location where we are able to offer quality care and services for everything from eyeglasses and contact lenses to eye health-related issues to laser vision correction, cataract surgery, and multiple cosmetic modalities.



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Mustangs gymnasts continue to improve

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Coming into 2014, Northville gymnastics coach Erin McWatt knew her team was going to continue to show improvement as it moved forward into the bulk of its competitive schedule.

That expectation proved solid last week, as the Mustangs turned in a strong performance in a tri-meet against Huron Valley and Waterford

United.

Northville scored 126.525 points, while Huron Valley won with 133.65. The Mustangs' score, however, was solid enough to top Waterford United's 123.775.

McWatt said she's happy with the improvements she is seeing. Of course, there is still a lot of work to be done with the very young Northville team.

"We are improving our bar performances, but we need to work on consistency on the

beam," she said. "Vault and floor continue to be strong events for us."

Northville was led on the floor by Alyssa Breen, who had a career-best performance of 8.675. On vault, it was Anoushka Ravindran who led Northville, earning an 8.6, while Emilie Statetzny scored an 8.0 on the beam.

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



Emilie Statetzny performs her routine on the uneven bars.

Northville skaters win Dan Jilek tournament

Squad dominates St. Clair Shores, Pinckney

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville hockey team forgot the Golden Rule when it played in the Dan Jilek tournament in Ann Arbor this past weekend – treat others as you want to be treated.

Had the Mustangs been practicing the Golden Rule, they wouldn't have knocked both St. Clair Shores and Pinckney for a loop, scoring 14 goals while allowing just one over the two games.

Of course, you don't take home the championship trophy in a tournament if you go out onto the ice and just play nice the entire time. And you definitely don't get ranked the No. 9 team in Division 1, which is where the Mustangs currently sit.

In the opening game of the tournament, the Mustangs outscored St. Clair Shores, 6-1, in a game that featured quite the offensive showcase. Multiple Mustangs got on the board, including Randy Stoevers, who scored his first two goals of the season.

Also scoring were Buster White (two), Tim Eis, Jacob Anderman and Nick Stegmeyer. Earning assists were Kellan Flayer (two), Alec Morgan (two), Connor Brown, Kyle Dann (two), Jack Meacham, Sam Bradley, Cody Kellehan, Conner Victory and Henry Chang.

Earning the win in goal was Jeremy Onofrio, who faced just 10 shots and stopped nine. Jenna Pleva took the loss for St. Clair Shores, facing 39 shots and stopping 35. She was relieved in the final eight minutes by Nick Lacca, who stopped seven of nine shots on goal.

The following day, the Mustangs secured the tournament championship with an 8-0 win over Pinckney.

In that game, it was Flayer who scored his first two goals of the season, while Stegmeyer, Dann, Stoevers, Eis, Morgan and Cam LaBurn each added a goal. Kyle Abraham (three), Alex Shuart (three), Meacham (two), Eis (two), Morgan, Stegmeyer, White, Brown, Alec Melucci and Chang were all credited with assists.

Chance Boutin had the shutout, his fourth of the season. He stopped all 16 shots.

"He is currently leading the state in save percentage at 9.66 and goals against at 0.73," Northville coach Clint Robert said.

Northville is now 9-2-2 on the season.

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

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Northville will host Franklin at 6:30 p.m. Friday before hosting Salem at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and Farmington at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 23.

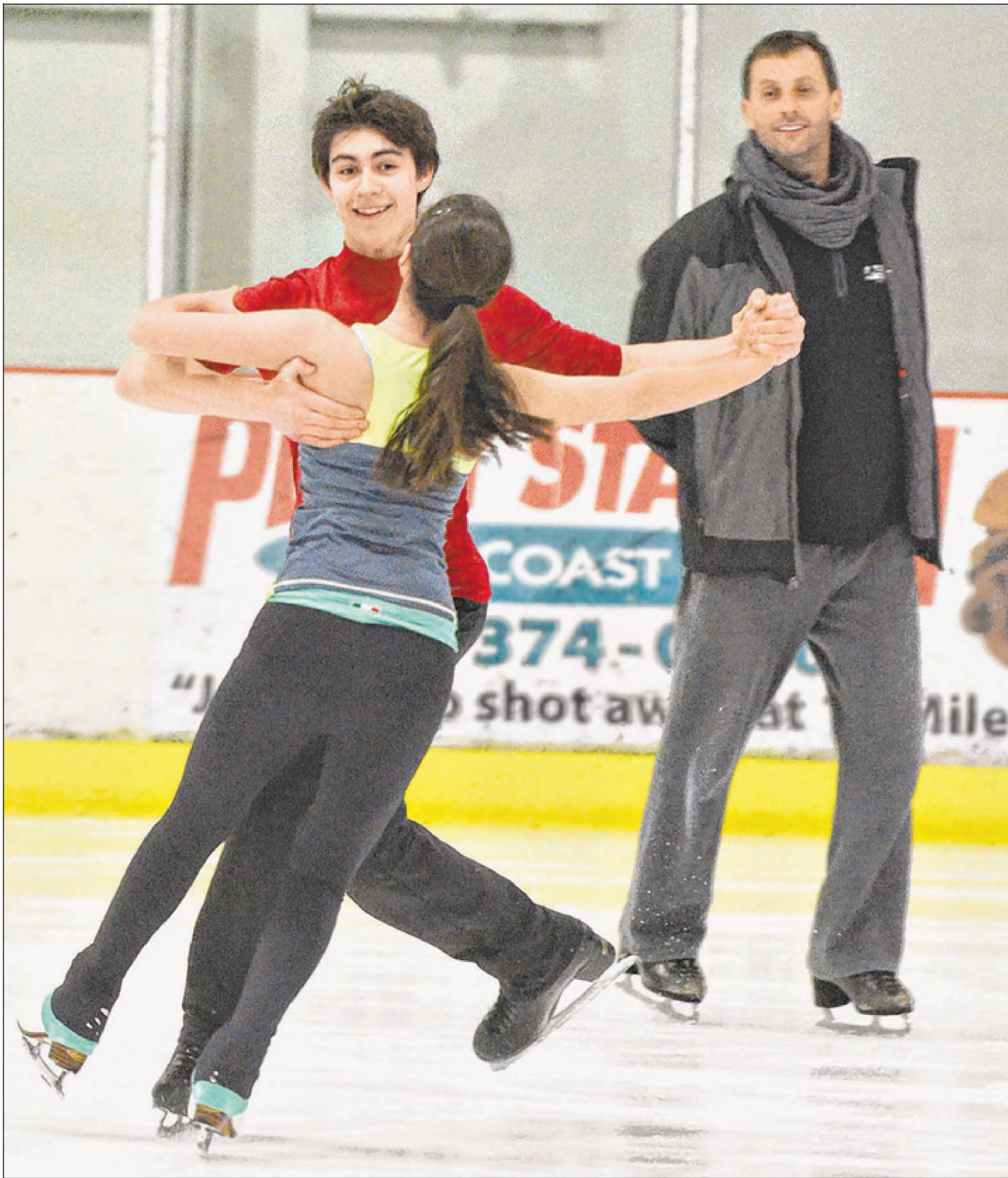


Figure skating coach Igor Shpilband (right) watches over a couple of his students during a practice at the Novi Ice Arena. Shpilband, a former Olympic skater for the Soviet Union, defected to the U.S. in the late '80s, currently lives in Novi and has been coaching many ice dancers who are Olympic hopefuls at the Novi Ice Arena. Shpilband said that of approximately 24 pairs of skaters who will perform at this year's Olympics in Sochi, Russia, about nine of them are currently training in Novi. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Olympic skaters find a new home in Novi

Local arena welcomes hopefuls from around the world

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Olympic-level figure skating has found a home in Novi, with world renowned coach Igor Shpilband training some great talent from around the world at the Novi Ice Arena.

With nearly 15 countries represented during some of his training sessions, Shpilband has been a resident of Novi for some time and began working out of the local arena nearly two years ago.

"We are really happy to be here. It's worked well for us and each team," he said.

Skaters also utilize the sports club next door to further enhance their preparation for a big year in competitive ice dancing, which includes the 2014 Winter Olympics being held Feb. 7-23 in Sochi, Russia.

Shpilband came to Michigan more than 20 years ago after he defected from the Soviet Union, where he had been a former Olympic skater. He has

turned into a go-to coach for skaters wanting to compete at the Olympic level.

There's been a lot of talent like this training in Novi for the last year or so, including 2010 Novi High graduate Madison Chock.

"Novi is my home and it's been great to learn from a coach like Igor in such a familiar setting," she said.

She, along with her partner Evan Bates (a graduate of the University of Michigan), made the U.S. Olympic team (see infobox). They're in their third season together and have finished well in previous qualifying events, including the top three at the U.S. Nationals.

This level of high achievement has become the norm at the arena on Nick Lidstrom Drive.

According to Shpilband, of the 24 pairs of skaters who will perform at this year's Olympics, about nine of them are currently training in Novi. This includes teams from France and Lithuania.

"This is a big year coming up, espe-

U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM

The Sochi Olympic Games team for the U.S. has been announced and the positions follow the results Saturday of the U.S. Championships in Boston's TD Garden.

Meryl Davis and Charlie White, who train at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton, won the dance title at the U.S. Championships for a record sixth time.

Madison Chock and Evan Bates, who train at the Novi Ice Arena, took second place with 181.44 points.

"I'm so over the moon and completely thrilled," Chock said. "This has been a lifelong dream. We're so happy and we couldn't be in better company. We're just so thrilled."

Chock and Bates have been together since July 1, 2011. As their chemistry has improved, so has their skating. They took fifth at the 2012 U.S. Championships and were second in 2013.

Maia Shibutani and her brother Alex, who also train in Canton, skated a program to Michael Jackson music. They finished in third with 170.44 points.

—Gannett News Service

cially because of the Olympics," he said. "But it's always big when these world competitions take place."

He trains the skaters with a team of professionals and specialists, which includes his fiancé Adrienne Lenda, who is also a former figure skater.

"Igor is the heart of the coaching team," she said. "He has patience, great skating knowledge and skills that are a benefit to all who train with him."

Shpilband said Michigan has become a great place for the figure skating world and he expects Novi to remain a place for high-level talent to train for years to come.

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Whalers to celebrate veterans this weekend

Jersey auction, 50/50 raffle, ticket sales to benefit VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System

The Plymouth Whalers are joining forces with VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System to celebrate the contribution of military veterans in a special way.

On Friday, Jan. 17, and Saturday, Jan. 18, the Whalers are holding Military Appreciation Weekend, designed to celebrate veterans who served their country. In addition, veterans have an opportunity to receive much-needed information about benefits offered by VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System.

Game time on both nights is 7 p.m. at Compuware Arena, located at 14900 N. Beck Road

in Plymouth Township. The Whalers face Sudbury on Friday and Windsor on Saturday.

On the ice, the Whalers will wear specifically designed camouflaged jerseys in both Ontario Hockey League games. The jerseys will be auctioned off, with proceeds of the jersey auction, Whalers ticket sales over the weekend and 50/50 fundraisers to benefit the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System.

Emblazoned around the Whalers' logo on the jersey's circular crest are words "Teamwork," "Discipline," "Honor" and "Courage."

Off the ice, veterans can receive valuable information about services, assistance and benefits earned for any veteran and their family in need from the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System.

The VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System and the Whalers'

corporate partners have sponsored a dedicated amount of complimentary tickets for Friday's game, with a 5 p.m. welcome reception scheduled. Any veteran who attends the reception to receive information about veterans benefits will then be able to enjoy the game.

Saying thanks

"We're really excited about (the) weekend," said Derek Atkinson, public affairs officer with the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System. "It's an opportunity for us to say 'thank you' to those veterans who are returning from deployment."

"We also wanted to open the weekend up to veterans of all eras, to be able to come together and have a good time, to enjoy some camaraderie and some hockey."

Service members, veterans

and their families must reserve their complimentary tickets by calling Mignon Sizemore at 734-845-3429. Tickets are still available, but a limited number remains.

During Saturday's game, former POWs from World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam conflict and from the Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts will be acknowledged.

For many returning veterans, the opportunity to assist other veterans becomes a passion. The bond between veterans often remains strong.

"The VA in Ann Arbor is very unique," Atkinson said. "I served in Afghanistan in the Marine Corps and you see a lot of that here. In Ann Arbor, roughly 30 percent of our employees are veterans."

"And those who aren't veterans typically have some sort of a connection to a veteran — whether it is a father, grandfa-

ther, uncle, brother, cousin, sister, mother — whatever it may be."

Ticket info

Contributing sponsors for the Plymouth Whalers Military Appreciation Weekend include: Foundation for American Veterans; Farmers Insurance; Xfinity Comcast; Bill & Rod's Appliances; Diamond Home Care; Sara Lee Foodservice; Monroe Dodge Chrysler; DTE Energy; E.G Nick's; and WYCD-FM (99.5).

Any veteran not attending the "Welcome Home Celebration" can purchase tickets for the Military Appreciation Weekend for \$10 with ID and their respective families will be admitted for \$10 per ticket.

Tickets can be purchase by calling Compuware Arena at 734-453-8400 or by going online to www.plymouthwhalers.com/buytickets.

Mustangs swimmers coast to several victories

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It's been a week of victories for the Northville boys swimming and diving team and while success is always satisfying, there is still work to be done.

"We need to work on being much more aggressive with our races," coach Rich Bennetts said after his team took home a 114-72 home victory over South Lyon United last week. "Overall, it was a pretty nice effort from the team. We had some solid swims tonight and hopefully we can build from there."

Northville had three individuals win five events and two relay teams take home first-place finishes as well.

James Xue won the 200 freestyle (1:49.82) and the 100 free (50.21 seconds), while Andrew Westphal took first in the 200 individual medley (2:00.82) and the 100 butterfly (55.39). Chris Geng also captured a first, taking the top spot in the 100 breaststroke (1:04.40).

The 200 freestyle relay team of Yash Bajaj, Alan Ruan, Mark Kaminski and Josh Liu took

first (1:36.75), as did the 400 free relay team of Xue, Kaminski, Liu and Westphal (3:22.45).

Quad meet

Northville competed in a quad meet and took home wins over Saline, 101-84, DeLaSalle, 132-54, and Canton, 148-32.

"I am very pleased with the results in the pool," Bennetts said. "We are continuing to improve week by week, which is what we are after. We had some great races today and won the events we needed to in order to pick up the three wins. It will be nice to have a normal week of practice finally so we can continue to work toward our goals."

Taking first place was the 200 medley relay team of Fred Schulz, Ruan, Xue and Westphal (1:43.48), the 200 free relay team of Liu, Ruan, Bajaj and Kaminski (1:35.02) and the 400 free relay team of Xue, Kaminski, Liu and Westphal (3:20.40).

Also taking first place in the quad were Westphal and Geng. Westphal took first in the 50 free (21.96) and the 100 free (48.02) and Geng in the 100 breaststroke (1:02.9).



Northville's Yash Bajaj has some trouble with his goggles during the 100-yard breaststroke event against South Lyon. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem Invitational

Northville also swam in the Salem Invitational, a meet where each heat is scored and can medal. The Mustangs finished the day with a score of 217, which was good enough for third place. Taking first was No. 2-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer with 324 and second went to No. 4-ranked Livonia Stevenson with 228 points. Taking fourth was No. 6-ranked Zeeland with 214.

"We swam pretty well,"

Bennetts said. "We are still making some mistakes, but the effort level was where it needs to be. We still have a long way to go, but I think our boys realized today that we can compete with some of these teams when it comes to a meet that measures the depth of the team. We may not have a lot of top-end talent, but we have the ability to develop into a really strong team at the end of the year if we work hard every day. This group has no margin for error, but it can be done."

Earning medals for Northville were the 200 medley relay team of Jarvis Yan, Bajaj, Ancheng Da and John Duan (C heat, 1:52.48); 200 free relay team of Liu, Geng, Troy Stacer and Kaminski (B heat, 1:35.99) and the 400 free relay team of Daniel Brown, Ryan Moore, Yan and Christian Yap (C heat, 3:44.22).

In individual races, medal winners for Northville were: 200 freestyle: Stacer (D heat, 1:58.57), Kaminski (C heat, 1:57.56) and Nick Dufresne (B heat, 1:57.5) and Westphal (A heat, 1:45.94); 200 individual medley: Geng (B heat, 2:09.91); Diving (Christian Field (B heat, 268.05 points) and Anton Travis (A heat, 308.3); 100 butterfly: Dufresne (C heat; 58.80) and Xue (B heat, 56.33); 100 free: Kaminski (B heat, 53.29) and Westphal (A heat, 47.46); 500 free: David Alameddine (D heat, 5:26.52); 100 backstroke: John Monterosso (D heat, 1:04.24); and the 100 breaststroke: Liu (B heat, 1:03.78).

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Plymouth Whalers goalie Alex Nedeljkovic makes a pad save against Ottawa's Erik Bradford Saturday night, as Plymouth defenseman Josh Wesley (No. 20) tries to control the rebound. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

Young Whalers reward Vellucci's confidence with 3-1 triumph

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Friday's Ontario Hockey League trade deadline came and went and Mike Vellucci decided to stay the course with his young squad for the rest of 2013-14.

There would be no blockbuster trade for a high-scoring forward like Vince Trocheck this time around. But Vellucci likes the progress being made — slowly, but surely — by his team, as demonstrated in Saturday's 3-1 win over Ottawa at Compuware Arena.

The Whalers also secured a point in Friday's 4-3 shootout loss at Sarnia and are 16-21-0-5 and in eighth place in the OHL Western Conference (the final playoff spot).

"We're young," Vellucci said. "We've picked up (Francesco) Vilardi and (Brook) Hiddink and some of the other guys earlier in the year. We're a new team and there's really nothing to move."

"I think they're getting more familiar with the league, more familiar with the system and competing. That's the key. My teams usually have better second halves and hopefully that continues."

Since returning from the holiday break, the Whalers have gone 4-1-0-1 and are starting to jell.

If there were any worries about the team's performance against the Eastern Conference's 67's (14-23-1-3) it was the power play. The Whalers went 0-for-7 with the extra man.

"We went 2-for-6 last night and tonight we go 0-for-7, but the ice was terrible," Vellucci said. "Because it was warm outside and with the rain, the ice was choppy. So it made (for) a couple tough breaks, but we had a few chances. We didn't play great on the power play."

Plymouth did get off to a quick 1-0 lead thanks to a goal by center Zach

Lorentz just 2:08 into the game. Setting up the goal were winger Matt Mistele and defenseman Gianluca Curcuruto.

Trading goals

Ottawa turned up the offensive heat in the second period, outshooting the Whalers 18-7.

But Plymouth goalie Alex Nedeljkovic (41 saves) once again performed brilliantly, while Lorentz netted his second of the night (and 18th of the season) to make it 2-0 at 12:25.

A shot from the right circle was knocked down by Ottawa goalie Philippe Trudeau (29 saves), but he could not handle the rebound. Lorentz retrieved the puck, circled the net and stuffed it in at the left post.

Mistele and forward Ryan Hartman (in his second game back from the World Juniors) assisted on the tally.

The 67's cut the margin to 2-1 with 54 seconds remaining in the period, when Dante Salituro one-timed a feed from Alex Lintuniemi past Nedeljkovic.

That lead held up throughout the third period, although Plymouth did get some insurance when Mistele scored an empty-netter with 43 seconds left. Mistele lofted a high shot from his own blue line that bounced into the Ottawa net, touching off a celebration from the Compuware crowd of 2,589.

Plymouth will play home games at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday against Sudbury and Windsor as part of Military Appreciation Weekend. The Whalers will wear camouflaged jerseys that will be auctioned off, with proceeds earmarked for the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System.

Call (734) 453-8400 for more information or go online to www.plymouthwhalers.com/buytickets.

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Cagers dive into divisional schedule

Northville girls and boys both take on Central Division foes

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville girls basketball team stayed undefeated last week as it toppled two divisional foes in Salem and Stevenson.

The boys weren't as flawless, though they came close, as they split their week, taking a loss to Salem before bouncing back to earn a Central Division victory over Stevenson.

The girls, coached by Todd Gudith, are currently 8-0 on the season and 2-0 in the Central Division. They picked up a 34-28 victory over Salem to start their week and then added another win with a 38-29 decision over the Stevenson.

In the game against Salem, Northville earned its first Central Division victory of the season despite the game being delayed a couple of days due to inclement weather. It was the first game back for the Rocks after nearly three weeks from the death of legendary coach Fred Thomann, who died Dec. 27 after more than 40 years of coaching and more than 700 victories.

"Give Salem a lot of credit," Gudith said. "After losing their coach suddenly, they played inspired. Fred was a legend in the coaching community. He always put tough teams on the floor. He would've been proud of their effort tonight."

Neither team shot well in the game – Salem hit for just 27 percent from the floor and Northville 36 percent – but both teams' defense buckled down right from the start. Salem came out and jumped out to an 8-2 lead after the first quarter, but Northville came back for a 13-12 lead at the hal.

Despite a rally by the Rocks late in the third and into the fourth quarter, Northville held on for the victory, partially due to a 9-for-14 performance from the free-throw line, including 6-for-8 shooting by Gabby Mencotti.

The Mustangs were led by Emily Maresh, who scored 12 points, including six from the charity stripe.

When the Mustangs took on Stevenson, they had a slow start, but managed to take an 8-7 lead by the end of the first quarter and a 17-10 lead at the half. The see-saw

ON TAP

Northville girls will play South Lyon on the road Friday and host South Lyon East on Tuesday, while the boys will host South Lyon Friday and visit South Lyon East Tuesday. All games start at 7 p.m.

scoring continued into the third, with Stevenson cutting into Northville's lead, only to watch the Mustangs pull away again. In the fourth, Stevenson trailed 29-25 at one point, but Northville's defense stiffened and helped preserve the win.

The Mustangs were led by Heather Randall, who put up 15 points, while Maresh added 10 points.

Boys basketball

When it comes to the KLAA Central Division, Northville boys coach Todd Sander believes on any given night any team can grab a victory. The talent of the squads is clear in the tight scores, the outstanding defensive showcases and the quality players taking to the court.

For the Mustangs, a 1-1 record to start the Central Division isn't ideal, but it's not something they are going to be ashamed of either.

Northville took a tough 55-50 loss to the Rocks when they met Salem last week. Salem went up 15-13 after the first quarter, but the Mustangs came back to tie the contest, 27-27, at the half.

Throughout the contest, the Mustangs and Rocks traded the lead six times and were tied nine times, but the Mustangs weren't able to capitalize down the stretch. They were outscored in the third quarter, 13-9, and in the fourth, 15-14.

Several players scored in double digits for Northville. Andrew Meacham led the way with 19, while Andrew Stevens added 12 and Malik Bazzi put up 11, including nine from beyond the 3-point line.

In the next game, the Mustangs bounced back to secure a close 46-43 victory over Stevenson. Northville jumped out to a 19-6 lead in the first quarter and increased that advantage to 34-18 at halftime.

Stevenson concentrated its defensive effort on Northville's leading scorer, Meacham, and held him to 12 points. That defensive focus gave Bazzi a chance to step into the scoring role and he answered, pouring in 19 points to lead the Mustangs.

Wolfpack win holiday tourneys



The Northville Wolfpack sixth- and seventh-grade girls basketball team went undefeated and won the FAAST's Holiday Blast tournament Dec. 14 in Milan and Saline. The Wolfpack defeated teams from Pinckney and Saline. They also beat the eighth-grade division Pinckney team. The team also won the Chelsea Holiday Blast Tournament on Jan. 4. So far, the team has won five tournaments in which it went undefeated, previously winning the Jibby Jab Jumpshot Tournament in Swartz Creek, Slam Jam in Portland and the Slam Fest in Milan. Team members include: (front row, from left) Ellie Thallman, Alyssa Knoth, Nicole Martin, Jane Berry, Hannah Grant, Sean Richmond (director of referees), Tara Beason, Jenna Lauderback and Chloe Zulcosky and (back row, from left) assistant coach Steve Thallman, coach Steve Grant and Morgan Thompson. Julia Straky is also on the team.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2014 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

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Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

Fowler pursues Olympic gold medal in hockey

Anaheim Ducks defenseman with local ties to play for Team USA in Sochi Games

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

A veteran of three-plus NHL seasons at age 22, Cam Fowler's still-burgeoning hockey career has already produced its share of highlights, with the promise of many more to come.

The latest was his selection earlier this month for a spot on the U.S. Olympic hockey team that will compete in the 2014 Winter Games Feb. 6-24 in Sochi, Russia.

It will be the eighth international competition for Fowler, who was raised in Farmington Hills and is now a stellar defenseman for the high-flying Anaheim Ducks.

"I wasn't sure how everything was going to shake out," Fowler said of his Olympic chances. "I knew I had a pretty good season so far and had put my name on the radar."

"While sitting there watching TV, I was very anxious to see what the decision was going to be. Once I heard my name called, it was just pure joy. I'm excited and very honored to be selected."

"I was aware that I was right on the bubble. I knew a few guys were locks to make the team and I was competing with a few others for the last spots. I knew I had played well and done pretty much all I could to make the team. At that point, it was a waiting game."

Fowler, who spent his last two years of high school in the USA Hockey Development Program in Ann Arbor, won a gold medal in the International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior and U18 World championships in 2010 and 2009, respectively.

With that background, it seems Fowler was almost destined to end up on the Olympic team eventually as the next step in his progression.

"I've been fortunate to represent my country on the big stage as an amateur," he said. "To be able to do that gave me a lot of good experience."

"Once you've played with USA Hockey, you've worn the jersey and you've represented your country, it goes a long way in the selection process."

"I think I represented my country well and played well in international tournaments and I'd like to think that helped me in the end."

Fellow Olympians

Fowler is one of seven Ducks players to be named to an Olympic team, but he'll be the lone Anaheim representative on the U.S. squad.

"It's pretty cool to have a few



Cam Fowler of Farmington Hills has helped the Anaheim Ducks compile an NHL-best record of 35-8-5. Fowler and the Ducks are undefeated at home (19-0-2). GARY A. VASQUEZ | USA TODAY SPORTS IMAGES

guys on the team be able to represent their countries," he said. "We're all very happy for each other."

"I think, maybe as it gets closer, there might be some friendly jabs thrown at each other. Right now, we're just focused on our season and the Ducks. Obviously, when it gets closer, our attention will be shifted."

Fowler, who will be joined on the U.S. team by Red Wings goalie Jimmy Howard and Livonia native Ryan Kesler of the Vancouver Canucks, thinks Team USA general manager David Poile has put together a solid team.

"I know the type of players they are and their backgrounds and I think we have a really, really good group," Fowler said. "We have guys who can do it all – a lot of skill guys, guys who can kill penalties and shut down the opponent's offense."

"I'm really excited about the group we have and expecting some big things. Hopefully, we can come together as group and get everything we want accomplished over there."

Short time to prepare

The Americans won't have an opportunity to practice until they get to Russia and they'll be limited to two or three sessions at that.

"Then we jump right into the games," Fowler said. "That's what

makes this experience really unique.

"You need to have those practices to jell with each other and get a chemistry going. Once you do that, the tournament starts and you have to figure things out quickly."

The 6-foot-1, 207-pound Fowler isn't entirely sure what his full role will be on the team, but he has a pretty good idea. Besides his overseas experience, he thinks his style of play helped put him on the team.

"I'd like to think they selected me to be an offensive defenseman and contribute that way," he said. "I know they selected a lot of 'D' men who can really skate and jump in with the play, who can make a good first pass to get the puck out of our zone."

"Whether it's two minutes a night or 20, I'll be happy to do it. I'll be happy to be there and be a part of the experience."

The U.S. was the runner-up to Canada and won the silver medal at the 2010 Games in Vancouver and Fowler expects the Americans to be in contention for the gold medal again this time.

"Anything short of that would be a disappointment," he said. "We've talked about it already and we expect good things from this group. With high expectations comes a lot of responsibility, but we think we have the team to do it."

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Biggby moving to Livonia

The Biggby Coffee at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville closed at the beginning of this year but is expected to reopen at an undisclosed location in Livonia sometime in 2014, a spokesperson for the company said Tuesday.

The franchise owner will remain the same, the spokesperson said. Biggby's website lists four current locations in the Livonia/Redford area - 33328 Plymouth Road, 11003 Middlebelt Road, 15138 Inkster Road and 33433 Seven Mile Road.

Top five

The Northville UPS store, located downtown at 143 CadyCentre, with

the help of its dedicated associates and the generosity of its customers, collected \$4,587 for the Toys for Tots literacy program. This contribution ranked in the top five of the more than 4,000 UPS stores in the nation.

The Toys for Tots literacy program is an exclusive partnership between the United States Marine Corp and The UPS Stores. The program's mission is to provide books for less fortunate children in our communities.

"It is my honor and privilege to work in such a generous community as Northville," said Mike Ladwig, owner of the Northville UPS Store. "I would also like to recognize my hard working staff, who solicited every customer

during our busy shipping season for contributions."

Ladwig said the effort was well worth it because of its impact on the children who benefit from the program.

"Opening a book can unlock a child's imagination, and lead them on a lifetime journey of wonder that is so easily found between the covers of books," he said.

The Toys for Tots collection period officially ran from Nov. 1 through Dec. 31, but monetary donations are accepted throughout the year at the store.

For more information, contact the store at 248-344-1980. Store hours are 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.



The view of Brewery Becker from the second floor shows construction nearly complete on the downtown Brighton brewery. PHOTOS BY GILLIS BENEDICT | GANNETT MICHIGAN

Northville couple's brewery taps May for opening date

By Amanda Whitesell
Gannett Michigan

It's cost double what the Becker family anticipated, but a Green Oak Township man and his family-based partners remain determined to complete a massive expansion and renovation of one of Brighton's oldest buildings.

Brewery Becker is finally in what owner Matt Becker calls its "final stretch" of construction. John and Eileen Becker of Northville are involved in the project as well. The family anticipates the "town-centered" business will begin production in March, and open in May.

"We'll get to opening — we promise," Matt Becker said. "We've got a lot of people who are anxious."

The brewery, housed in a three-story brick building built in 1873 at 500 W. Main St. in Brighton, will preserve its historic look. It's known by some as "the pink hotel" because it once was covered in pink siding.

Workers like John Willett have gone to great lengths to preserve the space, such as reincorporating original bricks found inside the building's three-layer-thick walls, putting in the original chimneys and placing the old hotel signs back up on the roof.

The employee of the Becker family said John Becker, father of Matt Becker, has one motto.

"There are no such things as problems, only solutions," Willett said, noting that he can be



John Willett talks about the great amount of time and effort expended to open Brewery Becker in downtown Brighton.

found renovating the facility seven days per week. "He wants it done, and he wants it done right."

Many would argue the family is justified in wanting the business open and complete. Its last publicly estimated opening date was October, and the building was first purchased for the job in 2011.

"The building was in much worse shape than we anticipated," Matt Becker said. "There was so much we had to do to rescue it."

Once workers began tearing down drywall that year, he realized the true condition of the building. Nearly everything — the walls, a portion of the foundation, footings, roof, floors, windows, electrical and plumbing — had to be replaced.

Last week contractors installed tile floors in what is to become its first-floor brew room, where five large windows eventually will give beer connoisseurs a peek at the ales in the works as they sip their drinks at their tables.

Walls are almost finished at this point, and the place has two floors and a mezzanine, with a cast-iron staircase leading upstairs. Sun pours in

through the building's windows — 10 in the front of the building alone. A space facing Main Street once filled by a window now features a 140-year-old door from Genoa, Italy, Matt Becker said. He estimates his family spent at least \$9,000 for it.

Matt Becker declined to say how much has been spent on the project in total. In 2011, John Becker, chief executive officer of a company that designs and builds industrial equipment, said he planned to invest an estimated \$1 million in the project.

Still to be installed are an elevator in the business' foyer, two bars, a large entryway chandelier and an outdoor beer garden, according to Willett.

The brewery will have 14 beers on tap, including historic beers such as a Viking-era beer made with bog myrtle and juniper, which is then smoked. Matt Becker said this Scandinavian farmhouse ale dates back to the 800s.

"We'll serve some food — bar munchies basically," he said. "It will definitely be more of a traditional pub; town-centered."

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ACO re-brands as Ace Hardware

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

While Farmington Hills-based ACO Home, Garden & Hardware is re-brand its stores as Ace Hardware, the corporate headquarters will remain in the city on Commerce Drive.

Oakland County ACO stores, including one on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, will be among the first to convert to Ace stores, following an agreement between the two retail giants.

"This is a very good thing for ACO," said Mark VandenBerg, ACO's CFO. "Part of our strategy is to go back to being a hardware store more than we have been in the past few years."

ACO, however, is not being sold to Ace but will use many of the global hardware compa-

ny's retail services, VandenBerg said. "We are buying some of the Ace stock so we will be an owner."

The planned conversion of ACO stores was announced recently and will affect all 52 Michigan stores. ACO has long been Michigan's largest independent home and hardware store chain.

Ace Hardware, which is based in Illinois, is the largest hardware cooperative in the U.S.

VandenBerg said he is still uncertain whether the change will close some of the ACO stores. "We are still evaluating this. The vast majority will become Ace stores," he said.

Market share

The conversion of ACO stores will greatly increase the market share for Ace Hardware

in southeast Michigan, said Sasha Bigda, Ace spokeswoman.

Ace is a global cooperative of independently owned and operated stores with a total of some 70,000 employees. ACO stores, on the other hand, are owned and operated by the corporation, which employs 850, including in the stores. "They will still be owned that way," Bigda said. "They will just be branded as Ace Hardwares."

A total of 26 locations, including Farmington Hills, Southfield, Milford, Royal Oak and Highland will be among the first to transition to Ace Hardwares.

The converted stores will operate under the new name, Great Lakes Ace, according to ACO.

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Wednesday, January 01	New Year's Day
Monday, January 20	Martin Luther King Jr.'s
Monday, February 17	Presidents' Day
Friday, April 18	Good Friday
Monday, May 26	Memorial Day
Friday, July 4	Independence Day
Monday, September 01	Labor Day
Tuesday, November 11	Veteran's Day
Thursday, November 27	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 28	Day after Thanksgiving
Wednesday, December 24	Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 25	Christmas Day

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Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on two variance requests by the property owner at 625 Carpenter St., Northville, Michigan. First, the applicant is seeking a variance to construct a home addition in the front yard setback on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, parcel number 48-001-02 -0022-302. The Building Official has determined that a front-yard variance of 5.9 feet is needed along Baseline Road from Section 15.01 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of the home addition in the front yard. Second, a variance is requested from Section 22.01.05 for the same project to expand a non-conforming structure. Currently, the north side of the home is 24.1 feet from the property line, and therefore does not conform to the required 25-foot front-yard setback.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday February 5, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building - Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902, as part of the regular City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals meeting. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public input on the variance requests. A copy of the variance application is available for review at the City of Northville Offices during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Written comments regarding the variance requests should be directed to the City of Northville at the above address.

The City of Northville will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with special needs at the meeting upon seven (7) days notice to the City of Northville.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Top Lawyer

The Meisner Law Group, P.C., announced that Robert M. Meisner was selected as a 2014 Top Lawyer in Metro Detroit in the field of real estate law. This is Meisner's second Top Lawyer selection.

The 2014 Top Lawyer selection process involves a Peer Review Survey, where 18,200 attorneys in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, and Livingston counties were polled. Each attorney was asked to nominate lawyers among 47 legal specialties. The selection was conducted by the *dbusiness* Journal.

Meisner is the founding member of The Meisner Law Group, P.C., and a practicing attorney specializing in condominium law, real estate law and commercial litigation for over 40 years. He holds a B.A. from the University of Michigan and a J.D. from the U-M Law School.

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.

Awards point to improved home building industry



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Szliter

The Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan announced its 2013 Industry Leadership Award honorees. Awards were presented on Dec. 4 at the first dedicated "Awards Night" celebration the association has held since 2009. Over 250 members and guests attended the event held at Greektown Casino and Hotel in Detroit, an indication that the economy has improved for local builders, land developers, remodelers and suppliers to the home construction industry.

Award honorees include:

2013 HBA President - Sam Palazzolo, Palazzolo Brothers

Hall of Fame - Peter Burton, Core Partners

Builder of the Year - Rich Kligman, Superb Custom Homes

Young Builder of the Year - Brian Szliter, Arteva Homes

Developer of the Year - Scott Jacobson, S.R. Jacobson Development Corp.

Development of the Year - Woodland Ridge by Norm Finkelstein, Norwood Homes Ltd.

Samuel Kreis Award For Distinguished Service To The Building Industry - Lynne and Don Pratt, CECS of Michigan, LLC

Distinguished Service To The Housing Industry - Senate Majority Leader

Thomas Ricketts Award to The Region's Outstanding Building Official - George R. Kilpatrick, building official, Bloomfield Township

Distinguished Service For Urban Home Building - Bruce Beresh, Beresh Group, Inc.

Distinguished Service to HBA's Charitable Endeavors - Ron Jedwab, Lincorp Construction

Distinguished Service to HBA's Professional Women In Building Council - Debra Ball, Daniel Investments, Inc.

Remodeler of the Year - Ben Templeton, Templeton Building Co.

Distinguished Service To The Remodeling Industry - Spencer Roed, Multi Drywall & Partition, LLC

Subcontractor Of The Year - Jo Golda, Jo's Cleaning & Organizing

Associate of the Year -



Palazzolo

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Distin-guished Service To Government - Mayor Dave Bing, Mayor, City of Detroit

Bob Veresan, DTE Energy
Recognition Award: Green Building - Brian Halprin, Green Building of Michigan

Recognition Award: Convention Connection - John Bolla, Jr., Bolla Building Company

This year, sales awards were also added to the program including:

New Home Sales Professional of the Year, Gold Award - Robin Jonescue & Dawn Rippy, MJC Companies

New Home Sales Professional of the Year, Silver Award - Lisa Compo, Compo Builders, Inc.

New Home Sales Manager of the Year, Gold Award - Erik Morganroth, Cranbrook Custom Homes

New Home Sales Manager of the Year, Silver Award - Elaine Herbst, Hunter Pasteur Homes

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan and the Apartment Association of Michigan are trade associations representing 700 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

Lawyer can advise on deal details

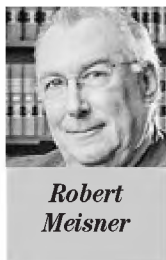
Q: We put a down payment on a house and now wish to back out of it. There were no contingencies, other than real estate financing and an inspection, both of which have been approved. Do we have any basis to get out of the deal?

A: Based on what you have told us, it may be very difficult since the conditions precedent to you being obligated to close have been met. However, there may be other issues that come up including issues concerning title, and maintenance of the home during the period between the time you sign the purchase agreement and the time of closing and, perhaps, other issues that a lawyer may be able to ascertain when he or she reviews the contract, presuming that you have not had legal advice up until now. You should not give up, because you may have a bargaining position if for nothing more than the fact that getting some of your money back from the seller may be better for him than trying to keep it and be involved in litigation and vice versa.

Q: Our board is concerned about the holiday season and violating the Fair Housing Act in regard to decorations. Do you have any advice?

A: The fair housing laws, both state and federal, can apply with regard to architectural restrictions on religious symbols. For example, a Chicago case found that there was a violation of the Fair Housing Act where the rule prohibited the display of a Jewish religious symbol, but in another federal case, where the association banned all religious services in a common room, the action was upheld. More importantly, the concept that communities may exercise nondiscriminatory control over the use of the common areas obviously pertains to holiday displays erected by the association. Associations that install Christmas decorations, but refuse to allow similar displays by or for other religious groups are treading on potentially dangerous grounds. They cannot discriminate against particular religious groups. Accordingly, I would get an opinion from legal counsel before dealing with any holiday decorations and issues arising from it.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 26-30, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

32240 Auburn Dr \$288,000
16360 Beechwood Ave \$262,000
18275 Birwood Ave \$250,000
21891 Hampton St \$345,000
17824 Kirkshire Ave \$340,000
22200 Orchard Pl \$200,000
16197 Reedmere Ave \$253,000
32425 Sheridan Dr \$212,000
19710 W 13 Mile Rd # 103 \$136,000
18760 Walmer Ln \$353,000

BIRMINGHAM

833 Benvanille Ave \$546,000
551 Bird Ave \$243,000
2100 Bradford Rd \$243,000
1653 E Maple Rd \$175,000
975 Fairfax St \$765,000
754 Henrietta St \$520,000
700 Larchlea Dr \$549,000
425 Lewis Ct \$295,000
1039 N Old Woodward Ave Unit \$135,000
1047 N Old Woodward Ave Unit \$169,000
1115 N Old Woodward Ave Unit \$278,000
734 Rivenoak St \$700,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

2565 Alveston Dr \$255,000
1861 Brookview Cir \$270,000
2383 Hickory Glen Dr \$455,000
60 Quarton Ln \$850,000
1061 Stratford Ln \$178,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

4121 Antique Ln \$415,000

1650 Apple Ln \$1,125,000
1185 Banbury Cir \$605,000
3163 Berkshire Dr \$380,000
659 Brockmoor Ln \$265,000
4039 Cranbrook Ct \$359,000
2189 Devonshire Rd \$250,000
1035 E Long Lake Rd \$575,000
2021 Klingensmith Rd \$70,000
Unit 82

2648 McClintock Rd \$275,000
775 N Valley Chase Rd \$440,000
4756 Pickering Rd \$375,000
839 Rock Spring Rd \$550,000
567 S Cranbrook Cross Rd \$264,000
3772 Thornbrier Way \$508,000
2840 W Maple Rd \$420,000
4043 W Maple Rd # D101 \$83,000
42160 Woodward Ave \$80,000
Unit 70

6025 Worlington Rd \$251,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

3255 Adele Ter \$315,000
2256 Brigantine \$269,000
3504 Buell Ct \$318,000
4307 Creedmore St \$650,000
2129 Glen Iris Dr \$193,000
3313 Glen Iris Dr \$364,000
8242 Golfside Dr \$198,000
4975 Greenview Dr \$252,000
5630 Huron Hills Dr \$283,000
5079 Parkgate Dr \$50,000
1272 Penarth St \$130,000
2500 Wixom Rd \$175,000

FARMINGTON

33030 Annewood St \$192,000
21212 Birchwood St \$195,000
33234 Kingslane Ct # 4 \$35,000
22843 Mannings St \$150,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

29239 Aranel St \$164,000
33512 Argonne Rd \$240,000
22930 Ashley St \$145,000

25345 Briarwyke Dr \$260,000
22261 Buckingham Dr \$300,000
30965 Cedar Creek Dr \$216,000
38351 Evonshire \$131,000
37869 Glengrove Dr \$312,000
34055 Hillside Ct \$150,000
35307 Hillside Dr \$150,000
37781 Hollyhead Dr \$238,000
30402 Knighton Dr \$226,000
29762 Linden St \$224,000
22103 Malden St \$60,000
30840 Running Strm \$80,000
30633 Sunderland Dr \$371,000
22182 W Brandon St \$119,000
29350 Wellington St \$309,000
25468 Wykeshire Rd \$225,000

LATHRUP VILLAGE

18551 Santa Ann Ave \$205,000
3058 Berkshire Ct \$348,000
625 East St \$275,000
2919 Hampikian Dr \$150,000
719 Panorama Dr \$118,000
2136 Wildflower Ln \$353,000

NORTHVILLE

729 Horton St \$305,000
22233 Innsbrook Dr \$285,000
20870 Normandy Ct \$205,000
37632 W Greenwood Dr \$282,000
44138 Wyngate Dr \$395,000

NOVI

46306 Cordoba Dr \$450,000
39514 Country Ln \$123,000
28373 Declaration Rd \$86,000
44679 Ellery Ln \$206,000
44767 Ellery Ln \$144,000
50955 Glades Ct W \$50,000
50983 Glades Ct W \$605,000
47595 Greenwich Dr \$478,000
29073 Hearstone Dr \$278,000
25976 Island Lake Dr \$492,000
24525 Jamestowne Dr \$230,000

23648 N Rockledge \$79,000
30863 Palmer Dr \$180,000
24360 Pinecrest St \$117,000
24236 Simmons Dr \$291,000
27291 Victoria Rd \$331,000
27303 Victoria Rd \$324,000
41985 Waverly Dr \$190,000

SOUTH LYON

58613 10 Mile Rd \$247,000
715 Cape Cod \$93,000
25015 Carriage Ln \$372,000
58762 Castle Ct \$372,000
52105 Copperwood Dr S \$362,000
24483 Glenwood Dr \$351,000
24507 Glenwood Dr \$467,000
59810 Mallory Ln \$379,000
24711 Padstone Dr \$81,000
136 S Hagadorn St \$235,000
60673 S Lyon Trl \$270,000
53742 Springwood Dr \$220,000
53812 Springwood Dr \$252,000

SOUTHFIELD

27870 Devonshire St \$198,000
26475 Franklin Pointe Dr \$53,000
21410 Lathrup St \$105,000
21741 N Tuller Ct \$66,000
25230 Southfield Rd # A104 \$50,000

29809 Spring River Dr \$123,000
17228 Sunnybrook Dr \$47,000

WHITE LAKE

9267 Camelot St \$238,000
9790 David Ln \$140,000
832 E Oxhill Dr \$135,000
880 Farnsworth Rd \$75,000
8700 Gale Rd \$300,000
8523 Huron River Dr \$145,000
238 Lisa Cir \$190,000
1941 Margie Dr \$208,000
9474 Thames Blvd \$174,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 16-20, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

42620 Boulden Ct \$180,000
41110 Brighton Ln \$174,000
1577 Brookdale Dr \$255,000
43283 Candlewood Ct \$240,000
44264 Cherbourg St \$170,000
43442 Cherrywood Ln \$263,000
276 Constitution St \$96,000
322 Cornell St \$215,000
46809 Creeks Bnd \$265,000
6763 Devonshire Dr \$230,000
41890 Echo Forest Ct \$340,000
352 Elmington St \$403,000
47317 Fairlawn Ct \$235,000
45194 Forest Trail Dr \$170,000
46133 Gainsborough Dr \$200,000
45184 Gainsgarry Rd \$280,000
42102 Greenwood Dr \$207,000
1464 Hampshire Dr \$135,000
45299 Indian Creek Dr \$170,000
1370 Knightsbridge Rd \$230,000
2283 Liberty St S \$295,000
568 McKinley Cir \$280,000
1243 N Cavalier Rd \$192,000
3315 Niagara Ave \$251,000
49145 Northampton Ct \$450,000

7338 Oakmont Dr \$350,000
41667 Quail Ct \$272,000
1732 S Pennfield Ln \$435,000
8125 Sandpiper St \$265,000
42343 Saratoga Cir \$147,000
47577 Scenic Circle Dr S \$230,000
39815 Scottsdale Dr \$181,000
3694 Shepherd Ct \$222,000
45700 Spinning Wheel Dr \$230,000
49073 Stanton Ct \$400,000
7015 Stonebrook Ct \$117,000
41643 Strawberry Ct \$230,000
1735 Thistle Dr \$240,000
41831 Wayside Dr \$165,000
7025 Willow Creek Dr \$173,000

GARDEN CITY

657 Arcola St \$107,000
31032 Birchlawn St \$145,000
28538 Block St \$28,000
6830 Burnly St \$105,000
30629 Florence St \$68,000
6749 Gilman St \$69,000
33218 Hennepin St \$115,000
6429 Henry Ruff Rd \$95,000

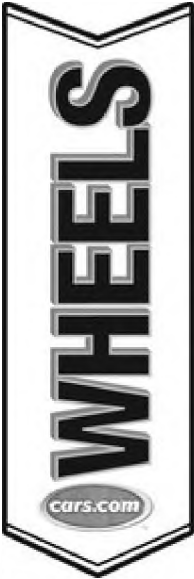
LIVONIA

32911 Allen St \$175,000
39375 Amrhein Rd \$90,000
38920 Ann Arbor Trl \$175,000
19364 Antago St \$52,000
11405 Arden St \$143,000
14290 Blackburn St \$225,000
29523 Bobrich St \$55,000
36265 Club Dr \$37,000

36269 Club Dr \$37,000
17546 Country Club Dr \$218,000
9948 Deering St \$122,000
30934 Dorais St \$161,000
38132 Elsie St \$160,000
14627 Fairway St \$154,000
15585 Fitzgerald St \$95,000
18306 Gillman St \$86,000
36603 Grove St \$172,000
9959 Hambleton St \$163,000
8921 Harvey St \$140,000
28370 Joy Rd \$41,000
17790 Lathers St \$85,000
19801 Liverpool Ave \$360,000
29859 Lori St \$147,000
30020 Lyndon St \$155,000
14149 Marie St \$174,000
18151 Mayfield St \$185,000
14892 Park St \$165,000
35573 Parkdale St \$132,000
18615 Parklane St \$230,000
34257 Pembroke Ave \$283,000
16110 Penn Dr \$219,000
35535 Richland St \$127,000
15698 Riverside St \$340,000
29987 Robert Dr \$136,000
32509 Scone St \$163,000
31645 Summers St \$173,000
29636 Trancrest St \$200,000
29636 Trancrest St \$140,000
9049 Woodring St \$146,000
17524 Woodside St \$170,000
14245 Yale St \$160,000

14657 Yale St \$170,000
NORTHVILLE
40463 Beechwood Ct \$418,000
18318 Blue Heron Dr W \$311,000
42116 Brampton Ct \$336,000
16245 Country Knoll Dr \$310,000
19522 Northridge Dr \$104,000
17826 Parkshore Dr \$1,220,000
745 Randolph St \$125,000
46873 Red Oak Dr \$470,000
49602 S Glacier \$410,000
777 Spring Dr \$775,000
41616 Sunnydale Ln \$330,000
19105 Surrey Ln \$92,000
40057 Woodside Dr N \$460,000
PLYMOUTH
11807 Brownell Ave \$130,000
510 Byron St \$202,000
1249 Carol Ave \$257,000
8893 Gregory Ln \$125,000
48412 Hilltop Dr E \$404,000
14314 Shadywood Dr \$176,000
844 Simpson St \$330,000
REDFORD
14245 Breakfast Dr \$162,000
18255 Denby \$43,000
19411 Garfield \$50,000
18630 Gaylord \$25,000
12820 Haveringway \$73,000
12849 Lemerne \$75,000
11718 Riverdale \$47,000
9059 San Jose \$75,000
9527 Sarasota \$62,000

26341 W Seven Mile Rd \$19,000
WAYNE
32147 Annapolis St \$15,000
31712 Filmore St \$63,000
34945 Glover St \$63,000
36926 Greenbush Rd \$85,000
WESTLAND
2240 Second St \$78,000
1132 Alvin St \$67,000
37455 Barkridge Cir \$62,000
37454 Beechwood St \$53,000
34713 Birchwood St \$82,000
172 Carson Dr \$125,000
33037 Chapman Cir \$116,000
31725 Conway Dr \$102,000
431 Darwin St \$60,000
1320 Denice St \$86,000
2005 Dryden St \$35,000
34441 Glen St \$54,000
1518 Gloria St \$90,000
32735 Hazelwood St \$80,000
7390 Lathers St \$29,000
7660 Louise Ct \$86,000
29082 Manchester St \$16,000
5817 Newberry Estates Dr \$245,000
777 Rahn St \$102,000
1362 Sharon St \$90,000
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1 Symbol before a key signature

5 Neighbor of Kauai

9 Actress I ox

14 Produces a winter blanket?

19 Arriving like fog

21 Prefix with anthropology

22 Smith's tool

23 Out of character

25 Hard on

26 Barks in pain

27 Suffix with meteor

28 Without face value, as stock

30 Theologian's subj.

31 Not up on current trends

36 Take a whack

37 States north of Nebraska

40 Bauxite, e.g.

41 Pizazz

43 Applying to all

48 Once going a-courting

51 Reassuring words after an accident

52 "... Mac PC?"

53 Suffix with schnezz or Motor

55 "Come again!"

56 Brief moment

57 Past paper limits

64 Ending for opal

65 Bring forth

66 Union topic

67 Lower exterior part of a ship's hull

69 I Oreal rival

72 "Nothing —!"

74 Finer in meaning

76 Taxing work

77 Construction beams with 80-degree angles

79 Buenos —, Argentina

80 Galle, o Julio

81 Loony

85 Drink like Hdo

86 S X linkup

90 Woodsy, e.g.

91 Have unpaid bills

92 Washoe County seat

93 "So long"

95 Irrelevant

102 Its capital is Nuku'alofa

104 "___ for Cookie" ("Sesame Street" tune)

105 Awakens

106 Oom

108 Subj.ected to severe trials

113 Golf surprise

114 "Ad — per aspera" (Kansas' (Kansas' motto)

115 Co.-offering a Buddy list

116 "The Family Circus" cartoonist

120 Shari, e.g.

122 A nill

127 Shari, e.g.

128 Her's resting place

129 Remove from a computer

130 Arranged or

131 Spanish for "to hairs"

132 Challenge for a lab rat

133 "To be," to liberius

DOWN

1 Big name in early computers

2 Theater area

3 Ai-lire to Ben Gurion

4 Publication that's quickly thumbled

5 Add

6 B.J.s. rop

7 Arrive at, as a solution

8 Not masked

9 Sat. of fuel efficiency

10 Citi for music

11 One pecking

12 Vowee string

13 Amateur

14 Italian Riviera city

15 Dayton-to- Toledo dir.

16 Way up there in years

17 Reader

18 In a laxy way

20 Enlarged map details

24 D.C.

29 Declaration

32 Holds

33 Suffix with 58 Down

34 "Woo —!"

35 Momentous time

37 Speech spot

38 Peak

39 Ray of fast-food fame

42 Punch noise

44 Give a (care)

45 Suffix with cast

46 W in 62-Down, rotter sort

47 Dumbball

49 Extent

50 Handle the helm

54 Timmy's TV cog

57 Yogi of baseball

58 Inflated head

59 Lemon-hued

60 Be saky

61 Sci-fi's Solo

62 See 48-Down

63 Tazered off

65 Pref x with u-ersity

68 "— a sneaf"

69 Coagulates

70 Lash of Western films

71 Exempt from regulations

72 Pol Quayle

73 Municipal statute: Abbr.

75 Banquet liqu d holder

78 Onion or fly

79 Help in crime

82 Beats lupy

83 Coa carrier

84 Lea lady?

85 L'au gifts

86 Band of 10 "7 Women"

87 Ollies, e.g.

89 Ida, neighbor

92 Casino game

94 Ottawa site

96 Qu to's and

97 Autograph: Abbr.

98 Suffix with child

99 Easter eats

100 "— ti" (Verdi aria)

101 Oktoberfest dances

103 Maestro

106 City of Light

107 Lexus rival

109 "To be — ..."

110 Raf-a —

111 Dull

112 Justice Kagan

117 Figuring-out shouts

118 "Little House on the Prairie" shopkeeper

119 Stanley Gardner

121 Oscope-wielding doc

123 That, to Tito

124 ACLU issues: Abbr.

125 Oz musical, with "The"

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11 ways to help your job search...

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You may not think you have enough time to make progress in your job search. But if you've got five minutes, you can move your search forward with any of these 11 actions:

1. Replace the objective statement

"Replace the objective statement at the top of your résumé with a branded headline that conveys your value to the reader, i.e., 'Registered nurse committed to providing safe, effective patient care,'" says Laurie Berenson, certified master résumé writer and founder of Sterling Career Concepts LLC.



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2. Connect with your network

"Connect with one person from your network with whom you haven't spoken in at least one month," Berenson advises. "Pick up the phone, too -- don't rely on emailing."

3. Update social profiles

"Update your LinkedIn profile content for two reasons: First, to keep it current, but also so the activity puts your name in front of every one of your contacts as a network update on their home page," Berenson says.

4. Conduct research

"A lack of basic understanding of the agency's mission and/or philosophy shows a lack of preparation and interest," says Natasha R.W. Eldridge, founding partner and director of human resources for Eldridge Overton Educational Programs.

5. Make your voicemails more professional

"Remove ringtones and silly voicemail recordings from voicemail," Eldridge says. "I am not going to leave a professional message on the voicemail of an applicant that has music blasting as a ringtone. It shows me that job searching is not a priority."

6. Prepare for the interview

"Preparation is everything," says Bruce A. Hurwitz, president and CEO of Hurwitz Strategic Staffing Ltd. "Make up a list of the questions you do not want to be asked; then answer them in the company of a friend. Tell the friend you want honest feedback to make certain that you are giving confident, credible and professional-sounding answers. Once you are comfortable with the difficult questions ... you will be more than prepared for the 'easy' questions."

7. Join industry associations

"Contact and join a local professional association," says Raina Kropp, HR talent partner at Vistage International. "Sometimes you can get student or in-transition discounts. Don't be afraid to ask. These are the people you want to network with since they could be your future manager or colleague."

8. Clean up your resume

"Remove irrelevant experience from your résumé," says Katie Niekraash, senior managing director of the recruitment firm Execu-Search. "While the summer after college that you spent scooping ice cream may have been the best [time] of your life, it doesn't really apply to a career in finance. Pick and choose your relevant experience, and tailor it to the job you're applying for."

9. Get your references ready

"Prepare your list of references before the interview," Niekraash says. "Once you have confirmed your two to three references, create a simple document that lists all the relevant information the employer would need to know about them; name, title, contact info., etc. Bring this document with you to all your interviews, so this way, if the hiring manager asks you for your references, you'll be prepared and look organized."

10. Stay organized

"Create a master list for all the jobs you apply for. The key to a successful job search is organization," Niekraash says. "To do this, create an Excel spreadsheet that contains a row for each job you apply for, and include these columns: the date you applied;

the company; the contact; the position for which you applied; how you applied; if, when and with whom you interviewed; when you should next follow up or what your next steps are; and the current status of the application. Creating this document should only take a few minutes, and updating it as you proactively apply for jobs should only take a few seconds."

11. Proofread your materials

"Read your LinkedIn profile, résumé and other job-search materials backward," says Karen Southall Watts, business consultant, coach and speaker. "That's right -- read from the last sentence to the first sentence. This editing technique forces you to examine each sentence separately and keeps you from skipping over mistakes because you know what you meant to say next. By reading your materials backward, you can avoid those common typos and errors that plague all of us when our brains go faster than our typing skills."

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