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Tickets are still available for the Northville Township Firefighters Charity Fund's 11th Annual Fireman's Ball on Saturday, Feb. 15 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The event begins at 6 p.m.

The event will feature dinner, a program emceed by Dan Miller of Fox 2 Sports and radio voice of the Detroit Lions, and live entertainment by the Killer Flamigos.

Over the last decade, the Northville Township Firefighters Charity Fund has raised more than \$150,000 for local charities through this event..

This is the first year the event will take place at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, which allows the group to expand the event with the hope of broadening their fundraising efforts.

Tickets cost \$75 and are available online at <https://squaresup.com/market/iaff-local-3961>. For more information, contact the Northville Township Firefighters Charity Fund at 734-219-3961 or via email at TheFiremans-Ball@gmail.com.

The other side of the story

Teacher says she and colleague were unfairly forced out

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

In the aftermath of the resignations of two popular Northville High School special education teachers, Northville Public Schools officials have come under fire from a vocal group of parents and supporters. The two teachers, Jennifer Warnock and Lynn Traxler, say they were

forced to resign or go before the tenure commission and face the likelihood of losing their jobs without pay.

Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher wrote a guest column in last week's *Northville Record*, in which she explained the district's position on the matter. She says the two teachers were placed on administrative leave during an investigation into why some of their students had a "significant



Warnock

drop" in scores on the NWEA Measure of Academic Progress Fall assessment test.

The investigation included hiring an outside psychometrician, who "noted that the probability that these results occurred due to chance was close to zero and that further investigation including interviews of students, teachers and aides would help isolate the conditions that contributed to the low growth."

The implication was the teachers informed their students to do poorly on the test so they would show improvement

when they took the test again in the spring. As a result of this conclusion, the district offered Warnock and Traxler a deal – resign and get paid for the rest of the year. With little union backing, they decided to accept the deal, which included a stipulation that they would not be able to seek future legal damages against the district.

Supporters of the teachers say the investigation was unfair and amounted to a witch hunt.

And now Warnock, 33, has come forward to give her side

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Moraine Elementary School teacher Karen Stuard works with student Naman Kamath on Jan. 31 in their first-grade classroom. Northville Schools have exhausted their snow days already and will look to find ways they can keep the educational process going this winter without added days in June. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville Schools snow days piling up to record levels

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Extreme weather conditions have led Northville students getting more 'snow days' this winter than any other previous school year in decades.

The school district has already had six days off this year due to snow, ice and bitter cold – and more could come as winter winds down in the next month

or so (a winter storm was expected Wednesday morning after we went to press).

"This weather is unprecedented in my almost 30 years in education," said Moraine Principal Denise Bryan. "I've lived in some pretty cold places and have never seen an arctic blast that was so intense for so long. I'm not sure yet how this experience will affect children, but my gut feeling is it will de-

pend on what kids have been doing while they were home."

Her big concern is maintaining the learning process without too much of an interruption.

She asks about the days off, "Were they reading? Were they doing some math? Were they being creative, doing some problem solving, building sofa

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Gaidica leaving WDIV to follow his 'calling' at Oak Pointe

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Longtime WDIV weatherman and Northville resident Chuck Gaidica is stepping down to from his role at Channel 4 to become a pastor at Novi's Oak Pointe Church.

Gaidica and WDIV made the announcement last week that he will step down later this summer as Local 4's director of

meteorology. He will still have a small role at the station, including hosting different specials.

"It has been a long and exciting journey, but I know in my heart it's time to pull back on my TV duties so I can switch gears and answer my calling to the minis-



Gaidica

try," said Gaidica, who came to Detroit more than 30 years ago.

He's stepping down from his longtime post so he can join the staff of Oak Pointe Church in Novi as its pastor of world outreach.

A three-time Emmy Award winner and popular on-air personality has a deep connection with the Northville and Novi communities. In addition to being a member of Oak Pointe,

Gaidica has played a big role in community outreach. He also helped establish the Tipping Point Theatre in downtown Northville, which he is still part of. He's lived in the community for 12 years.

"This is an exciting opportunity for me," he said looking forward.

Gaidica said the need for a

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Northville schools will get security upgrades

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Northville Public Schools will be undergoing several security upgrades starting this spring. The Board of Educa-

tion, by a 6-0 vote, approved two administration recommendations for security projects that will see the installation of structured cabling and new hardware/software, at a combined total cost of \$897,000. This

money comes from the voter-approved technology bond, which was approved in 2012 in the amount of \$20 million over the next nine years.

“We took this matter very seriously. We worked across the district with local law enforcement, we have been fortunate to be able to put a greater emphasis on this aspect through other technology items coming in under budget, and that they will see changes and communications on security systems/measure and how this impacts procedures before we start the new school year,” said board president Jim Mazurek.

He said good planning and management has helped make this project that much better.

“Let me just say this, since the technology

bond was passed we have managed the bids very closely and thus are coming in under budget. This savings has allowed us to put more emphasis on the security aspect of the bond,” Mazurek said. “As we looked at what we were going to do, we worked closely with all the surrounding law enforcement teams in Northville, Township, and Novi to consider options and make plans.”

According to Dave Rodgers, Northville schools Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, there will be new access control technology at designated entry points at each of the district’s school facilities.

“All doors will be equipped with technology that provides programmed notifications

when doors are opened at unauthorized times of day, or are left uncured,” Rodgers said.

Existing security cameras are being removed and replaced with updated camera technology at internal and external points at each school location as well. The technology also includes the software that supports the access control and cameras, Rodgers said.

The district’s goal is to have the cameras and software installed and functional by this spring. The targeted time line for implementing the new controlled access component is the start of the 2014-15 school year.

“These important security projects are elements of the bond proposal that the community supported. We

are pleased to be bringing them into the implementation phase. We have been fortunate to make some significant additions and enhancements to the security projects as a result of many of our Phase I technology projects coming in under budget,” Rodgers said.

He said they have appreciated the collaborative consultation and input from local police and fire officials through this design process.

Parents can expect to receive further communication prior to the start of the 2014-15 school year regarding any procedural changes related to the new security systems.

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forts in the family room, building with Legos, having conversations? If so we won't have too much trouble refocusing them on the curriculum.”

Bryan adds, “Elementary age children are academic sponges. They're wired to soak up learning and they crave predictability and structure. Our kids are generally happy about school. I expect they'll jump right back in and be delighted to be back at it.”

According to Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher this is the most snow days on “record”.

“We've varied from zero to three days from 1991-92 through last year, so this is the greatest number of days in the past two decades,” she said.

The district follows the standards for days off similar to other neighboring districts.

“The threshold that we have followed in Northville, like most of Wayne County and some Oakland County districts, is the National Weather

Service Wind Chill chart threshold for risk of frostbite after 30 minutes for exposed skin, which actually falls within the minus-18 to minus-20 range overall, depending on actual temperature and winds,” she said.

Days off due to snow and inclement weather in previous years were two days in 2009-10; three days in 2010-11; zero days in 2011-12 and three days in 2012-13.

The question ahead will be whether or not Northville will have to extend the school year into summer to make up

for days missed. Gallagher doesn't think so at this point.

“Northville Public Schools has always had at least 180 days of school scheduled, and our total number of instructional minutes exceeds the state requirements,” Gallagher said. “With the six days of ‘forgiveness’ currently allowed by the state, and instructional minutes in excess of the state's requirement, we do not anticipate having to add days to our calendar at this point in time.”

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change became apparent in the last year or so. Although he didn't have a fall to his knees moment, he said there have been various nudges

moving him in this new direction.

“I will be learning a lot of things, so I'm looking forward to working with Bob (Shirock, senior pastor at Oak Pointe) and the rest of the team,” he said.

Taking with him years of communication expe-

rience, Gaidica does bring knowledge of ministry with him. He has a Masters of Arts degree in ministry leadership.

At Oak Pointe he will work to help get the word out and support the different services and missions.

Meteorologist Ben

Bailey, formerly of WJBK-TV (Channel 2), will now fill in and has joined Local 4 as its new chief meteorologist.

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Shining a light on bullying

Author's adventure story teaches kids how to deal with bullies

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Northville resident and working mom Lori Costew has written a book that has received national acclaim for its lesson against bullying. Costew won a Silver Medal in the 2013 Readers' Favorite Book Contest in the Pre-Teen category for her novel, *Sherpa's Adventure: Saving the Future*.

She received the award in a ceremony held at the Miami Book Fair, the largest book fair in the United States.

"This is such a tremendous honor and one that I hope will help shine a light on the topic of bullying as well as the importance of positivity," she said.

This was a big moment for her after a lot of hard work while putting the story together.

Costew, 44, originally from Ohio, moved to Michigan 17 years ago and has lived in Northville the last 14 years. She's a Buckeye married to a Wolverine, which she says, "shows that there can be peace on earth for 364 days a year." They have two children at Amerman Elementary, Troy and Cate.

"The Readers Favorite Award ceremony was held at the Miami Book Fair and I had the opportunity to meet both well-known authors and new authors like myself from around the world. It was an amazing experience – I am still smiling!" she added.

The basis for the novel comes from the many lessons Costew took in while studying modern day bullying of children.

"The statistics around bullying are chilling,"

she said. According to Costew, it's estimated that 160,000 children miss school every day due to fear of attack or intimidation by other students, and 35 percent of kids have been threatened online, as reported by the National Education Association.

"This is such a serious issue, yet I found most anti-bullying books are academic or written specifically about bullying," she said.

She said she chose to focus on the sweet spot of wrapping positive messages into a fun adventure story in order appeal to kids.

"Woven throughout the story are tools and techniques to help kids make positive decisions. The reviews online and feedback from voracious readers, reluctant readers, parents, grandparents and educators has been amazing," said Costew. "Yet what is most satisfying are the comments by kids that the story keeps them so engaged that they keep reading. And when they keep reading, they start putting themselves in the characters shoes and realize kids can make a difference and choices impact lives."

The novel is an adventure story about a 16-year-old girl from the 24th century where cars fly and robots clean bedrooms. However, the main character's life changes when she is tasked with stopping an evil dictator, General Aveel, and his transfiguring HuBots from destroying world peace.

The novel has elements of science fiction, time travel and history, "yet it directly addresses challenges kids face today like bullying, making good decisions and being part of something bigger than yourself."

Throughout the story



Northville author Lori Costew recently penned a young adult book called "Sherpa's Adventure - Saving the Future." The book, with a science fiction/futuristic thriller feel to it, tries to empower its kid readers with the idea that they can effectively tackle bullying on their own. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Costew's book won a Readers' Favorite award from an online contest. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sherpa writes a manual titled, "How to Fix History and Save the World", which gives readers tools and techniques how to handle situations and identify making better choices.


"Winning the Readers Favorite Award was such an honor and I hope it will help shine a light on the importance of positivity," Costew said.

Sherpa's Adventure:

Saving the Future can be found in all Northville elementary and middle school libraries, the Northville Public Library or on sale at Amazon and The Next Chapter Bookstore and Bistro.

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Behnke leaving Northville to lead Adrian Schools

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Northville is losing a valuable school leader while Adrian is gaining one.

Bob Behnke, Northville's Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services since 2011, was hired last week by the Adrian Public Schools Board of Education to be its new superintendent. His contract runs through 2017.

The move represents a dream come true for him.

"I have always wanted to be a superintendent and this is the fulfillment of my career goal," he said.

His initial salary will be \$137,000. He will be in Adrian by the start of next month.

He's excited for this opportunity, but he's leaving behind a lot of

memories and friends in Northville.

"One of the best parts of Northville has to be its connection to the great downtown area and the community. Being able to walk from the board office to lunch and interact with so many people from the district and community has always been a great benefit," he said.

Those informal conversations and drop-in meetings were very productive in terms of keeping bonds strong with business owners, community leaders, and other groups, he said.

"The people of Northville (community and the district) are good people, dedicated to their community and schools," he said looking back. "I have always appreciated that passion."

His time in Northville has prepared him for a



Northville School District Assistant Superintendent Bob Behnke is prepping to leave his position with the district for a job as superintendent of the Adrian School District. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

variety of challenges.

Prior to Northville, he was the principal of Lakeland High School in the Huron Valley school district.

"During my time at Northville there have been many major issues facing the district, but the collective efforts of the board of education, employee groups, parents, and administration were central to making positive growth in student achievement, the use of best instructional practices, growth of technology, use of meaningful instructional data, and fiscal stability," he said. "Cooperation, coordination and communication are three important lessons learned."

Some of his highlights

during his time with the district include the Victorian Festival ("always one of my favorite events") because it allowed him to spend the day with elementary and high school students about town learning about the history of Northville.

"As a former history teacher and someone that loves to 'experience' history, there could never be a finer event then dressing the part and taking a step back in time with 600 third grade students," he said of the festival.

Behnke has played a big part in introducing the International Baccalaureate program in Northville.

He said Adrian is also a fantastic town with many great opportunities and he's looking forward to moving there and becoming part of the community.

"I plan to lead the district using the important lessons learned from my time in Huron Valley Schools and Northville Public Schools so Adrian Public Schools can provide continued positive growth and stability," he said. "Great things are happening in Adrian and I look forward to being part of ensuring that continues for the students and community."

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Measuring the slope



Carson Wick and Jessica Hogan team up on Jan. 31 to determine the slope angle of the hill at Hillside Middle School. Using algebra and geometry, students of Hillside teacher Jayne Tuite's class hit the slopes with their rulers and if they calculated the slope correctly, got to slide down the hill on sleds. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Walsh College grads

Amelia Michniak of Northville earned a M.S. degree in taxation, and was among the fall 2013 graduates at Walsh College.

The following local students graduated from Walsh College in the summer 2013: **Bret Spencer**, of Northville, earned a Bachelor of accountancy degree; **Alana Gabriel**, of Northville, earned a M.B.A degree; **Diana Mujaya**, of Northville, MI, earned a Master of management degree; **Theodora Tomuta**, of Northville, earned a Master of Science in finance degree; **Bianca Wright**, of Northville, earned a Master of Science in taxation degree.

Mich Tech Dean's List

Michigan Technological University has re-

leased the Dean's List for the 2013 fall semester. To be included, students must achieve grade point averages of 3.5 or higher.

Raven Rebb, of Northville, who is studying software engineering earned a 4.0.

Coastal Carolina Dean's List

Jill Dobronski, of Northville, made the Dean's List at Coastal Carolina University for the fall 2013 semester. Dobronski, a junior communications major, was among more than 1,900 students from Coastal Carolina University who made the list.

To qualify for the Dean's List upperclassmen must earn a 3.5 grade point average.

Davenport honors

Davenport University has announced that sev-

eral local students have been named to the President's List for the fall 2013 semester. The President's List recognizes Davenport University's top students who excel with outstanding academic performance. To achieve the President's List, a student must maintain a minimum 3.8 grade point average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular coursework.

Northville residents **Vonyetta Hunter** and **Jewel Kitko** made the list.

KSU scholar

Kansas State University student Christopher Porreca, of Northville, was awarded the Shawn and Shkendie Basler Family Scholarship. The scholarship is worth more than \$1,000.

NHS Dance Company performance

The Northville High School Varsity Dance Company will present its annual performance entitled, "In The Air," at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9 in the Northville High School auditorium. The show will feature hip-hop, jazz, contemporary, lyrical, and tap routines, many which have been choreographed by its student members. The Northville High School Varsity Dance Company is a performance-based dance ensemble made up of 20 high school students.

Tickets for "In The Air" will be available for purchase the day of the show at the NHS auditorium box office beginning at 2:15 p.m. Tickets are \$8 each.

Attendance policy changes

Northville Public Schools is currently exploring revisions to its attendance policy. As administration officials develop these changes, they would like to hear from parents to get their perspective. A focus group will be held at the Hillside Middle School Forum from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12 to seek input on current practices. The goal is to improve overall student daily attendance.

Forthcoming proposed changes will be communicated after the policy has been drafted. For more information, contact the Office of Instruction at 248-344-3520.

Early kindergarten registration

Northville Public Schools is no accepting early registration for

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kindergarten enrollment for the fall of 2014.

If you have a child who will be 5 years of age on or before Oct. 1, contact your local elementary school for kindergarten enrollment information. School phone numbers are as follows:

Amerman – 248-465-2100; Moraine – 248-465-2150; Ridge Wood – 248-465-2200; Silver Springs – 248-465-2300; Thornton Creek – 248-465-2350; Winchester – 248-465-2400. Each of the schools will have kindergarten round-ups this spring.

Enrollment forms may be picked up directly at each building. All parents are asked to register their child in early registration before April 25. A district map can be found at www.northvilleschools.org/node/251.

Kids' Club program

The Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs offers a program called Kids' Club at each of the elementary schools. This tuition-based program allows parents the option to have their child participate in a before and after school childcare program. Kids' Club is offered as an option from as early as 7 a.m. to the start of school and from school dismissal until as late as 6 p.m.

Program Request Forms are available at <http://earlychildhood.northvilleschools.org/>. Registration for new families will begin on March 7.

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LISTSERV® e-mail subscription service. By signing up for this service, parents and community members can receive essential district, building and program level information via e-mail. You can subscribe through the district website or the following link: <http://www.northvilleschools.org/node/489>

Special services

If you have a child that will be under the age of 5 years old on or before the first day of the 2014-2015 school year, and you suspect that your child may have speech and language difficulties or overall developmental delays please call the Northville Public Schools Office of Special Services at 248-344-3530.

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Dave Davies, (left) Wayne David Parker and Cheryl Turski perform a scene in "Murder at the Howard Johnson's."

Tipping Point play helps fight 'winter blahs'

Murder at the Howard Johnson's by Ron Clark and Sam Bobrick brings with it a mystery and a murder – or does it?

The new play at the Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady in Northville, asks these questions.

What can you do with a wife who wants a divorce one minute, then loves you the next? Arlene cannot decide whether to stay with Paul, her dumpy car salesman husband of many years, or leave him for Mitchell, their dentist, who has swept her off her feet. The two finally conspire to murder Paul in a room at the local Howard Johnson's motel. This is the first of several hilarious twists and turns as this clueless threesome leave us wondering who hates



Turski



Parker



Davies

Point audiences especially love their comedies and this one is sure to live up to that high expectation.

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Murder at the Howard Johnson's began last week at the theater and runs through March 9. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. A special matinee performance has been added on Wednesday, Feb. 19.

Members of the Actors Equity Association will perform. Tickets are \$29 to \$32 for adults, \$27 to \$30 for students and seniors. Call the box office at 248-347-0003.

who, who loves who, and who can really pull off a murder.

"An evening of laughter in a warm theater will be a welcome distraction from the winter blahs," said director James R. Kuhl. "The cast in this production is incredible. The hilarious combination of Wayne David Parker and Dave Davies have quickly become Tipping Point favorites for good reasons. This duo, combined with the TPT debut of Cheryl Turski, is going to be a show you will not want to miss."

Kuhl added, "Tipping



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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Book signings

The Next Chapter Book Store & Bistro, located at 141 E. Main Street in downtown Northville, will host several upcoming author visits and book signings.

Author Paul Travis, a Westland resident, will visit from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 8. He will be available to sign copies of his book, *Tenfold Ministry*. The book examines how people play a role in the church, and how God functions in "meticulous order."

Author William Guy, of Beverly Hills, Mich., will also visit from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 8 to sign copies of his book, *The Last Nephilim*, a work of historical fiction based upon the first chapters of the book of Genesis and several ancient apocryphal texts. This story presents the Nephilim of Genesis chapter six as gifted giants that essentially love themselves as deities to post-flood human populations. The Bible asserts that monotheism was before polytheism, but there is no clear explanation as to why polytheism became so prevalent such a short time after the flood.

For more information, contact Michelle Whitman at 877-727-0697 or michelle@keymgc.com.

Kohl's scholarships

Kohl's is now accepting nominations for the 2014 Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program. Kohl's recognizes kids ages 6-18 who have made a positive impact on their community through volunteerism. Nominations will be accepted now through

March 14 at kohlskids.com.

The Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program will award nearly \$400,000 in scholarships and prizes this year to more than 2,300 young volunteers who have made a positive impact in their communities. Kohl's is encouraging parents, teachers, neighbors and friends to nominate outstanding youth, in celebration of their time, energy and passion to helping others.

Two nominees from each of the more than 1,100 Kohl's stores nationwide will win a \$50 Kohl's gift card, and nearly 200 will win regional scholarships worth \$1,000 toward higher education. Ten national winners will be awarded a total of \$10,000 in scholarships for higher education, and Kohl's will donate \$1,000 to a nonprofit organization on each national winner's behalf.

Since the Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program began in 2001, Kohl's has recognized more than 19,500 kids with more than \$3.9 million in scholarships and prizes. For more information or a list of past Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program winners, visit kohlskids.com.

Buy Michigan Now vendors, sponsors

The Buy Michigan Now Festival will celebrate its 6th anniversary in downtown Northville Aug. 1-3, 2014. Hosted by the Buy Michigan Now campaign and downtown Northville, the family-friendly festival will once again showcase a wide variety of Michigan businesses, products, entertainers, and educational opportunities.

Vendor and sponsorship opportunities are now open for the 2014 Buy Michigan Now Festival.

"People are becoming more and more passionate about supporting Michigan businesses, and as a result, this festival has grown tremendously each year. It is an incredible avenue for local businesses to demonstrate their commitment to Michigan, and a spectacular venue for selling products that are made here," said Buy Michigan Now founder, Lisa Diggs.

The weekend celebration focuses attention on Michigan-based businesses and locally-produced merchandise with exhibitors in tents on the street. It takes place in downtown Northville, which is also home to many independently-owned restaurants, boutiques, and galleries for guests to enjoy. Michigan-based organizations are invited to visit www.BuyMichiganNowFest.com to apply for exhibitor space.

The event also features live entertainment, food, and a Kids Zone dedicated to family fun. Admission to the festival is free, as is parking in the surrounding lots and structures. Main and Center streets in downtown Northville will be closed to allow for pedestrian traffic.

The Buy Michigan Now Festival is scheduled to run from:

For information on sponsorship opportunities, send an email inquiry to Fest@BuyMichiganNow.com. A full list of events will be announced later. For the most up-to-date information visit www.BuyMichiganNowFest.com.

CHAMBER CHAT

Business Showcase

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is now accepting registrations for the annual Taste of Northville Business Showcase, scheduled from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 8 at Northville High School. The showcase will feature interactive exhibits from retail, service and non-profit businesses at this fun family-themed event.

This year's theme will celebrate the chamber's 50th birthday with a Big 5-0 Birthday Party theme. The registration fee of \$175 (chamber members discount) includes booth space, table, chairs, set up assistance and six tickets to the event.

"The Business Showcase is a great opportunity for our local businesses to showcase their products and services, to meet the community and to network with other businesses" said Northville Chamber Executive Director Jody Humphries. "It's also a fun way for the whole family

to spend an afternoon in a fun atmosphere, getting to know our local businesses and to sample great food from our area restaurants and caterers."

Business participants are encouraged to provide promotional giveaway items, along with their company literature. Event attendees vote on awards for the Best Restaurant/Caterer, Best Business and Best Theme displays.

The Business Showcase application form is available on the chamber website at www.northville.org, or can be obtained by contacting the chamber at 248-349-7640.

Small business seminar

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a free small business workshop from 8-9:15 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12 in the lower level training room in Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street.

Tom Borg, president of Tom Borg Consulting, LLC, will present "Cre-

ating a Bigger, Brighter and More Profitable Future for Your Small Business Through Innovation."

If your small business isn't growing, it is dying. One of the best things about innovating is that it keeps you ahead of your competition. Attend this free workshop to develop ideas to help your business produce a cutting edge product or service. Topics that will be covered include: the importance of innovation; how adaptation is cheaper and quicker than invention; how to explore new paths and horizons; how to combine two different elements to create a new product or service; develop a broader set or profitable alternative solutions to your customer's problems; learn how to develop new and successful partnerships; and how to create a bigger and better future for your business.

Seating is limited, so please RSVP by contacting Traci Sincok at tracisincok@northville.org or 248-349-7640 ext. 22.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Irish ancestry

The public is invited to attend, free of charge, the meeting of the Northville Genealogical Society at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9 at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady. The topic of the meeting will be “Accessing Irish Records from North America.”

Dick Doherty will be the guest speaker. His lecture will focus on Ireland’s major records, and cost-effective methods for accessing them from North America. Included are recent Irish repository initiatives that make indexes and images available online (both free and fee). Ireland records accessible through the Family History Library are also discussed. Doherty lectures in the U.S., Canada

and Ireland and is a past-president of three genealogical societies. He is also a delegate to the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Michigan Genealogical Council.

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

Northville Woman’s Club

The Northville Woman’s Club will meet at 1:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 7 at First Presbyterian Church in Northville. Canton’s Evola Music will present “The Piano of the 21st Century.”

The meeting is open to

the public, but guests must call Dianne Cusumano at 248-921-5735 to RSVP.

‘Handwriting Analysis Tea’

The Northville Historical Society will present a Handwriting Analysis Tea Saturday, Feb. 8 at Mill Race Village.

Hear what minding your “P”s and “Q”s and dotting your “I”s and crossing your “T”s can say about how you think and behave. Learn to identify, evaluate and understand your personality through the patterns revealed in your handwriting to gain a better understanding of yourself. Discover how you can change your life by changing your handwriting.

The program will



“Portrait” by Amy Fell Burford will be part of the Northville Art House 8th Annual Member Exhibition.

feature Karen Elly, a certified handwriting analyst. Karen is an examiner of forged documents for the police and others; speaker and lecturer; and has appeared on several radio shows. Names will be drawn for a brief personal analysis.

The Cady Inn provides a charming backdrop for this traditional afternoon tea, and refined celebration of friends and family. Enjoy an assortment of petite finger sandwiches, freshly-baked scones and an array of desserts, served with the group’s signature Cady House Tea on their finest china. The tea will be catered by Victoria’s Tea Salon.

To purchase tickets, which are \$30 (\$25 for NHS members), call 248-348-1845. For more

information, visit www.millracenorthville.org. Proceeds from the event will benefit Mill Race Village

Art House exhibition

The Northville Art House, located at 215 W. Cady Street, will host its 8th Annual Member Exhibition from Feb. 7-March 1.

The annual exhibition showcases the varies styles and mediums of the Art House artist members. This yearly show was designed to say “Thank You” to everyone who has supported the growth and creativity of the arts in Northville.

The show will open with a reception from 6-9 p.m. on First Friday, Feb. 7. The show will continue through March 1 during

Art House hours, from 1-5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. For additional information, call 248-344-0497 or visit www.northvillearthouse.org.

Yard art projects

Three members of the Northville, Novi Garden Club will make presentations on how to create yard art projects at the group’s monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 10 at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street located next to the Northville Post Office. A social mixer with snacks will begin at 6:30 p.m. and demonstrations begin at 7 p.m. A cell phone camera or pen and paper may be helpful to bring to the meeting.

For more information, contact Kathy O’Brien at obiekathy@yahoo.com.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross is holding several local blood drives in the coming weeks. Here’s the schedule:

Feb. 16 from 7:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile

Feb. 26 from 2:30-8:15 p.m. at Hillside Middle School, 775 N. Center Street

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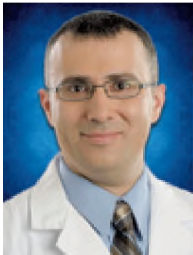
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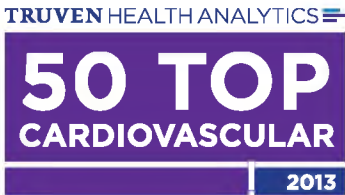
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Courtney Leigh Barnes and Frank Anthony Ray, Jr. on their wedding day

BARNES-RAY

Courtney Leigh Barnes and Frank Anthony Ray Jr. were married Dec. 28, 2013 at Church of the Holy Family, in Novi. The Rev. Denis Theroux from Our Lady of Victory Church officiated. The bride, daughter of Dawn Barnes of Livonia and the late Robert Barnes, attended Central Michigan University and is employed by Experiencia Preparatory Academy. The groom, son of Mary Lou and Frank Ray of Northville, attended Central Michigan University and earned a master's degree from Eastern Michi-

gan University. He is employed by International Automotive Components. The bride's attendants were Christine McCormick, Shannon O'Halloran, Ashley Trembath, Kacie McCullough, Emily Ray and Andrea Barnes. The groom's attendants were Scott Ray, Patrick Ray, Anthony Galli, Eric Elberling, Timothy Roscini, Justin Barnes and Jackson Barna, who served as ring bearer, A reception was held at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center. The couple also took a honeymoon trip to Costa Rica. They reside in Plymouth.

ENGAGEMENT



Kelly Lynn Gleeson and Bret Cocke are engaged to be married. Gleeson is the daughter of Mrs. Linda Sauter and the late James Gleeson of Northville. She is a 2007 graduate of Northville High School. She graduated in 2001 from Eastern Michigan University with a B.S. in human biology, and recently graduated from EMU with a Master's degree in occupational therapy. Cocke graduated from Grand Valley State University in 2011 with a B.S. in communication studies. He is currently employed with Indiana Wholesale Wine and Liquor in South Bend, Ind. A Sept. 13, 2014 wedding is planned at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and a reception at Lovitt Hall in Greenfield Village.

ENGAGEMENT



Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Nicholl of Glenview are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine, to Brendan Boyes. Brendan is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Roderick Boyes of Northville. Katherine graduated from the University of Michigan Stephen Ross School of Business. She is employed as an options trader on the Chicago Board of Options Exchange. She is a graduate of Loyola Academy High School in Glenview, IL. Brendan graduated from the University of Michigan where he and Katherine met. Brendan then graduated from Thomas Cooley Law School. His postgraduate work at Denver University followed, where he received an LLM degree in Taxation. Currently, he is practicing law in Chicago. He is a graduate of Northville High School. A May 2014 wedding is planned.

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TEACHER

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to each and every special education student. There had never been much instruction or guidance regarding this test in the past and stressing the importance of the test upon the students.

In hindsight, I would have done more investigation of my rights. Since I believed my innocence would prove itself, I just did not think it was necessary to do so. However, I have since learned a lot about how an investigation like this should be handled, if a district even feels it is necessary to do so at all. A special education attorney has presented to me that, in similar circumstances, this should have been handled by personnel specifically trained in dealing with the unique requirements of interviewing special education students. Using more sensitive, specially trained personnel to ask the students questions may have eliminated the stress both parents and students experienced.

Northville Record: What does the NWEA test mean to the students under your supervision and how is it different from other tests?

Warnock: The NWEA, as opposed to other standardized tests my students take, is different in that it does not count toward college admis-

sion, nor are the scores reported on their transcripts. The students are not rewarded or penalized for their performance on the NWEA. The NWEA test is a computer-based, self-paced test. The test is not read aloud to the students.

According to information on NWEA.org, “The whole purpose of giving an assessment is to receive data that you can use to make a difference for the students in your class. Teachers who can read and interpret their reports are better prepared to use the data to influence instruction, create flexible groupings, adjust time spent on certain topics, etc. Educators at NWEA believe this is the key to effecting instructional change.” NWEA also says, “Just as we must look at the whole child, we must also look at the whole teacher. And just as we can agree that one exam is not the end-all, be-all measure of an individual student’s learning, we must also agree that one student test should also not be the only measure of whether a teacher is doing an effective job or not.”

Northville Record: Were the test scores unusually low compared to the previous test from spring of 2013? If so, why?

Warnock: I do not know the total number of the special education students who scored lower on the NWEA test this fall as compared to

spring of 2013. I do know that out of the 16 students on my special education caseload for whom I am responsible, only three, or 18.75 percent, scored significantly lower than their previous scores from spring 2013. There are a number of variables and reasons why students taking the NWEA may score high or low.

Children with special needs are extremely susceptible to variation in their performance. These variations can be caused by new or increased medications, increased body mass, hormonal fluctuations, emotional fluctuations, environmental issues, etc. What they ate, or didn’t eat, for breakfast or lunch can have a dramatic effect on test scores on any given day. There is also a more significant issue with regression/recoupment with students with learning disabilities. As we all know, students “forget stuff” over the summer recess. For students with special needs, this is even more significant.

It usually takes more time for these students to recoup the knowledge he/she had before the summer break. Taking a test in the early fall, students with special needs could show a decrease in performance due simply from the issue it takes them longer to “recapture” the knowledge they had at the end of the previous school year. A decrease in test scores by 18 per-

cent of the population can be explained by any combination of causes, other than assuming some impropriety by a test administrator.

Northville Record: What impact has this had on your life? Do you plan on seeking another teaching job?

Warnock: When this investigation started in the middle of November 2013, I was in shock. I was dismayed that my moral and ethical values were being questioned by members of administration, particularly since I was innocent of the allegations made against me. My heart ached when the students came back to my classroom upset after being interviewed by administration. I didn’t think I could ever go back into a public school and trust members of administration enough to work together with them again.

However, they say, “What doesn’t kill you makes you stronger.” That certainly applies to what has happened to me. I have become stronger in ways I would have never imagined. I have certainly learned that things aren’t always fair. I have learned that you can put your heart and soul into a job you love and it can all be taken away from you in a heartbeat. I learned not to be so naive, to ask more questions, to fully understand the situation before answering questions and to respectfully hold our representatives accountable – whether

that means elected officials or school administrators.

After seeking guidance from both an employment law attorney, as well as a mental health professional, and (with) the overwhelming support of my former students and their parents, I have come to the realization that I cannot let the injustice that has occurred here change who I am. Administration in the Northville Public School District cannot take my integrity away from me. I cannot let the few people who were involved in forcing this resignation change this course for me. I definitely want to continue to work in the field of education because that is where I belong. I loved working with my students and communicated with parents 24/7. I have to look at this as a roadblock and know that I will continue my work with students in the future. I am a highly qualified, dedicated teacher who has a lot to offer a district, its students and parents on many levels.

Northville Record: What’s your impression of the support you’ve received from students and parents?

Warnock: The support from parents and students has been overwhelming and amazing. Parents spoke to board members at several school board meetings. They expressed their concerns and requested more information repeatedly, met with the two

administrators who had interviewed their students to voice their concerns and have written letters to the editor of the *Northville Record* regarding concerns of the investigation. They have continued to call and meet with me to offer support. As a teacher, especially at the secondary level, you don’t always get to see the impact you’ve made on a student right away.

The support of these parents and students has shown me the impact I’ve made on my students. There are no words to express the warmth and love I have received from all of them. They are incredibly strong, knowledgeable and caring! I am proud of their continued efforts to fight for the support and respect that their students deserve. I am overwhelmed that their support continues with letters, phone calls and email messages. My heart was especially full of gratitude when I attended the huge goodbye party they planned for my co-worker and me during the holiday break. It was heartwarming to have so many of the parents and students in attendance. I feel so blessed to have been given the privilege of working with each and every one of them. I wish them the best of success in their academic careers and all their future endeavors.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

Brightmoor Christian Church

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

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)
Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor
AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile
Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointe meadows.org.
Sunday worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multisensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville
Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org
Contact: 248-442-8822
Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Adult special needs worship: 9:30 a.m.
Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesdays
Women’s Coffee Break Bible Study Advent Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; Christianity’s Family Tree, Adam Hamilton
Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; “Bad Religion: How We Became A Nation Of Heretics” by Douthat

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Women’s Bible Study: 9:15-10:30 a.m. Saturdays; What’s So Amazing About Grace? through March 22

First Baptist Church of Northville

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

First Church of the Nazarene

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

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main
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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake St. (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South

Lyon
Contact: 248-437-2875

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

First United Methodist Church of Northville

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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

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

Hope Lutheran Church

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

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Livonia Church of Christ

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

Legacy Church

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Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi
Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665 or visit www.legachurch.org

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Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Services: 11 a.m.
Bible Study/Prayer: Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile
Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister, 248-348-7757, visit mbccc.org or email to office@mbccc.org.
Chuck Gaidica Guest Minister Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 9

Details: Gaidica, who announced he intends to answer a calling to the ministry and step back from his duties as WDIV-TV4 weatherman, will speak more about that decision and his journey. Gaidica recently got a master’s in ministry leadership from Cornerstone University/Grand Rapids Theological Seminary. He also received a graduate certificate from Jerusalem University last summer after living and studying in the Holy Land for a month.

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Church School: 10-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.
Merry Widows Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month
Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m. Sundays

Northville Christian Assembly

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

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CRUM, ALEX

Age 63, passed away February 1, 2014, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on December 28, 1949, in Ypsilanti, son of Clara and the late Alex Crum. Alex was a true family man. He was generous, selfless and would do anything to help his family. He will always be remembered for his unconditional love to his wife, children and grandson and for being an excellent provider to all of them. He coached each of his children in soccer when they were young and continued to coach youth soccer years after. Alex enjoyed being outdoors, camping and NASCAR. He was an avid collector of Coca Cola and had an extensive collection of memorabilia. He is survived by his beloved wife, Brigitte Myers; his loving children: Shawn, Kyle and Meghan Colson and Alex, Devin and Ainsley Crum. He is also survived by his adoring grandson, Blake; his mother, Clara and his sister, Sandy Kea. Alex was preceded in death by his father Alex and his brother Bruce. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 5, from 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, February 6, at 11:00 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

FLOWER, BERNICE A.

Age 96, passed away January 31, 2014. Visitation Feb. 3, 4-8p.m. Funeral Feb. 4, 11a.m. Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.



PETERSON, JACKIE

Passed away unexpectedly at her home in Anchorage, Alaska on December 24, 2013. She was survived by her father Calvin Peterson and step-mother Enrica Peterson and brothers David Peterson, Rolly Creech, Dale Creech, Harold Creech; sisters Teresa Green and Angelique Bozzo; and mother Martha Larrabee and also step-father David Larrabee; and brothers Terry Obenbach and sister Tammy Fields. Jackie will be remembered, loved and missed by all that knew her. Because of inclement weather, the Celebration of Life has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 15, 2014. If you would like to attend or send a kind word to family and friends, please e-mail: southlyon04@yahoo.com



PIERSON CARL "BUTCH"

Age 70, of Manchester, passed away January 29, 2014 He was born August 11, 1943 in Dearborn, Michigan, the son of Carl and Leona (Tucker) Pierson. On November 23, 1963 he married Brenda Cottingham in Wayne, MI. Butch was a member and Deacon at Tecumseh Freewill Baptist Church. He is survived by Diana (James) West, Carol (Henry) Douglas, and Amanda (Ricky) Pierson; Seven grandchildren; Six great-grandchildren; brothers, Ted (Gloria), Ken (Judy), Bob (Myra), and Ron; and sister Nona (Don) Lusby. He was preceded in death by his wife Brenda, his parents; brother, Ed; and sister Ann. Condolences may be offered online at: www.pursefuneralhome.com

REAMES, CLAUDIA A.

Age 74, passed away January 29, 2014. Memorial service Feb. 6, Thursday, 3 p.m. with visitation prior from 1-3 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

TAULBEE, BETTY M.

of Milford, passed away peacefully in the care of her family on January 28, 2014. She was 76 years old. Betty is survived by her beloved husband, Gerald; son, Steven (Regina) Taulbee; daughter, Karen (Michael) Martin; grandchildren, Joshua (Susan) Martin and Kristen (Chad) Orde; great-grandchildren, Olen, Eli and Sophia; siblings, June Eisen, Russell (Ailene) Morris, Rudy (Roberta) Morris and Wilma (Orvan) Tharp. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and dear friends. A Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford on Sunday, February 9 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com



POLICE BRIEFS

Tablet stolen from car

A 46-year-old Northville Township woman contacted police on Jan. 21 after she discovered somebody stole a tablet and credit cards from her vehicle some time during the previous night. The woman told police the vehicle was parked in her driveway on the 16400 block of Mulberry Way. She thought she had locked the vehicle, but there was no sign of forced entry according to police reports. She had left the tablet and credit cards in the center console.

When she made the report to police, she was in the process of canceling her credit cards. She said there had been no attempts to use them before she had the chance to contact

her credit card companies. At this time there are no suspects.

Computer scam

A phone call about purchasing virus protection may have led to a Northville woman's computer being damaged.

On the evening of Jan. 23, the woman told Northville City Police she received a cold call on her landline from a man unknown to her. The man told her if she did not get the computer protection then her computer would no longer work.

She told police she felt suspicious about it and refused, which led to the man getting upset and hanging up. The next morning the computer was inaccessible to her and the log in had been changed. Further investigation by police found

there are other similar cases like this one.

The woman said she only used the computer to answer emails from friends. The case remains open.

Driving on suspended license

A 23-year-old Novi woman was arrested Jan. 25 around 4 p.m. due to the fact she had eight current suspensions of her driver's license.

According to Northville Township Police reports, the woman was driving a 2007 Chevy Impala on eastbound Eight Mile approaching Haggerty when an officer pulled her over after running her plate.

After stopping her, the officer informed her of the sus-

pensions and arrested her for operating a vehicle without a driver's license. She posted the \$200 bond, and was given a Feb. 19 date in 35th District Court.

Bad check

A 57-year-old Detroit man was cited for attempting to cash a check on a flagged account at the Community Financial Credit Union in downtown Northville.

On the afternoon of Jan. 24, the man went into the bank but was rejected once the account turned up that it was closed and cited for previous suspected fraudulent check cashing attempts. The man left the bank, but police caught up with him down the road.

Upon questioning he told

police a man he was working for had given it to him. The man could not provide much in the way of details so the police could contact this other man. The Credit Union did have previous incidents involving a similar, looking check.

Bike found

While out on patrol on Jan. 24, a Northville Township police officer spotted a bicycle laying in the snow along the west side of Silver Spring Drive, north of Scenic Drive. He recovered the black bike, and took it back to the police station. He was unable to locate the serial number on the bike, however, and it didn't match any records of stolen bicycles in the township over the last three months.

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OUR VIEWS

Get your shot

Don't mess around with flu this year

Influenza — the real deal, not the viruses that people mistakenly call the flu — is nothing to trifle with. It's beyond miserable, potentially deadly and, in most cases, preventable.

Still, most Americans won't receive a flu vaccine, even though the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that influenza vaccines, on average, are about 62 percent effective.

That's less than the 70 percent to 90 percent efficacy rate the CDC estimated just a year ago, but still a far sight better than taking your chances in what is turning out to be a particularly bad flu season.

So, why do so many people take the risk? The reasons are varied, complicated and differ from person to person, experts say. Some fear that the vaccine carries risks. Others are lazy. Some think the flu shot is unnecessary or won't do any good.

Candidly, the science is complicated, which is why urban legends about risks or exposure get so much traction in the public and turn off otherwise sensible, health-conscious individuals from getting vaccinated.

Even public health officials are increasingly vocal about the need for a better flu vaccine.

Today, people need to be revaccinated every year against the flu. That's because the influenza virus is constantly changing. Virologists try to predict which viruses will be in circulation in the coming season, hoping to get a good "match" between the viruses in the community and the viral strains used in the vaccine.

To their credit, they're pretty good at it, but it's still a hard sell to people skeptical of vaccinations and the drug industry in general. A "game-changing" vaccine would be very different.

Such a vaccine would produce immunity by including parts of the influenza virus that don't change from year to year and which are common among many strains of virus. Such a vaccine would protect people for a decade or more.

Such a vaccine would also be far more effective in producing "herd" or community immunity, where enough people are immunized that the community's viral load drops, protecting even the unvaccinated.



Deanna Karoub gets her seasonal flu shot from RN Linda Gottleber in 2012 at the Northville Community Senior Center. FILE PHOTO

WHERE TO GET YOUR SHOT

The Wayne County Department of Public Health offers the flu vaccine at the following location at the Wayne Health Center and WIC, 33030 Van Born, Wayne. The department offers the flu vaccine to the public for \$20. For more information call 734-727-7100.

WHO CAN GET THE FLU SHOT?

Flu shots are available to individuals age 6 months or older. Flu vaccine is not recommended for people who are allergic to

eggs or flu vaccine, had a serious reaction to flu vaccine in the past, previously developed Guillain-Barre syndrome within six weeks of getting a flu shot, or who currently has a fever.

WHAT FLU VIRUSES DOES THIS SEASON'S VACCINE PROTECT AGAINST?

The 2013-2014 trivalent influenza vaccine protects against Type A H1N1, H3N2 and a Type B strain that are most likely to be seen this season. The quadrivalent vaccine protects against another common

Type B strain in addition to the three listed above. For more information on the flu strains that are covered by the trivalent and quadrivalent flu vaccine, visit www.cdc.gov/flu.

OAKLAND COUNTY RESIDENTS

The Oakland County Health Division also administers flu shots. For more information, visit www.oakgov.com/health/Pages/initiatives/flu_main.aspx.

LETTERS

Making the Tea Party happy

Faced with a \$1.3 billion budget surplus, the Tea Party-led Republicans in Lansing immediately jumped on the idea of a small income tax rate reduction. Small if you're in the bottom 20-percent of the tax payers — you will see a whopping eight cents per day. However, if you're in the top 1-percent of the tax payers, the target group for the Tea Party, your savings will be one hundred times that — eight dollars per day.

Heaven forbid that we invest some of that surplus into our crumbling infrastructure; the potholes will probably fix themselves, and not that many bridges are going to fall down in the next two years. Let's not give a second thought to investing in education, an investment that will keep the state competitive into the future. And don't ask us to think back two years, when the dire straits of our state finances forced these same legislators to start taxing pension income, and to eliminate the tax credits for charitable contributions to Michigan universities and public broadcasters.

It would be unthinkable to start by rolling back previous tax increases. It would be unthinkable to invest the surplus in building for the future.

Any and all other options are unthinkable because, after all, this is an election year and the Tea Party's constituents need to be stroked.

John D. Webster
Northville

Marecki's views reflect citizens' views

I was delighted to see my friend, Terry Marecki, has decided to run for the 9th District County Commissioner seat. I have known Terry since I was 7 years old and our friendship has extended down to our children forming friendships throughout the years.

Terry has been active in the Livonia community for years. She began in the sports world with several of her children involved heavily in swimming. With those connections and volunteering for other activities Terry continued to work for what was best for our community, both at the school and city levels. Through that time, I have known her to be very well liked by her colleagues but, more than that, she has always been decisive and consistent in her beliefs — beliefs that reflect the citizens of the Livonia community.

I have no doubt Terry will be a great County Commissioner. She has been and will continue to be a strong vocal advocate to stop the massive overspending of our tax dollars. Terry is vocal and will stand up for our community and our tax dollars as our Commissioner. It is not the time to have a person representing us who is most concerned about working with old cronies. This is the time to put the county feet to the fire and demand answers about what is going on in this train-wreck of a county. Believe me when I say, Terry Marecki is the person for the job.

Kathy Goddard
Livonia

COMMUNITY VOICE

“What’s the one word you would use to describe this winter?”

This question was asked in downtown Northville, at Hillside Middle School and the Novi Civic Center.



“One word ... hmm that's hard. Beautiful is how I sum it up. I love winter.”

Jim Cracraft
Northville (Hillside Middle School Principal)



“Horrific. I've never seen it this cold and windy, and with this much snow. I remember the winter of '78 and that had eight-foot drifts, but this one might be worse.”

Barbara Shobe
Novi



“Great. I love it. I have a four-wheel drive and snow blower, so it's been easier to deal with.”

Tom Guajardo
Northville



“Challenging. Besides the snow and cold, it's also been tough from the business standpoint. People stay inside at home more when it get's like it has been.”

Jeff Greig
Northville (Nest to Nest Consignment)

Blanket drive response ‘heartwarming’

A huge thank you to the many, many people who braved the cold of the past two weeks to bring in blankets for our drive. It was truly heartwarming. We delivered the blankets on Saturday to C.O.T.S. and they were overwhelmed as we brought in bag after bag. Thank you for caring.

Chris Van Dam
Van Dam's boutique

Still waiting for an answer

Beginning on December 1, 2012 and for every month thereafter, for one year and two months, I have sent Senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin a request to answer the following question:

“In light of the indisputable fact that the U.S. government's debt is astronomical and federal expenses are uncontrollable, please provide me with five (5) ways that you would reduce federal spending, how you would intend to implement them, and a timetable.”

I have sent each request certified mail, and I have proof you both had received each request. In mailing costs I have spent an excess of \$180, and I have yet to receive an answer. On three occasions (Dec. 19, 2012; March 18, 2013; Aug. 9, 2013) Senator Stabenow sent me the same response, but you know you did not answer the question. Likewise, on Jan. 26, 2013 Senator Levin sent me a response and it did not answer the question.

I find it appalling and discourteous that they do not respond to me. Do they not want to answer the question? Or, do they just not know how to answer the question? When our federal government repeatedly expends more than its revenues, is it not a fair question to ask?

When will they answer?

James M. Koster
Northville

11th District saga continues

After reading the recent story in your paper about our Congressman Bentivolio who some are calling the accidental congressman, I have to say I agreed with a lot of what you wrote. I am sure it was an accident that Bentivolio became U.S. Representative for the 11th District with all of the gerrymandering done by Republicans, making it one of the most ridiculously drawn districts, guaranteeing their choice would easily win re-election. That choice was former U.S. Rep. Thad McCotter.

I am sure it was by accident that a part-time worker at the Secretary of State office found the fake petition signatures that brought about McCotter's resignation. It must have been an accident — after all, how often do they really look at those petitions that must be filed by all candidates for congress every election? We now know McCotter's campaign filed fakes in previous elections.

Also, I find that I agree with Novi Mayor Bob Gatt: “Had McCotter not imploded he would be our congressman.” But it is just sad that a five-term congressman with a full-time taxpayer-paid staff proved to be so incompetent that he couldn't manage to get his name on the ballot for what would have been a cakewalk election. Say what you will about Bentivolio, but he at least managed that.

The Republican's new choice for the 11th, David Trott, already a millionaire through political connections, will be a perfect fit in a congress that is already 51 percent millionaires. Is he the best candidate to represent all of the people in the 11th? Don't the voters of the 11th deserve more from the politicians who serve them?

Cynthia Churches
Novi

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Mural preservationists close in on their fundraising goal

They say nothing comes easy. Or as William Demray likes to put it, “Everything is a hard slug in life.”

Demray, the dentist who owns Preservation Dental in downtown Northville, was commenting on the effort to raise about \$19,000 to have the American flag mural on the outside of the Marquis Theatre repainted. It was Demray, during one of his downtown walks, who noticed the mural, which was painted in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, was starting to show its age. So Demray approached Northville Rotary and the Northville Chamber



Kurt Kuban

of Commerce about starting the fundraising effort.

The group was hoping to sell 500 raffle tickets at \$100 apiece before a special showing of the classic patriotic film *Yankee Doodle Dandy* starring James Cagney. Well, they didn’t quite get there, though they did present Marquis owner Christina Zayti with a \$8,900 check on Jan. 25 at the conclusion of *Yankee Doodle Dandy*, which, by the way, is a wonderful film. It’ll make you proud



Marquis Theatre owner Christina Zayti (left) holds the \$8,900 presented to her on Jan. 25 to help restore the American flag mural on the building. Alongside of her are raffle winner Ken Brundage, Northville High student Brianna Drummond, Marge Wisniewski dressed as Betsy Ross and Preservation Dental owner William Demray.

to be an American.

The group still held the raffle, with Northville Township resident Ken Brundage winning the first place prize of \$4,450. Ironically, it was Brundage who took the excellent photo of the mural that the fundraising group was using in its promotional materials. He remembers taking the photo a couple years ago at 3 a.m. on New

Year’s Day. Although he is a rep for a manufacturing company by profession, Brundage is also an avid photographer. And his favorite subject is downtown Northville – you can check out some of his work at Starbucks. He has a particular affinity for the flag mural.

“The flag has been there so long now, it’s just part of the landscape,” he said.

Brundage was one of about a couple hundred people to pony up \$100 for a raffle ticket. Like most, he did it not in hopes of winning a pretty good jackpot, but to help a great cause. He was not alone. Second place winner, Dr. Gail Molinari, actually donated about half of her \$2,670 winnings back to the fundraising cause, which pushed the effort over the \$11,000 threshold. That means the group still needs to raise about \$8,000. They will, as Demray noted, “slug” on.

They are still trying to determine how they will raise the rest of the money. It probably won’t be through a raffle, but you can bet it will be something creative. And something that honors the legacy of Inge Zayti, Christina’s mother and the late owner of the theater. Inge was not born in this America but came to love her adopted homeland so much that she was devastated as much as anyone over the attacks on Sept. 11. That’s why she paid to have the mural painted, with

it’s simple message of “America United September 11, 2001”.

As Brundage said, the mural is now a major part of the downtown Northville landscape. It is hard to imagine driving into downtown from the north side and not seeing it there. It is just one of many features that makes Northville the unique town that it is. That’s why the fundraising group and everyone who purchased a ticket deserves a big pat on the back. It’s amazing to think they raised the money they did in less than a month. I have no doubt they will raise the rest.

And like James Cagney in *Yankee Doodle Dandy*, the whole effort makes you proud to be an American.

For more information on how you can contribute to the cause, contact Denise Jenkins at 248-348-1313 or Traci Sincok at 248-349-7640.

Kurt Kuban is community editor of the Northville Record. He welcomes your feedback at kkuban@hometownlife.com.

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Cox, Crider to run for state House; Marecki, Toy to run for county commission

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox has announced she will run for the seat being vacated by State Rep. John Walsh, and Livonia City Clerk Terry Marecki and Livonia City Council member Laura Toy have announced they will run for Cox's seat.

The three Livonia Republicans sent out press releases within minutes of each other last week.

Walsh is term-limited.

Another Republican, Ken Crider, is also running for state representative in the 19th district. He told the Livonia City Council earlier this month that he would be a candidate. His Facebook page describes him as "a common man with conservative Christian values." Crider ran unsuccessfully in the special primary election for the 11th Congressional dis-



Marecki



Toy



Crider

trict after former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter resigned.

Cox has the endorsement of Walsh, and Marecki has the endorsement of Cox.

Cox, a lifelong Michigan resident, has served for 10 years on the Wayne County Commission where she is chair of the Ways and Means Committee.

"My number one goal has been to ensure that your tax dollars are never lost to waste, fraud or abuse," Cox said. "I demand accountability in our elected county officials."

Walsh, who is Speaker Pro-Tempore, said Cox is the right person for the job.

importantly, for the 19th district, she is a leader whose number one priority is Livonia," Walsh said.

Cox said she wants to push through reforms in Lansing that will stop many of the abuses that happen unchecked in Wayne County. She said she also wants to push an agenda of fiscal responsibility, educational accountability, and personal responsibility.

Marecki said she will be a watchdog for the taxpayers just as Cox has been. "We simply cannot afford to let Wayne County continue on the road to financial ruin," she said.

Cox said Marecki has a proven track record of

holding government fiscally accountable.

"That is why I am proud to support her efforts to take my seat on the county commission," Cox said. Prior to being elected city clerk, Marecki was on the Livonia school board and Livonia City Council.

In addition to serving as an elected official, Marecki is secretary of the Livonia Community Foundation, a member of the Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast, and on the University Trustee Committee on Planning and Mission Effectiveness for Madonna University.

Northville Township Trustee Symantha Heath said she is confident Marecki has the experience and drive to take on the job of county commissioner.

"It is no secret that both Livonia and Northville have been donors to the county, and we need a commissioner that will

fight to bring the county back in line," she said.

Toy served as a state senator from 2002 to 2006, a state representative from 1998 to 2002, Livonia treasurer from 1995 to 1998 and a Schoolcraft College trustee from 1980 to 1987. She has served several terms on the Livonia City Council and was most recently re-elected in 2011.

Toy said she is running for county commission on her proven track record of accomplishments at the state and local levels.

"Nine out of the 15 current members of the board are former legislators whom I have worked with," she said. "As a member of the legislature and local government, I have built relationships with members of both parties. This has allowed me to work across the aisle and achieve real results."

"I strongly believe if elected, my years of

leadership experience and ability to work in an inclusive fashion will be a benefit to the residents of Wayne County."

Toy has the endorsement of several community leaders, including Jim Baringhaus of Livonia and Teresa Folino of Northville. "Laura Toy is a dedicated public official who has an extensive background of city and state government experience. She continually demonstrates an ability to lead, set goals, and bring forth new ideas for the community," Baringhaus said.

The 9th county commission district includes the City of Livonia, City of Northville, and Northville Township. The 19th state House district encompasses most of Livonia.

Cox also has the endorsement of Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey.

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NORTHVILLE BOWLED OVER BY NOVI SQUADS

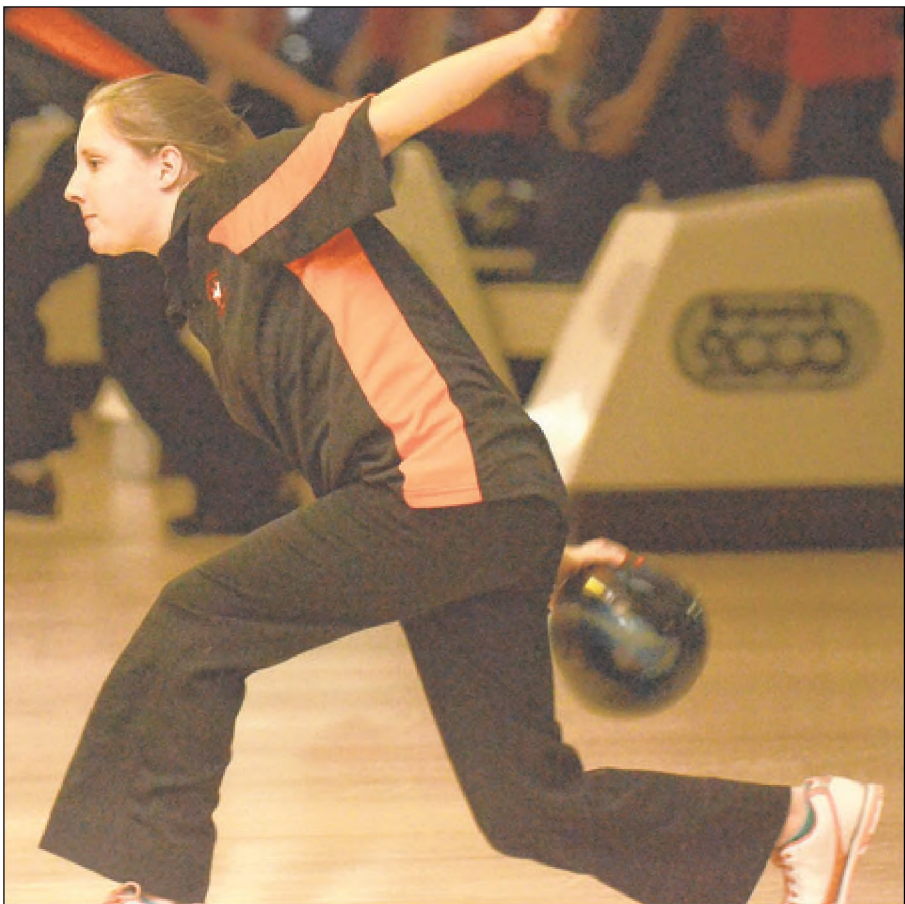
By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Novi's bowling squads each picked up a victory Jan. 30 over Baseline rival Northville at Novi Bowl.

The girls (10-1, 7-1 KLAA Central) continued their winning ways with a 29-1 stomping of the Mustangs (4-7, 3-5 Central). The Wildcats won both Baker games, 159-137 and 187-132, before winning both regular games, 786-669 and 839-710. Scoring two points apiece for Novi were Evie Plaetinck (157, 188), Abby Ranks (159, 180), Megan Engels (175, 150) and Sara Schulz (181, 182).

The boys (5-6, 3-5 Central) had a tougher time with Northville (0-11, 0-8 Central), but pulled out a 16-14 victory after splitting the Baker games with a 210-116 win and 133-128 loss. Novi then lost the first regular game, 906-863, while winning three single points, but won the second game, 908-881, and won three more single points. Tommy Warner (170, 215) and Ryan Moore (204, 213) both scored two points and had clutch strikes in the 10th frame to win points, while Dan Savela (179) and DiAndre Moreland (203) scored the other points.

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Northville's Beatrice Nayh competes against Novi.

Mustangs pick up second win over 'Cats

Northville uses defense to keep Novi out of contention

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Whenever Northville and Novi meet in any sport, it takes an outstanding performance for one to earn a win over the other.

Last week, when the Wildcats played host to Northville in boys basketball, the Mustangs used a strong defensive presence as the key to topping their Central Division rival, 49-37.

Novi's gym was electric with fans of both teams filling the stands. The student sections were by far the loudest, however, with chats and shouts filling the air throughout the contest.

"Nights like this are what make high school sports special," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "What an atmosphere."

This was the second time the teams have met this season, with the first meeting ending in much the same fashion as the Mustangs won on their home court, 51-37.

The Mustangs used a 12-4 first quarter to jump out to a lead and ended the game with a 20-11 fourth-quarter showing to stifle any comeback attempts the Wildcats may have had in mind. At the half, Northville led, 21-14.

"We defended well and did a nice job of controlling the boards," Sander said. "We missed a few shots early that would have allowed us to spread the lead more."

As the Mustangs went on an early run, the student section for Northville was brought to its feet in a thundering roar as Andrew Meacham stole the ball from Novi and slammed it home with a dunk, getting fouled in the process. He hit the free throw to complete the three-point play.

But Meacham and the Mustangs weren't the only team to get the crowd in an uproar: Novi scored the first eight points of the third quarter to take its only lead of the night, 22-21, which had the green and white faithful frothing in expectation. But the Mustangs had several players step up in response and Andrew Stevens tipped in an errant shot to put Northville back in the lead and teammate Nathan Kellum hit a jumper to increase the advantage and quiet the crowd once more.

"It was big to have the lead going into the fourth quarter," Sander said of his team's 29-26 advantage going into the final quarter. "Then we were really able to assert ourselves. We

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Northville will host South Lyon East at 7 p.m. Friday before playing in the KLAA playoffs next Thursday.

Shamrocks deal Stevenson fourth straight defeat

CC scores three goals in final period for 5-2 win

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Perennial state hockey power Novi Detroit Catholic Central is not the team you want to see when you're mired in an uncharacteristic three-game losing streak.

But that's what defending Division 2 state champion Livonia Stevenson encountered Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The Spartans stayed right with CC for just over the first 41 minutes before the Shamrocks exploded for three goals during the final 9:53 to break a 2-2 deadlock and earn a convincing 5-2 victory.

Defenseman Carter Cerretani scored what proved to be the game-winning goal at 7:07 of the final period off assists from Mark Gossett and David Spiegel.

The Shamrocks then tacked on two unassisted goals, with Brent Jones scoring at 12:59 followed by Connor Gaffney's empty-netter during the final minute.

Stevenson, which started the season 16-1, now stands 16-5 overall.

"CC is a top team in the state," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said.

"With all the tradition and how well coached they are – and great players – we knew it was going to be a battle all the way through. They played three periods and we had a good first two periods. Then, in the third, they took it to us a little bit and we didn't respond as well as we could have."

Catholic Central, last year's Division 1 state runner-up, improved to 12-5 overall.

The Shamrocks trailed 1-0 after one period as Stevenson's Alex DeFlorio scored a power-play goal on a nifty back-hander from Devin Kelly and Tyler Irvine at 12:18.

Unlike their previous three losses to state-ranked Novi (3-2), Brighton (6-5) and Trenton (4-1), Stevenson got off to a better start.

The first was by far the Spartans' best period as they held a 7-6 shot advantage, including three shots from point-blank range that were denied by CC goaltender Michael Ronayne.

The second period, however, was a different story as CC peppered Stevenson sophomore goaltender Cullen Barber with 18 shots.

After Mitch Ossowski hit the post at 3:08 of the second period, the junior forward made his next quality attempt count just 2:42 later as he tallied a power-play goal from Turner and Jimmy Considine to make it 1-1.

The Shamrocks then scored again on Dillon Jones' shot from the left point

off assists from Owen Kipke and Gossett to make it 2-1.

"The ice was tilted in the second period in our favor, for sure," CC first-year coach Doug Itami said. "We had really good structure in the defensive zone and we didn't give up many opportunities, which was good. The boys played hard. They were accountable in the second period. We had a big crowd and it took us a while to get going in the first period. We didn't handle the puck well."

But Stevenson answered with a power-play goal of its own with only 35.7 seconds left in the second, when defenseman Ray Chartier, just inside the right face-off circle, drilled a quick shot past Ronayne to knot the count at 2-2. Assists went to Kelly and DeFlorio.

CC then followed up its 18-5 second-period shot advantage with a 13-4 margin during the final 17 minutes.

"The second period settled down a little bit," Itami said. "I thought we had a really good second period and then we followed up in the third period pretty well. That third goal by (Cerretani) was huge for us."

The Shamrocks were able to limit Stevenson to a total of 15 shots on the game, while holding the much heralded Production Line of Dominic Lutz (34 goals, 33 assists), Tyler Irvine (21 goals, 47 assists) and Devin Kelly (13 goals, 33 assists) pretty much in check.

"With Carter (Cerretani) and Luke

(Turner), our two captains on 'D,' we tried to match up with their line with Lutz, Kelly and Irvine," Itami said. "They're pretty good, so we tried to do that. We feel as long as we keep the puck on our stick, then it doesn't have as big of an effect that we match, but we did."

Stevenson also had to make an adjustment to the larger Olympic-sized rink at Compuware.

"We had to make sure that they (CC) like to use the middle and make sure our defense kept in the proper gaps," Mitchell said. "There's a lot more time and space and you've got to sprint to spots. It's different, but it's still a hockey game and the same teams are playing on the ice. You just keep battling."

Against CC, which has won 10 state titles since 1994, Mitchell went with a 10th-grader in Barber, who stopped all 18 shots in Wednesday's loss to Novi after coming on in the second period.

Barber made 34 saves on the night.

"He did fine," Mitchell said. "To throw him in a game like this ... he's been outstanding in practice. He earned it. (Junior) Andrew Rozenbaum has been great for us and been our guy. We just decided to change things up a little bit. We try to reward the effort and we still have the utmost confidence in all our goaltending. He did well for the first time in this situation."

Mustangs swim past Salem, take third at county

G.P. South, Stevenson are one-two

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

There is no doubt that the Northville boys swimming and diving team has plenty of depth and talent, but it keeps insisting on proving it time and time again.

The squad, coached by Rich Bennetts, now has a season record of 8-1 overall as it picked up its latest victory, 104-75, over Salem. The team also swam in the Wayne County championships and came away with third place, finishing behind Grosse Pointe South and Livonia Stevenson.

Against Salem, the Mustangs collected first-place victories in the 200-yard medley relay (team of Fred Shulz, Alan Ruan, Frank Zhang and Andrew Westphal; 1:43.92), the 200 freestyle (James Xue, 1:50.4), the 200 individual medley (Westphal, 2:01.22), the 50 free (Ruan, 24.10 seconds), diving (Anton Travis, 202 points), the 100 butterfly (Westphal, 55.77), the 100 free (Xue, 50.72), the 500 free (Matthew Schafer, 5:12.26) and the 200 free relay (team of Xue, Ruan, Yash Bajaj and Mark Kaminski; 1:35.19).

Second-place finishes were captured in the 200 free (Kaminski, 1:56.01), the 50 free (Bajaj (24.71), diving (Christain Field (181.8), the 100 fly (Zhang, 57.29), the 500 free (Josh Liu, 5:14.15) and the 400 free relay (team of Jack Breuch, Mike Scarantino, Jarvis Yan and Schafer;

3:47.32).

Northville also had third-place finishes in the 200 free (Nick DuFresne, 1:58.45), the 200 IM (Chris Geng, 2:10.31), the 50 free (Zhang, 24.87) and the 100 free (Kaminski, 53.03).

In the Wayne County championships, Northville scored 294 points for third place. It finished behind Grosse Pointe South's 418 and Livonia Stevenson's 415.

Westphal picked up a first-place finish in the 200 free, finishing in 1:45.66 – nearly a full second ahead of second-place David O'Donnell of Trenton. Westphal also won the 100 free, in 47.50, nearly two second faster than O'Donnell, who was second again.

Top 10 finishes were picked up in the 200 medley relay (team of Schulz, Geng, Zhang and Ruan; sixth place, 1:45.82), the 200 IM (Xue, fifth, 2:04.4; and Ruan, eighth, 2:11.17), the 100 fly (Xue, fifth, 54.57; and Zhang, ninth, 56.85), the 500 free (Schafer, seventh, 5:10.98; DuFresne, eighth, 5:12.62; and Schulz, ninth, 5:12.62), the 200 free relay (team of Xue, Ruan, Bajaj and Westphal, second, 1:31.36), 100 breaststroke (Geng, second, 1:02.33; Ruan, fifth, 1:04.02; and Bajaj, seventh, 1:05.12) and the 400 free relay (team of Xue, Kaminski, Geng and Westphal, third, 3:22.07).

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had four different guys score in the fourth quarter."

Burying nine points was Meacham, including a huge 3-point field goal that gave Northville a seven-point lead with four minutes to play. Joe Hewlett scored five in the fourth quarter to add to his 13 on the night. Meacham led all scorers with 21 points and added 12 rebounds. "Joe Hewlett showed

tonight why he is Joe Hewlett," Sander said. "His was all over the floor, his energy was contagious and he wasn't going to let us lose."

"We had contributions from everyone tonight. It was a tremendous team victory. Guys stepped up and made plays."

Nick Zugaro led the Wildcats with 15 points, while Erik Biberstein added 12.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Softball league registration

Registration is now open for the Northville Softball Leagues 2014 season in ASA, D and E level play. Co-ed Sundays, Men's Monday morning, Men's Monday evening, Men's Tuesday

evening, Women's Tuesday evening all start May 4.

Men's "Mid Summer" Wednesday evening starts July 23.

For more information, contact Charlie at 248-449-9947 or cgabbeart@ci.northville.mi.us.

Gymnasts earn highest team score of season

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

One of the great sports quotes is "Winning isn't everything." The Northville gymnastics team should take comfort knowing that every word is true.

Winning at the high school level feels good, sure, but in the end it is simply a letter next to a final score during the regular season. For the Mustangs, the real victory is seen in the progress the team has made despite having no seniors and just one upperclassman, albeit a very talented one in junior Alyssa Breen.

Northville's successes can be measured from the start of the season until now. The team has its first victory of the season under its belt and it has shown improvement in nearly every facet – especially on the beam, where it has struggled so far this season.

"We had our best beam score of the season," Northville coach Erin McWatt said of her team's match against Livonia Blue last week. "The girls are getting stronger on this event, which is typically the most feared."

And the beam score wasn't the only season-best. The team score of 126.775 also marks the best so far this season. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to upset a skilled Livonia Blue team, which scored 137.975.

Leading the way on the beam was Emma Cemalovic, who scored an 8.45. Rachel Eastridge also had a nice night, scoring a career-high 8.65 on the vault, while Maddie DeGroff had an 8.45 with her floor routine.



Northville's Emilie Statetzny performs in the vault.

time.

Northville also competed Saturday in the Canton Invitational at Plymouth High School and took on some of the best teams in the state.

The Mustangs scored 124.55 points and that was with their top three floor competitors unable to participate.

Northville also scored the highest team bars of the season.

"(That) is excellent because this is a weak event for us," McWatt said. "Bars require a tremendous amount of upper-body strength and, for individuals with little or no prior gymnastics experience, this event at the invite was a true testament to their hard work and commitment to progress, especially since it was the last event of a very long

day."

Standout performances were turned in by Anoushka Ravidran, who scored an 8.4 on the vault, as well as Claire Cotter and Cemalovic, who scored 7.95 each on the bars and floor, respectively.

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

Wildcats streak to victory over Mustangs

Whitens drops 10 on Northville, pushes Novi to top of division

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

In a game of streaks, last week's rivalry game between Novi and Northville's girls basketball teams ended up much closer than the first meeting, a 16-point Wildcats victory.

When the Baseline rivals butted heads Friday, strong finishes in the first and fourth quarters made the difference as Novi (11-3, 6-2 KLAA Central) came out ahead of Northville (10-4, 4-4 Central), 36-28.

The Mustangs – led by senior Heather Randall (12 points) – started off on a 6-2 run before Novi answered with a 15-3 run to lead 17-9 at the end of the first quarter. The Wildcats would barely double that number by

the end of the game, but it would be enough to hold off Northville.

An 8-0 Northville run to start the second quarter tied it at 17-17 before Novi answered with a 5-0 run to take a 22-17 lead. Held to just two free throws in the third quarter, Novi's lead was cut to 24-22 heading into the final quarter.

The Mustangs' defense managed to hold senior Taylor Pavlika (four rebounds, three assists, two steals) scoreless, but they couldn't focus on both of Novi's stars all night, as senior Kerri McMahan (eight rebounds, three assists, two steals, one block) still got free for a game-high 17 points.

The Wildcats also got some vital assistance from senior Rachel Whitens with a season-high 10 points, as well as five

points from junior Alex Felice (four rebounds) and four points from senior Allie Iacobelli, plus three rebounds from senior Kristen Schubring.

"We suspected they would come out and play a zone because of the first game," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "It was a 1-2-2 designed to keep Kerri out of the lane and to be out on Taylor. That was successful to some extent, but it did open up shots for the weak side, specifically Rachel. Very proud of how Rachel has handled herself and played all year, but (she) really stepped up tonight."

Five straight scoreless trips and an untimely turnover that was converted into a 3-pointer with four minutes remaining helped the Wildcats widen the gap. Novi had a 12-6 edge in the fourth quarter.

"I thought our girls did a real good job defensively," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "We traded buckets early in

the game and weren't getting the stops we needed. Novi had a couple of role players step up and make some big shots that we didn't expect. We held them to just five baskets in the final three quarters to give us a chance. We just wasted our offensively opportunities in the second half."

Randall got her offensive help from freshman Jessica Moorman (seven points, two steals), senior Gabby Mencotti (four points, seven rebounds, two assists), freshman Emily Martin (three points), junior Emily Maresh (two points, seven rebounds) and senior Anna Giacomini (three rebounds).

As a whole, the Wildcats shot 13-for-36 (36.1 percent) and the Mustangs 9-for-36 (25 percent); the rebounding battle was evenly matched.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer covering Novi High School sports for the Novi News.

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The public is invited to attend and provide comments. For additional information please contact the planning department at 248-348-5800.

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City of Northville
Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance
Article 19, Section 19.04 Site Plan Application Procedures

At its regular meeting on February 18, 2014, the Northville City Council will introduce for first reading proposed amendments to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments would update Article 19 of the Zoning Ordinance, Section 19.04 Application Procedures and Approval Authorities, to provide for and encourage applicants to attend a pre-application meeting in order to review the ordinance requirements, as part of the site plan application procedures.

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for February 18, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time.

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Whalers rally to defeat Bulls

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

After letting Belleville score three goals in a 3:25 span of the second period Saturday, the Plymouth Whalers were in danger of dropping their fifth straight game.

But the Whalers erased a 3-2 deficit with two power-play goals in the third period to garner a 4-3 win at Compuware Arena.

With Plymouth enjoying an extended five-on-three power play, Whalers center Ryan Hartman fired a one-timer from the bottom of the left circle. The shot squeezed past Bulls goaltender Charlie Graham on the short side to even the Ontario Hockey League contest at 3-3 with 5:07 to play.

The good news for the Whalers was they continued on the power play after the goal and broke the tie at 16:28.

Winger Connor Chat-ham slid the puck across the crease to forward Matt Misteile, who jammed it in at the left post for the winner.

“We struggled a little bit lately,” said Hartman, a Chicago Blackhawks prospect who also scored earlier in the contest. “But in practice this week we changed it up and made a few adjustments and that worked for us.

“Don’t make it fancy; he just wanted us to get pucks to the net.”

Hartman followed the script perfectly on his tying tally, assisted by linemates Zach Lorentz (three assists) and Victor Crus Rydberg.

“I’ve seen that for the



Zach Lorentz of the Whalers (left) wards off a check from Belleville's Aaron Berisha. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

past couple games and I haven’t been able to put it in there,” Hartman said about his sharp-angle blast finding an opening between the near post and Graham’s right pad. “But it bounced in tonight.”

Plymouth actually scored three times on the power play. At 12:10 of the first period, left wing Carter Sandlak deflected defenseman Gianluca Curcuruto’s point shot past Graham to make it 1-0. That gave Sandlak the team lead in goals with 21.

“Donny Elland (Whalers assistant coach) did a great job working on the power play; we worked on it this week,” Plymouth head coach and general manager Mike Vellucci said. “We changed a few of the guys where they play and we put (center Francesco) Vilardi out there today because a couple guys were suspended for two games.

“We’re just working it off of left-hand shots instead of right-hand shots on the strong side. Just switched it up a little bit.”

Tough stretch

The Whalers (18-27-0-5, eighth in the Western Conference) went up 2-0 midway through the second period when Hartman buried the rebound of defenseman Yannick Rathgeb’s shot. Hartman now has 16 goals in just 35 games.

That lead didn’t last long, as Belleville (14-32-2-2) got on the board at 12:43. Winger Scott Simmonds took the puck strong to the net, only to be denied by Plymouth goalie Alex Nedeljkovic (42 saves). Following up on the play was center Jake Marchment, who made no mistake.

Just 1:19 later, the Bulls tied the game at 2-2 on a rising slap shot taken from above the right circle by forward Jake Bricknell. It was his first career OHL goal.

Belleville then went out in front 3-2 with 3:52 remaining in the period. Left wing Remi Elie cut in on Nedeljkovic and his shot trickled over the goal line.

Plymouth was able to regroup between periods and outshot Belleville

16-12 in the third, more importantly finding the net twice.

“We got up 2-0 and let them score three goals and we got down on ourselves and played a real bad second period,” Vellucci said. “But we bounced back and got two big goals in the third.”

Stepping in

The suspensions referred to by Vellucci stemmed from Friday’s brawl during the second period of the Plymouth-Kingston game, won by the Frontenacs, 3-2.

Ejected after having their second fights of the game were defensemen Mathieu Henderson and Mitch Jones and forward Liam Dunda. All will sit out Friday’s home game against Sault Ste. Marie and be eligible to return the following night against North Bay.

Vellucci reinserted 16-year-old defenseman Alex DiCarlo into the lineup to help stem the tide from the suspensions plus an injury sustained Friday by defenseman Alex Peters.

“He (DiCarlo) came up and played really well,” Vellucci said. “He played a lot of minutes for us, only his second or third game.”

Hartman said the Friday brawl and Saturday’s comeback showed the Whalers aren’t about to back down when facing adversity.

“I mean, that definitely got us riled up a little bit,” Hartman said. “We’re a young team, so we want to show teams that we’re not going to take their stuff.”

CC ROUNDUP

Wrestlers capture 20th straight league title

It’s been so long since the Catholic Central wrestling team last failed to win the Catholic High School League wrestling title that the seniors on this year’s squad weren’t even born yet the last time it happened.

The Shamrocks did what they do best last week as they won the league tournament for the 20th straight year. The finished with six champions, two runners-up and one third-place finisher.

Greg Johnson (130 pounds), Eli Joseph (135), Joe Lyon (119), Adam McGrath (152), Ryan O’Connor (140) and Davis Rastigue (103) all took home championships from the tournament.

“I’m proud of those guys,” Catholic Central coach Mitch Hancock said. “Especially our seniors who’ve put a ton of work into this program and don’t get a lot of recognition. Those guys are very humble and fun to work with. They deserve this success.”

Nathan Cascarelli (145) and Aaron Rehfeldt (112) took home second-place finishes, while Nick Jenkins (285) finished third.

The Shamrocks also had Matt Anderson (125) and Mike Trame (160) finish fourth.

Cagers starting to get scrappy

The Catholic Central basketball team is getting tired of being beaten in the last few minute, and it isn’t about to let a team just run away with a win right now.

That’s why the two games the Shamrocks played last week were so darn scrappy. The squad, coached by Bill Dyer, picked up a 40-39 victory over Orchard Lake St. Mary’s. The squad also suffered a loss to University of Detroit-Jesuit, but not in the blowout fashion that occurred when the two teams first met this year. Instead, the Shamrocks made U-D earn every single point of its 63-54 victory.

Against St. Mary’s, the Shamrocks found themselves leading by just one point with 12 seconds left and the Eaglets inbounding the basketball. OLSM’s Ted McCree, who scored 10 points in the fourth, pulled up and took a jump shot with time expiring. The shot

missed its mark, but landed in the hands of Roger Hood. Up stepped Catholic Central’s Charlie Ryan, who blocked the shot with a thundering slap.

The victory put Catholic Central at 6-6 on the season and 2-4 in the CHSL Central Division. OLSM fell to 7-5 and 2-4.

McCree led the Eaglets with 17 points, while the Shamrocks were led by Ryan, who had 17 points and nine rebounds. Noah Lee had seven points in the win and Ryan McGillivray had six.

Against U-D, the Shamrocks weren’t about to led the Cubs take home another easy victory like the 78-35 win they picked up when the two squads first met this year.

Instead, the Shamrocks fought the Cubs every step of the way and even had it tied 47-47 in the fourth quarter.

As time ticked off the clock, the Shamrocks trailed 56-54 with under a minute to play. Unfortunately, the Cubs were golden at the foul line, shooting 7-for-8, and were able to keep the Shamrocks from the victory.

U-D is 9-1 overall with the win and 4-0 in the CHSL. They were led by sophomore Cassius Winston with 25 points.

Lee had 20 points for the Shamrocks and Ryan had 13 points.

Hockey team falls to Trenton

Catholic Central had a rough night when it took on rival Trenton last week.

The squad fell, 4-1, as Trenton scored three goals in the final period to seal the victory. The Shamrocks were held scoreless until the final minutes of the third.

Trenton opened the scoring in the second period, when Mitchell Galea took a pass from Conor Cunningham for a 1-0 lead.

Trenton added two more goals in the third, by Phillip Pugliese and Grant McClellan, before the Shamrocks were able to score their lone goal. Mitchell Ossowski scored with Andrew Lane assisting.

Galea scored an empty-net goal to close out the scoring.

Catholic Central had four penalties for eight minutes, while Trenton picked up five for 10 minutes.

– By Sam Eggleston

Northville skaters pick up two wins, one loss

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Correspondent

Victories are always sweet, but nothing makes a victory quite as satisfying for Northville as when it comes over Novi.

The Northville hockey team, coached by Clint Robert, picked up a 5-3 victory over Novi last week before earning a 3-1 win over Lake Orion. Unfortunately, the week had a sour note, too, as Northville fell to Hartland, 5-2.

Against Novi, the game was a true back-and-forth affair as the Mustangs skated out to a 3-0 lead in the first period and looked as though they were going to dominate every facet. But Novi’s defense buckled down and the offense went to work in the second period, outscoring Northville, 2-0, to make it a 3-2 game heading into the final period.

It was there that the Mustangs found themselves tied when the Wildcats scored with

14:36 left in the game to make it 3-3. Ryan Baxter took advantage of a power play and knotted the game for Novi in the opening minutes of the third.

But Northville answered, scoring with 5:56 left in the game off the stick of Kellan Flayer to regain the lead. Novi fought back, but to no avail, and eventually pulled its goalie late to get the upper hand. But Northville’s Alex Shuart snagged the puck and fired it into the empty net to make it a 5-3 final.

Scoring in the first period for Northville were Alec Morgan, Tim Eis and Jack Meacham. Bryan Fegert (power play) and Baxter (short-handed) scored Novi’s second-period goals.

Assists for Northville were picked up by Buster White (two), Meacham, Nick Strom, Shuart and P.J. Schnepf.

Earning the win in goal was Jeremy Onofrio, who stopped 28 out of 31 shots on goal.

Northville 3, Lake Orion 1

The Mustangs scored two goals in the second period and both teams had one in the third.

Schnepf opened the scoring for Northville with 14:51 left in the second as he took a pass from Kyle Dann and fired it home. Just over 13 minutes later, Northville notched its second goal, when Flayer scored with assists from Schnepf and White.

In the third, Lake Orion cut Northville’s lead in half off a goal by Alex Giwa, assisted by Drew Casey, but the Mustangs answered a minute later with a goal of their own from Alec Morgan, of assists from Eis and Meacham.

Chance Boutin earned the win, stopping 16 out of 17 shots.

Hartland 5, Northville 2

The Mustangs and Eagles were knotted up, 1-1, after the first period,

but the Eagles scored two goals in the second and two more in the third.

Scoring for the Mustangs was White, who scored in the first period lead off a pass from Morgan on a power play. Northville’s other goal came from Alec Melucci in the second, with Shuart and Nick Stegmeyer assisting.

Taking the loss was Onofrio, who stopped 21 out of 26 shot, while Brent Pietila earned the win despite facing 42 shots on goal from the Mustangs.

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Northville Public School Northville, MI

SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for Northville Public School's Hillside/Northville High School Data Center UPS Upgrade, consisting of the furnishing and installation of a new UPS at Hillside Middle School and relocation and installation of existing UPS at Northville High School, will be received until **2:00 P.M. Local time on Monday, February 10, 2014** at:

Northville Public Schools
Attn: Michael Zopf
Business Office – Third Floor
501 W. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time. Bids received after the above date and time will not be accepted. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

The Bid Package will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions:

Bid Division Description 143: Electrical

Bidding documents will be available for public inspection on Tuesday, January 28, 2013 at the office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and the Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit.

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents, beginning Tuesday, January 28, 2014 by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager. The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting held on **Friday, JANUARY 31, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m. at Hillside Middle School in the Crow's Nest Room, located at 775 North Center, Northville, MI 48167.** The meeting **is not** mandatory, but is highly recommended.

A **sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship** existing between the bidder and any member of the school board, school superintendent, or district executive, as defined in Michigan Public Act No. 232 of 2004, must accompany each bid. The Board of Education will not accept a bid that does not include this statement. This statement is provided on the Proposal Execution Form, Section 004200, of the Bidding Requirements and General Conditions Manual for the project.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, money order or bid bond made payable to Northville Public Schools in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the base bid as a bid guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of contract award.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price.

Withdrawal of any bid is prohibited for a period of ninety (90) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Northville Public Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received, either in whole or in part, to reject a bid not accompanied by the required bid guarantee, or by other data required by the bid documents and Michigan law or to reject a bid which is in any way non-compliant with the bid requirements.

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Northville Public Schools Request for Proposal

January 30, 2014

The Northville Public Schools (also referred to as the District or NPS in these documents) will accept sealed bids for:

Silver Springs Elementary School- New Gymnasium Floor

There will be a pre-bid on February 3, 2014 at 8:00am. The drawings, specifications and bidding documents will be made available on line at: www.bid4michigan.com or www.northville.k12.mi.us.

Sealed bids should be submitted to Mike Zopf, Assistant Superintendent Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main Street, Northville MI 48167. Bids are to be submitted no later than **2:00PM on Friday, February 14, 2014.** The District will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for bid submission. Bids will be publicly opened immediately following the close of receiving bids. No oral, email, telephonic or telegraphic proposals shall be considered.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part; or, for reasons of establishing uniformity, delivery time or preference, to award the contract to other than the low bidder.

The contents of RFP and Bidder's (also referred to as Contractor in these documents) Proposal will become contractual obligations, if a contract ensues. Failure of the Bidder to accept these obligations will result in cancellation of the award. Award of a contract by the District is subject to the Contractor executing a Contract, which shall incorporate the contents of this RFP and the Contractor's Proposal and final approval if the same by the District's legal counsel.

In compliance with MCL 380.1267, the bid shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, or the superintendent of the school district. The Board shall not accept a bid that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Certified check or Bid Bond must accompany each proposal by an approved surety company in an amount not less than 5% of the proposal amount. All bids shall be firm for at least sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids. Length of time required for completion shall be specified in the bid. All bids submitted must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

Bids are to be submitted on the District's Bid Proposal Form, signed by the Bidder, in a sealed envelope and clearly marked. Two (2) copies of the Bid Proposal Form should be addressed to the attention of:

Mike Zopf, Assistant Superintendent
Northville Public Schools
501 W. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167

“Silver Springs Gymnasium Floor- BID”

One (1) copy of the bid form should be retained for your files. Any questions should be referred to Michelle Kerns (248) 921-3929.

Economist: Home sales to stay steady

Existing-home sales are expected to retain the healthy gains seen in 2013, while prices will stay on an uptrend in 2014, according to a forecast presentation at a residential forum during the 2013 Realtors Conference & Expo.

Lawrence Yun, chief economist of the National Association of Realtors, said existing-home sales have shown a 20 percent cumulative increase over the past two years, while prices have gained 18 percent, but incomes have risen only 2 to 4 percent in the same timeframe.

“We’ve come off of record high housing affordability conditions in the past year, and are now at a five-year low, but conditions are still the fifth best in the past 40 years,” Yun said. “While the median-income family in many areas will still be well positioned to buy a home in 2014, income is barely budging given growth in consumer prices.”

Yun said the other headwinds moving forward include



Real estate industry pros are watching the market, which has some upbeat news. GETTY IMAGES

limited inventory conditions in many areas and mortgage lending standards that are still unnecessarily stringent.

With higher mortgage interest rates, he expects refinancings to collapse in 2014 to the lowest level in at least 15 years, and hopes purchase applications will begin to rise. “This is an incentive for banks to increase mortgage origination, especially considering the low default rates in recent

years. But even with cheap mortgages for the past four years, all-cash buyers stayed high, accounting for over 30 percent of sales,” Yun noted.

Beyond bank motivation, Yun said Washington policies for mortgage lending have been too restrictive. He cited rising fees for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, higher Federal Housing Administration premiums, as well as Dodd-Frank banking regulations, which

have been strangling community banks. In addition, Yun said banks are holding onto funds for potential Department of Justice lawsuits, rather than making them available to mortgage borrowers.

He said job creation, and hopefully a relaxation in stringent lending standards, will offset higher mortgage interest rates. Existing-home sales should hold fairly even at about 5.12 million in 2014.

Limited supplies were the biggest factor in price performance in the past year, with inventory bouncing around 13-year lows, and seriously delinquent mortgages have been trending steadily down. The national median existing-home price for all of 2013 was up just over 11 percent, to about \$197,000.

Housing starts are forecast to reach 1.13 million in 2014, which is still well below the underlying demand of about 1.5 million. New-home sales are likely to grow to 508,000 in 2014.

Timeshare calls for caution

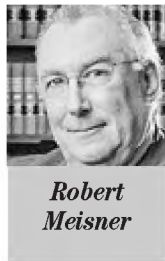
Q: We are thinking about a timeshare, but one of our neighbors suggested that timeshare resale is basically non-existent. Do you have any comment on this?

A: A huge problem for the timeshare industry is that there is no effective, functioning resale market. The problem, in large part, is that a timeshare is much like a car, it loses value as soon as it is “driven off the lot.” One of the “dirty secrets” of the timeshare industry is that 40 to 60 percent of the “retail” price of a “new” timeshare is made up of marketing, overhead and commissions. Accordingly, even if there was a functioning resale market, the value of a “used” timeshare would only be about half of the original price.

Moreover, timeshare developers do not want to cannibalize new sales by supporting or even allowing resale of timeshares at their projects or in their programs which has inhibited the development of an effective resale market. On top of those problems, the recession caused a lot of timeshare owners to default on the payment of their purchase contracts and/or maintenance assessments, and the resale market has been flooded with owners desperate to get rid of their timeshares at any cost. In short, buyer beware.

Q: We have a person on our homeowner association board who continuously refers to a resident as a sex offender type guy and is even thinking about publishing it in our community newsletter. I have seen no verification of it and am wondering how we get through to this guy.

A: In any defamation action, truth is normally a defense, but in order to establish the truth, you have to confirm that this person is in fact a sex offender. If he is not, you might want to alert your member to a case out of Clarendon County in South Carolina where the jury awarded \$690,000 in damages to a man whose fellow condominium owners, all on the condominium’s governing board, repeatedly and wrongly identified him as a registered sex offender listed on the South Carolina sex offender registry. In that case, the association board members had circulated a flier which mistakenly identified the name of the individual on the flyer as the one who owned property in the condominium complex, and the board is now paying the price, which may or not be covered by their insurance carrier. This is another example of associations taking action where they do not obtain factual basis or a good legal opinion.



Robert Meisner

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 7-11, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

7475 Admiralty Dr	\$285,000
206 Alexandria Ct	\$416,000
40460 Bay Harbor Ln	\$158,000
50125 Black Horse Ln	\$390,000
4030 Brighton Ln	\$205,000
2652 Brookhaven Rd	\$198,000
43587 Candlewood Dr	\$204,000
6642 Carlton Rd	\$280,000
1997 Century Ct	\$174,000
2593 Cleveland Way	\$250,000
50267 Colonial St	\$260,000
7097 Copper Creek Cir	\$121,000
7157 Copper Creek Cir	\$140,000
39990 Coronation Rd	\$135,000
6341 Courtland Dr	\$163,000
44195 Cranberry Dr	\$160,000
2530 Cranbrook Rd	\$192,000
445 Delaford Ct	\$362,000
45705 Drexel Rd	\$275,000
4034 Elizabeth Ave	\$135,000
44313 Fair Oaks Dr	\$192,000
1714 Fern Ct	\$185,000
48958 Fifth Ave	\$230,000
47592 Glengarry Blvd	\$427,000
42251 Greenwood Dr	\$165,000
46849 Guntery Dr	\$285,000
7896 Hamlet Ct	\$355,000
1555 Hampshire Dr	\$144,000
43610 Hanover Ct	\$207,000
7614 Haverhill Ln	\$475,000
39669 Hillary Dr	\$123,000
42640 Hotspur Ct	\$275,000
43541 Karli Ln	\$250,000
6977 Kennesaw Rd	\$415,000
8550 Kingsley Dr	\$200,000
43607 Lancaster Ct	\$156,000
41100 Maplewood Dr	\$128,000
6808 Marshall St	\$280,000
8548 N Canton Center Rd	\$95,000
2015 Oakview Dr	\$153,000
700 Pheasant Woods Dr	\$272,000
789 Pheasant Woods Dr	\$255,000
4398 Pond Run	\$215,000
4401 Pond Run	\$204,000
480 Queens Way # 480	\$173,000
2812 River Meadow Cir	\$191,000
2022 S Cavalier Dr	\$170,000
45936 S Stonewood Rd	\$268,000
47553 Scenic Circle Dr S	\$215,000
44974 Seabrook Dr	\$310,000
3722 Shepherd Ct	\$201,000
43665 Simsbury St	\$165,000
51113 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$217,000
2031 Tradition Dr	\$505,000
47499 Vistas Circle Dr N	\$235,000

1880 Wentworth Dr	\$274,000
2378 Westgate Ct	\$235,000
44628 Westminster Way	\$218,000
6170 Willow Creek Dr	\$213,000
GARDEN CITY	
28521 Alvin St	\$97,000
32309 Alvin St	\$85,000
589 Cardwell St	\$62,000
431 Deering St	\$62,000
6918 Deering St	\$60,000
31670 Donnelly St	\$38,000
870 Douglas St	\$93,000
29022 Elmwood St	\$31,000
28414 Hennepin St	\$49,000
5937 Inkster Rd	\$28,000
33109 Marquette St	\$90,000
29615 Rosslyn Ave	\$88,000
31486 Rush St	\$89,000

LIVONIA

32460 Six Mile Rd	\$38,000
37614 Ann Arbor Trl	\$32,000
19954 Antago St	\$60,000
9062 Beatrice St	\$135,000
11324 Blackburn St	\$172,000
34525 Bretton Dr	\$287,000
36849 Bristol Ct	\$200,000
17288 Carol St	\$167,000
29556 Clarita St	\$53,000
11315 Cranston St	\$150,000
36280 Curtis Rd	\$230,000
15408 E Blue Skies Ct	\$275,000
14533 Ellen Dr	\$138,000
28454 Elmira St	\$66,000
31548 Fairfax St	\$134,000
16990 Fairfield St	\$188,000
36376 Fairway Dr	\$50,000
11782 Farmington Rd	\$105,000
18711 Gary Ln	\$285,000
18965 Gary Ln	\$330,000
18957 Glengarry Dr	\$280,000
37581 Grantland St	\$60,000
29761 Hathaway St	\$139,000
17565 Hizmet St	\$107,000
15055 Hubbard St	\$29,000
19795 Inkster Rd	\$60,000
35610 Joy Rd	\$120,000
35610 Joy Rd	\$90,000
9277 Knolson St	\$115,000
15212 Knolson St	\$140,000
36041 Ladywood St	\$240,000
18420 Laurel Dr	\$309,000
19239 Laurel Dr	\$323,000
8978 Linville St	\$116,000
15817 Loveland St	\$197,000
9210 Marie St	\$139,000
14751 Marsha St	\$152,000
36004 Martin St	\$234,000
20175 Mayfield St	\$60,000
17448 McNamara Dr	\$216,000
14406 Melvin St	\$166,000
29655 Minton St	\$115,000
18946 Myron St	\$142,000
37653 Newburgh Park Cir	\$230,000
33840 Oakdale St	\$235,000

32893 Perth St	\$184,000
18995 Purlingbrook St	\$170,000
16596 Quakertown Ln	\$199,000
18688 Renwick St	\$285,000
38657 Richland St	\$110,000
30961 Roycroft St	\$136,000
32931 Southgate St	\$240,000
33043 Summers St	\$153,000
19974 Sunbury St	\$100,000
14732 Susanna St	\$146,000
18339 University Park Dr	\$71,000
35899 W Chicago St	\$143,000
15871 Woodring Dr	\$235,000
9928 Woodring St	\$60,000

NORTHVILLE

15460 Bay Hill Dr	\$605,000
19500 Beck Rd	\$320,000
17749 Briar Ridge Ln	\$853,000
17876 Briar Ridge Ln	\$550,000
16950 Carriage Way	\$468,000
17331 Crestbrook Dr	\$559,000
17486 Crestbrook Dr	\$615,000
44206 Cypress Point Dr	\$145,000
50465 Eagles Nest	\$760,000
40240 Fairway III Rd	\$1,010,000
45742 Fermanagh Dr	\$505,000
16301 Forest Lake Dr	\$270,000
19850 Irongate Ct	\$130,000
46710 Merion Cir	\$663,000
39630 Muirfield Ln	\$290,000
50779 Northstar Way	\$591,000
15907 Park Ln	\$165,000
43843 Prestwick Cir S	\$482,000
675 Randolph St	\$80,000
20139 Rippling Ln	\$251,000
19811 Scenic Harbour Dr	\$260,000
16170 Tiverton Ct	\$331,000
20117 Woodhill Dr	\$365,000

PLYMOUTH

46610 Arboretum Cir	\$338,000
775 Arthur St	\$260,000
12600 Beacon Hill Ct	\$562,000
1419 Carol Ave	\$280,000
140 Caster	\$159,000
46770 Danbridge St	\$355,000
13443 Danbury Ct	\$230,000
1140 Fairground St	\$175,000
9610 Gold Arbor Rd	\$204,000
935 Hartsough Ct	\$200,000
13675 Hilltop Dr W	\$427,000
41460 Ivywood Ln	\$236,000
1012 N Mill St	\$200,000
40596 Newport Dr	\$87,000
42115 Old Pond Cir	\$114,000
1385 Park Pl	\$505,000
1050 Penniman Ave	\$715,000
361 Pinewood Cir # L	\$90,000
51240 Plymouth Lake Cir	\$513,000
51095 Plymouth Lake Ct	\$670,000
13410 Portsmouth Xing	\$394,000
9255 Red Maple Ct	\$355,000
9630 Red Maple Dr	\$335,000
13580 Ridgewood Dr	\$210,000
1199 S Sheldon Rd	\$51,000

750 Sunset St	\$450,000
1191 Sutherland St	\$143,000
11865 Sycamore Dr	\$100,000
9637 Winterset Cir	\$363,000

REDFORD

16529 Beech Daly Rd	\$31,000
18803 Brady	\$30,000
24966 Doris Ct	\$78,000
15200 Garfield	\$24,000
15620 Gaylord	\$75,000
25366 Graham Rd	\$80,000
9075 Hemingway	\$83,000
11338 Hemingway	\$38,000
18257 Indian	\$60,000
25356 Ivanhoe	\$28,000
9234 Louis	\$82,000
26023 Lyndon	\$105,000
13401 Marion	\$70,000
14228 Marshall Dr	\$166,000
14244 Marshall Dr	\$169,000
14278 Marshall Dr	\$132,000
14198 Mason Dr	\$165,000
9627 Rockland	\$80,000
9984 Rockland	\$65,000
11353 Rockland	\$76,000
26605 Student	\$72,000

WAYNE

35459 Glover St	\$30,000
3893 Hayes St	\$65,000
WESTLAND	
1173 Abbey Ct	\$150,000
30419 Avon Ct	\$76,000
489 Barchester St	\$130,000
31668 Birchwood St	\$56,000
7324 Bison St	\$127,000
2640 Caledonia Ct	\$35,000
31538 Conway Dr	\$79,000
6510 Deerhurst Dr	\$115,000
2207 Delton Ct	\$30,000
7050 Fox Chase Ln	\$205,000
37207 Gilchrist St	\$70,000
39200 Gloucester St	\$108,000
7338 Kubis St	\$120,000
30634 Mackenzie Dr	\$123,000
29815 Marshall Dr	\$117,000
29823 Matthew St	\$52,000
5705 Morley St	\$140,000
6105 N Berry St	\$81,000
6030 N Globe St	\$55,000
6529 Pembroke Dr	\$94,000
1625 Regene St	\$45,000
36535 Rolf St	\$132,000
1682 S Crown St	\$108,000
253 S Dobson St	\$76,000
34753 Sansburn St	\$115,000
36000 Schley Ave	\$75,000
36000 Schley Ave	\$70,000
38539 Scott Dr	\$118,000
1296 Shoemaker Dr	\$35,000
1939 Treadwell St	\$150,000
1255 Windham St	\$70,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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

BEVERLY HILLS

15726 Birwood Ave	\$170,000
15825 Birwood Ave	\$210,000
22083 Orchard Way	\$400,000
32495 Sheridan Dr	\$251,000
32484 Sheldady Dr	\$335,000

BINGHAM FARMS

30525 Oakview Way	\$410,000
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BIRMINGHAM

1001 Abbey St	\$691,000
2072 Bradford Rd	\$204,000
597 Coolidge Rd	\$185,000
1649 Mansfield Rd	\$180,000
964 N Adams Rd Unit 3	\$100,000
717 N Glenhurst Dr	\$625,000
1405 Pilgrim Ave	\$440,000
1974 Webster St	\$565,000
670 Wellesley St	\$843,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

245 Barden Rd	\$420,000
221 Canterbury Rd	\$750,000
1230 Desaix Ave	\$135,000
1340 Forestglen Ct # T-74	\$295,000
7127 Glengrove Dr	\$235,000
1309 Knollcrest Cir # L-46	\$175,000
3868 Millspring Rd	\$364,000
4834 S Chipping Gln	\$710,000
4811 Tullamore Dr	\$390,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

3055 Chestnut Run Dr	\$777,000
4034 Cranbrook Ct	\$510,000
4049 Cranbrook Ct	\$522,000
953 Dursley Rd	\$265,000

484 Fox Hills Dr N # A-3	\$47,000
1778 Golf Ridge Dr S	\$605,000
1896 Seminole Ct	\$315,000
982 Top View Rd	\$442,000
1260 Trailwood Path	\$169,000
505 Wadsworth Ln	\$310,000
6363 Worlington Rd	\$290,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

1791 Applebrook Dr	\$50,000
8150 Barnsbury St	\$499,000
3860 E Commerce Rd	\$529,000
2273 Palmetto	\$238,000
3215 Rio Vista St	\$88,000
3925 S Shore Dr	\$1,185,000
5221 Weston Ct	\$136,000

FARMINGTON

36886 Heatherton Dr	\$218,000
32040 Leelane	\$152,000
34180 Schulte Dr	\$175,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

28491 Bayberry Rd	\$135,000
37355 Brookwood St	\$370,000
22005 Cass St	\$161,000
32522 Chesterbrook St	\$257,000
35324 Edythe Dr	\$95,000
25795 Farmington Rd	\$150,000
21679 Hancock St	\$80,000
33683 Heirloom Cir	\$50,000
26201 Hudden Valley Dr	\$305,000
21641 Jacksonville St	\$73,000
30642 Knighton Dr	\$350,000
25815 Livingston Ct	\$278,000
22160 Ontaga Ct	\$110,000
21148 Orchard Lake Rd	\$190,000
21210 Parklane St	\$248,000
23155 Potomac Cir	\$176,000
37546 River Bnd	\$325,000
21451 Riverwalk Ct	\$275,000
31972 Rocky Crst	\$143,000
29515 Sylvan Ln	\$205,000

22315 Tredwell Ave	\$124,000
28426 W Eight Mile Rd Unit A5	\$15,000
35745 W Lyman Rd	\$162,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
27738 Lathrup Blvd	\$140,000
17411 Redwood Ave	\$140,000
MILFORD	
1385 Berwyck Dr	\$307,000
730 Bird Song Dr	\$119,000
287 Dorchester Ct	\$252,000
1345 Forest Ridge Dr	\$615,000
1277 Pine Ridge Rd	\$332,000
NORTHVILLE	
1039 Allen Dr	\$180,000
21303 E Glen Haven Cir	\$128,000
43525 Galway Dr	\$242,000
1015 Glenhill Dr	\$410,000
20990 Lujon Dr	\$215,000
535 Reed Ct	\$230,000

Car Report

Advertising Feature

Carmakers Dominate Super Bowl Advertising Once Again



By Dale Buss

No industry has come to define Super Bowl advertising quite like the car business. Automakers, after all, are among the biggest U.S. advertisers and marketers by dollar volume. So for the third straight year, on Big Game Sunday the auto industry was expected to be the biggest advertiser for the third straight year.

Hyundai and Chrysler, according to Kantar research cited by USA Today, made the top

“We like to build a lot of conversation before game day,” Loren Angelo, head of brand marketing for Audi of America, told me. For the brand and the new A3 sedan, that meant releasing not only an online teaser of its “Doberhuahua” spot but the entire spot itself several days before Super Bowl Sunday.

Here’s a snapshot of what the auto brands planned for Super Bowl XLVIII:

While not using any big Hollywood names, Audi deployed its trademark Super Bowl humlor in a spot featuring singer Sarah McLachlan (who spoofed her PSAs for PeTA with a teaser) a hilarious dog hybrid, a “Doberhuahua,” that exemplifies the horrible results that come from compromise. The point

game report.

Chrysler, as usual, didn’t give away its plan for the Big Game, forsaking all the pre-game teasers and other buzz-generating activities that rivals are using more and more before the actual telecast.

Hyundai has a new US CEO but some of the same challenges: how to effectively keep the brand stretched across a broad range of product segments yet battle some supply issues and stiffening competition across the board. With two spots--one, called “Nice,” for the Hyundai Elantra starring Johnny Galecki of Big Bang Theory and another (“Dad’s Sixth Sense”) for the luxury-sport Genesis sedan, focusing on its driving-assistance features—the brand spread its Super Bowl bets once again.

Jaguar, now owned by India’s Tata Motors, is continuing its comeback with its first Super Bowl spot. The dramatic 60-second ad featured actors Sir Ben Kingsley, Tom Hiddleston and Mark Strong as a trio of British villains in a spot helmed by The King’s Speech director Tom Hooper:

Laurence Fishburne to reprise his role as Morpheus in the cult movie series The Matrix to pull that off.

Toyota last year effectively used actress Kaley Cuoco for a mainstream message, and this year the brand was going back to a proven platform by including the Muppets and Terry Crews as it focused on everything one can do in a new Toyota Highlander.

Volkswagen is more in need of a pick-me-up now than it has been for three years, as US sales have leveled off. So reached for nostalgic levers similar to its Star Wars-themed ad from three years ago, “The Force” (often called “Little Darth Vader” for its adorable mini-Darth), which became the most-shared and YouTube-viewed spot in Super Bowl history. This time around, following a teaser that featured Carmen Electra, VW had “Wings,” in which the brand played a bit with the “legend” of how every time a reliable VW turns over 100,000 miles, a VW engineer gets his “wings.” Jimmy Stewart, star of It’s a Wonderful Life, might have been bemused.

“We are thrilled with this year’s creative, which highlights the enthusiasm around our



The Silverado HD stars in one of Chevy’s ads in the Big Game.

five biggest spenders in the past five Super Bowls, along with Bud Lite and Budweiser parent Anheuser Busch InBev, PepsiCo and Coca-Cola.

And of course, any more it’s not just Super Bowl Sunday but for the entire season surrounding the game that carmakers dominate much of the conversation. It has become standard practice to run pre-Game teasers (trailers, in a sense, of the Game Day spot), and viral videos promoted across YouTube, Twitter and Facebook with hashtags.

is that the German automaker’s new A3 sedan, launching in the US this spring, is anything but an exercise in compromise, even though it’s priced beginning under \$30,000:

General Motors returned to the Super Bowl after taking a one-year break, with Chevrolet slated to occupy two 60-second spots during the game. One spot, “Romance,” featured a voiceover by John Cusack and promoted the 2015 Silverado HD with the hashtag #SilveradoStrong. Two other 30-second ads were to air during the post-



Laurence Fishburne is an ominous presence in the Kia Super Bowl ad.

Kia is facing a similar challenge now as Hyundai did a few years ago. The Korean-brand sibling wanted to use the Super Bowl to further legitimize its pricey first luxury model, the K900 sedan. It called upon actor

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10 mistakes every first-time job seeker makes

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There's a lot that first-time job seekers bring to the table. They're often eager and enthusiastic, technologically-savvy and up-to-date on the latest skills and trends in their desired field.

Yet there is still a lot that new job seekers have to learn when it comes to mastering the job search. Here, experts weigh in on 10 mistakes many first-time job seekers make and how these errors can be avoided:

1. Putting too much weight on their GPA.

"A mistake first-time job seekers make is believing that high academics is the most important factor in finding a job," says Stephanie Kinkaid, program coordinator for the Wackerle Career and Leadership Center at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Ill. "Graduates need leadership qualities and the ability to articulate how those experiences have created a well-rounded individual."

2. Not doing enough research.

"Many times, job seekers don't realize the importance in conducting research," says Debra Ann Matthews, professional résumé writer and certified career coach. "Learn about how to obtain a job, go to the library and read about job-search tools. Go to your local career center and see what they have to offer. Then take your inquiry a step further; see if these same institutions have social media services."

3. Not staying up-to-date on industry trends.

"Graduates should do research not only on the company to which they are applying, but about the field in general,"

Kinkaid says. "For instance, if you are entering the medical field, you should be knowledgeable about the Affordable Care Act, how politics affect medicine and social issues."

4. Only considering full-time jobs.

"First-time job seekers devalue the benefits of temp and short term and placement services," Matthews says. "Temp jobs, can be of value to a job seeker by giving that job seeker work experience in various tasks. Many temp agencies will offer computer-based trainings that can be learned and applied to résumés and used by job seekers to leverage their job search in a more strategic manner."



5. Focusing only on jobs related to their degree.

Dylan Schweitzer, group talent acquisition manager for Enterprise Holdings, says that new job seekers often think they can only work in a field directly related to their major and only apply to jobs in one specific industry. "You major in what you are interested in learning more about, but that doesn't pigeonhole you into one type of opportunity."



6. Making the interview about them, not the employer.

"Job seekers who spend their initial interview talking about why they need a job, how much they want some company benefit, etc. instead of talking about how they will solve problems for the company and bring value are ensuring they will not be asked back for second interviews or hiring," says Karen Southall Watts, consultant, coach and speaker. "Everyone is well aware of the fact that people need jobs. Hiring managers want to know why, of all the needy, worthy candidates, they should hire you."

7. Dressing inappropriately in professional settings.

"Often, first-time job seekers have not been exposed to work-appropriate attire," says Lindsay Witcher, manager of practice development at RiseSmart, which provides next-generation enterprise career management solutions. "How you dress directly affects how people

perceive you and whether or not they will take you seriously. For this reason, make sure you are dressed professionally when networking and interviewing. If you aren't sure what is appropriate, ask for the opinions of a few people you trust who have a few years of successful professional experience under their belt."

8. Being unenthusiastic.

"Enthusiasm is critical to being considered for a position," Witcher says. "If you appear bored or as if you have something better to do while interviewing or networking, hiring managers will not consider you as a viable candidate. Show enthusiasm not only through your conversation, but through your knowledge about the company and your interest in the position."

9. Focusing on salary.

"Young professionals often fail to look at the big picture when deciding whether or not to take a position and instead focus too much on the salary," says Chaz Pitts-Kyser, speaker

on career/life topics for young professionals and author of "Embracing the Real World: The Black Woman's Guide to Life After College." "But how happy will they be with what seems to be a great salary if their benefits are measly, the commute gives them a headache or their workload is insane? Everything about a company and what it offers and does not offer should be taken into consideration prior to accepting or rejecting a job offer."

10. Knowingly taking the wrong job.

"Times are hard, and it's not always wise to hold out for the perfect job," Watts says. "However, when you get that sinking feeling, and you know a position is a poor match for your skills or temperament, you are wise to pass. When in doubt, discuss with a mentor before making irreversible decisions."

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