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Call 248-344-1033 for more details.

## Law firm reviewing controversial 'interrogations' of students

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

In response to the concerns expressed by parents over what they are calling the "interrogations" of their children during the NWEA test scores investigation, Northville Public Schools has brought in a Bloomfield Hills law firm to conduct an independent review of what occurred. Those interviews were part of an investigation that led to the resignation of popular Northville High School special education teachers Jennifer Warnock and Lynn Traxler.

Parents believe the questioning of their children amounted to "bullying" by district administrators.

"Our board of education, along with district administrators, do not take questions or concerns expressed by parents, students, or community lightly," Northville Board of Education president Jim Mazurek said. "When an issue of concern arises, we take action to review it, for the safety and well-being of our students as well as our staff members. In this case, a concern was raised regarding the interviews that occurred

with students during the NWEA review."

He said as a result, the district has contracted with the Beier-Howlett Law Firm to conduct an independent review of the interview process.

The school board deliberately selected a law firm with no prior connection to the Northville Public Schools to ensure an objective third party review, according to Mazurek.

Upon completion of the review process, which will include direct contact with the parents of students interviewed, he said the results will be shared with

the school board and subsequently communicated to parents and staff members as appropriate.

The group of parents whose children were under the guidance of Warnock and Traxler have zeroed in on what they see as one of the main issues — the questioning process conducted by school administration, specifically by Human Resources Assistant Superintendent Dave Rodgers.

"We're most concerned at this point with the conduct of David

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All eyes are on a contestant at the Feb. 13 DECA Club Knowledge Bee at Northville High School. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## INTELLIGENCE ON DISPLAY

Students show off academic prowess at first Knowledge Bee

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

The first annual Knowledge Bee at Northville High School, organized by the school's DECA club, was an intellectual success.

With around 60 middle school and high school students participating, the event's competition involved questions in the categories of science, social studies and spelling. This was part of DECA's larger goal of reaching out to the wider community in productive and fun ways.

"We thought that DECA's first Knowledge Bee was extremely successful — it was organized and very well at-

tended," DECA president and NHS senior Aillen You said. "The audience was engaged, and it was very impressive how much Northville high school and middle school students know. Students correctly answered questions ranging from the arrangement of atoms and bonds to 'Which European country has the highest GDP per capita?'"

The winners of the Knowledge Bee were: first place in

science, Perry Jiang, a junior at NHS; first place in social studies, Krithik Vallem, an eighth-grader at Meads Mill Middle School; and first place in spelling, Eleanor Wang, an eighth-grader at Meads Mill Middle School.

DECA is a competitive business club at Northville High School. Its objective is to support the development of

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## Automatic Mutual Aid partnership remains important

Novi, Northville agreement used only a few times

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

The Automatic Mutual Aid Partnership between the cities of Northville and Novi hasn't been used much since it was set up last year, but just having it makes both fire departments feel secure.

"It made sense when we agreed to it and still does,"

Northville City Fire Chief James Allen said. "Good, quick backup is always useful to a fire department."

Both cities are providing resources upon request to each other at no cost in time of emergencies or need.

Allen said these types of agreements had become more common and it "just makes sense."

The Novi Fire Department, which also has a similar agree-

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Novi firefighter Jammal Faraj works on maintaining a fire engine at Novi Fire Station 1. The city of Novi uses this station as the primary support base for its Automatic Mutual Aid agreement with the city of Northville. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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# Scrapbookers fighting against rare form of breast cancer

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Shelly Sapp of Northville had worked a number of years as a registered nurse before she was diagnosed with inflammatory breast cancer (IBC) March 15, 2010, at age 43.

"I'm actually at the older end for diagnosis," said Sapp, director of nursing at Home Health of America. "I had never heard of it. It does not show up on mammograms."

IBC often occurs in women younger than the age where baseline mammograms are started, she said, and often doesn't present as a lump.

Sapp said some 2-5 percent of breast cancers are IBC. "It's just that breast cancer is really common. That's still a huge number."

"So this presents very differently," Sapp said. "I woke up one day and my breast was swollen."

It looked like an orange peel surface, she said.

Fortunately, Sapp's doctor didn't say it was an infection, she recalled, noting symptoms began in December 2009. "Six months can make the difference between life and death," Sapp said.

She's raising awareness of IBC with a Crop for a Cause event 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Scrappy Chic, 33509 W. Eight Mile (south side), west of Farmington Road in Livonia. It is her fourth such event and supports the Inflammatory Breast Cancer Network Foundation.

She's especially excited as Terry Arnold, its founder, will visit here for the event Feb. 22. Arnold is also a survivor.

"I'm really excited. She's flying in from

Texas," Sapp said. Information on the disease is online at [www.ibcnetwork.org](http://www.ibcnetwork.org).

IBC often progresses rapidly to Stage 4, she said, and it isn't well known in the medical community or among lay people. Its lack of early warning signs makes diagnosis difficult.

"So far, so good," she said of her own health. They don't use "in remission" due to frequent recurrence, but she's doing well.

Sapp said treatment is aggressive. She had a mastectomy, noting a lumpectomy isn't an option. There were five months of chemotherapy, and later seven weeks of daily radiation.

"It's my mission in life," she said of raising awareness and fighting the disease.

The scrapbooking event will draw more than 80 women, and men are welcome as well.

"My husband and my son will be there to help out," Sapp said.

You can sign up through Scrappy Chic in person at the store or by calling it at 248-426-9020. First-timers are welcome, and some make jewelry rather than scrapbooking.

"Whatever they want to do," Sapp said.

Participants will enjoy three meals, snacks, desserts and beverages. There will be a 50/50 raffle, goodie bags and a massage therapist part of the day.

It's been a good fundraiser, with the first one drawing around 30 participants and taking off from there. "People had so much fun the next one sold out really fast," she said.

For more information, contact Sapp via email at [sldrn@icloud.com](mailto:sldrn@icloud.com) for information.

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Rodgers during the interrogation process," parent Jeff Hawley said. "We are under no illusion that the teachers will be brought back."

However, he added, "We feel that there is enough evidence of misconduct on his part to have action taken against him by the administration."

The group of parents is working on FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests for members involved in the matter. Hawley said he would be speaking with the district's legal review team earlier this week.

Hawley said he guesses that further investigation into the matter would enforce his statement regarding Rodgers, who he said "bullied" his son.

Students involved have said they were

forced to give written statements, did not have the chance to have their parents present and generally felt intimidated by the whole process.

These concerns will be taken into consideration, Mazurek said.

"We value the partnership of parents together with our staff members and students as we strive to provide an education of excellence for every learner in our schools," he said looking forward.

No matter what the outcome, many parents are angry at what occurred.

In the meantime, at least one replacement of the two teachers has been selected. The school board hired Lindsay Flynn as a special education teacher on a probationary teacher contract at the high school for the remainder of the year.

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## BEE

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marketing and management skills in areas of business administration, entrepreneurship, finance, hospitality and sales.

According to You, the Northville club has grown during its short time. Established in 2012, there were 10 members then, and now there are nearly 30.

It's also succeeding at state competitions.

This year, You said all 28 members who competed at DECA districts placed in their event to qualify for the state competition, which will take place at the Detroit Renaissance Center in mid-March.

She said the business club will continue to meet weekly after school to prepare for the state competition and practice role-play together. Those

who place at states will then qualify for the international competition to be held in Atlanta, Ga., this year.

Northville DECA has another fundraiser with McDonald's coming up at the location at Six Mile and Haggerty roads at 5-7 p.m. Monday, March 3. McDonald's will donate 10 percent of proceeds to Northville DECA. You encouraged everyone in the community to go to McDonald's for dinner that evening.

As for the group's first Knowledge Bee, You said they couldn't be happier with the community's support.

"It was great to see many supportive parents come out to be involved in their children's learning and activities. We hope to make the Knowledge Bee an annual event," she said.

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Northville High School student Christian Slope competes in the Feb. 13 DECA Club Knowledge Bee. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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ment with Wixom, agrees it is a good partnership that can only get better as time goes on.

"The Novi Public Safety Administration has been working diligently with the city of Northville Fire and the city of Wixom Fire Department's Administration to strengthen our partnerships and enhance these Automatic Aid Agreements," Novi Fire Operations/EMS Director Jeff Johnson said.

He said although officials have experienced a few issues that needed to be addressed through continued training and communications, that's just part of the improvement process.

Last May, both city councils approved the

AMA agreement that provides support, primarily in the case of structure fires.

The agreement provides an engine or ladder from Northville and sends it automatically to any confirmed structure fire (e.g. multiple calls of smoke/flames showing) in the south sectors along Eight Mile in Novi.

In return, Novi will automatically provide an engine or ladder to Northville within its city limits.

According to Johnson, the agreement has only been called upon a few times.

On July 24, 2013, Novi requested Wixom Fire Department for a structure fire at Knightsbridge Gate. However, Wixom was already on an EMS call and did not have sufficient staff to respond. According to Johnson, that incident

involved a dryer fire, which was quickly extinguished and no additional units were required to be called.

On Jan. 14, 2014, Novi FD was requested for AMA to Northville for a structure fire at the multi-unit condominium complex at Fairbrook and Hines Drive.

"Novi's engine one crew was initially assigned to the Rapid Intervention Team, then later rotated to perform fire overhaul," Johnson said of last month's call. Novi primarily acted as backup as Northville had also called in Northville Township for help. There were no injuries in that fire, which destroyed eight residential units.

"We would drop this if it wasn't useful to have, but it is," Allen said of the AMA.

Over the past year, Johnson said Novi re-

quested Northville for AMA on a few other reported structure fires. However, "upon arrival they were not needed and canceled before arrival," Johnson said.

He said there were no calls last year to Wixom, which entered into an agreement with Novi in 2012.

The idea of neighboring communities partnering on fire services might only grow. Northville also has an agreement with the city of Plymouth for joint fire services and, according to Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan, they are exploring the establishment of a Fire Authority with neighboring communities.

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# Winchester principal stepping down at end of year

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

What Winchester Principal Pat Messing will miss most is being in school and seeing the students learn.

After 11 years in Northville, Messing has announced she is retiring at the end of the school year. She's looking forward to the next steps in her life, but she will hold onto the memories she's made at Winchester.

"I will most likely miss being in school. I have always loved school," she said. "I enjoyed being a student, a teacher, a counselor and administrator. I view it as such a privilege to have spent my career in a school environment where the norm is continuously learning, growing, moving forward, and always in pursuit of ways to motivate and challenge others as well as seeking that for myself."

Northville Public Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said Messing's leadership will be missed.

"Pat's leadership has been instrumental in deepening our focus on school improvement processes and outcomes, and in strengthening our work in early intervention and instructional support at Winchester and across the district," Gallagher said. "Pat's leadership, together with



Winchester Elementary School Principal Pat Messing talks with Cooper Jasinkiewicz during a lunch hour Feb. 7. Messing, who will retire in June after 39 years as an educator, has been at it so long that she taught Cooper's father at Crestwood Elementary in Dearborn in the 1970s. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

that of the Winchester staff, students and parents, is clearly evident in the commitment Winchester has to growing learners and leaders."

Messing said she has always been invigorated and motivated by change that results in growth, and admires "change agents which I consider to be strong leaders."

Good results through adapting have been her driving force.

"I am proud to say that I believe I have been a change agent during my career. The educational setting has been the perfect place for that," she said looking back on her career.

What stands out to here at Winchester is the staff, students and families, which she says "have been the icing on the cake to my wonderful career."

She said in the past 11

years, she and the teachers have established a trusting, collaborative, caring relationship, which has truly been a benefit to students. In addition, she said the fact that the parents have partnered, supported and worked diligently alongside has also played a big role.

However, she said the most important reason for the school's success has been the students.



Winchester Elementary School principal Pat Messing shares a laugh with student Miriam Taled, who just suggested that she not retire at the end of the school year. Messing has taught some of the kids of the kids she educated at Dearborn's Crestwood Elementary in the 1970s. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"Students at Winchester are caring, they are responsible and have phenomenal leadership qualities," Messing said. "Winchester is a community of learners always seeking ways to improve upon our practices, and we are unafraid to take risks that will make us better teachers, parents and learners. I will miss the relationships with staff, students and families. I am grateful that I have always felt supported."

After some year-end celebrations and recognition ceremonies, Messing will look forward to

spending more time doing the things she loves such as golf, travel, reading, cooking, spending time with her family and at her condo in Florida.

Gallagher said the district will now undertake a hiring process for a new principal. She said they consider the process of selecting a new building leader to be critically important, and value the input of staff, parents and students in this process.

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## Flowers for the winner



Northville Senior Center's Suzie Johnson (right) brings Marie Fortin a basket of flowers Feb. 12 during a Valentine's Day celebration. Fortin won the flowers after winning a round of bingo and then singing a quick version of "You Are My Sunshine" for the assembled crowd. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## POLICE BRIEFS

### Drunken driving arrest

A 57-year-old Northville man was arrested for drunken driving after Northville City Police were called about a possible drunken driver leaving the Good Time Party Store.

The incident took place on the afternoon of Feb. 16. Police were given a description of a vehicle and later found it parked near CVS on Dunlap Street. Police watched the vehicle until the driver came back, and then followed him.

He was spotted driving erratically and not using his turn signal to make a turn onto Hutton Street, police said. Upon making contact with the driver, police reported smelling intoxicants inside the vehicle. He allegedly changed his story a couple of times, and at one point said he was at the store earlier but then said he wasn't.

He was arrested after his Breathalyzer test registered a .17 percent blood-alcohol level, police said. Police also allegedly found an open beer inside the vehicle. Police said it was the man's second drunken driving arrest.

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**CONTACT:** 248-348-1845.

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**Friday:** Archives temporarily closed.

**Saturday:** 12:30-4:30 private party, Cady Inn.

**Sunday:** 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Girl Scout Training in Cady and Church; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #473 in Cady; 6:30 p.m. Venture Crew #8 in Church.

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## Parents can explore options during Curriculum Night

By Julie Brown  
 Staff Writer

Eileen Freeman is program coordinator for Northville Public Schools' Early Childhood Education programs. It's not surprising she's an advocate for early childhood education.

"Definitely getting children into preschool and the social interaction they are able to engage in," said Freeman, on the job with NPS for 13 years. She points with pride to National Association for the Education of Young Children accreditation.

"We just really believe that young children learn best through play," Freeman said. She and colleagues find children are well-prepared to enter kindergarten.

Learning about those programs will be the focus of a 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, March 6, Curriculum Night, held at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main in downtown Northville. To register to attend that night, call 248-465-2550. Information on Extended Day Programs will also be offered.

There's additional information online at [www.earlychildhood.northvilleschools.org](http://www.earlychildhood.northvilleschools.org).

"Our enrollment is good," Freeman said. "It has stayed steady and even grown."

Offerings include Full-Day Pre-K from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., which more two-career couples need. A couple of years

ago, a School Day Pre-K was piloted 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Some parents now opt for two full days, Freeman said, seeking a longer daily experience, not necessarily related to their employment needs.

"We do provide lots of different experiences," she said. Children work in small groups in their individual goals, with progress tracked in a portfolio including pictures and work samples.

Parent-teacher conferences are held twice a year. "Parent involvement is always welcome in our classrooms," Freeman said.

There's a Parent-Child session, with 14 children enrolled with a parent, for ages 2-3. The Full-Day Pre-K enrolls 137 children in seven classrooms throughout the district.

The Half-Day Pre-K is in four classrooms across the district, translating to seven sections, and enrolls 103 children. The School-Day Pre-K has 14 children.

There's also a Kids' Club for elementary age at six elementary school sites, as well as Club Mid for middle schoolers, held at Meads Mill. Those enroll 645 together, said Freeman.

Kids' Club and Club Mid operate from 7 a.m. to the start of the school day, and from the school day's end to 6 p.m., helping out employed parents. Kids do homework, enjoy snacks, go to the

gym or computer lab, enjoy arts and crafts, and more.

"It's a relaxing setting for the students," Freeman said.

She added the curriculum for younger children has evolved with the introduction of all-day kindergarten in Northville and other districts.

She anticipates a full turnout at Curriculum Night March 6. "They love hearing directly from the teachers," Freeman said.

In addition to a Power-Point, current program parents will discuss their experiences. "We have found that is so powerful," the program coordinator said, adding prospective parents will have the chance to get their questions answered.

Enrollment forms will be available that evening, with registration done later.

Colleague Ailsa Blunk, administrative assistant, said the Curriculum Night has been held since 2005 for new families.

"It's very successful," Blunk said. "It's grown every year."

Blunk noted the large summer program, which involves more than 200 elementary-age children, as well as about 80 pre-K in the summer. There is a Summer Kids' Club, Half-Day Pre-K Summer Camp and Full-Day Pre-K Summer Camp.

Summer registration details will also be offered March 6.

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## NHS sophomore earns 'Gold'

Northville High School sophomore Jillian Stacer earned a Gold project badge for her efforts with the NHS Drama Club. The Gold project is the highest honor for Girl Scouts, and similar to the Boy Scouts Eagle badge.

In September 2012, the Girl Scout joined the Drama Club, which puts on a Haunted House, a fall play, a student-run production in January and a musical in the spring.

For her Gold project, Stacer organized and cleaned the prop hallway and stage prop closet. These areas are used to store the Drama Club's props and set pieces. She started this daunting task



Stacer CARLA JACOBSON PHOTOGRAPHY

of organization and cleaning up in November 2012. The project took more than a year to complete due to the interruptions that each new Drama Club production caused.

Her project consisted of cleaning, sorting and organizing the items from eye glasses and shoes to tables and Christmas trees. In total, Stacer spent more than 80 hours doing the work, and other volunteers spent more than 300 hours to organize the items the Drama Club has been accumulating for 14 years. Stacer built new shelving units for organizing the smaller items and she created labeled areas to organize the larger items.

Stacer is the stage manager for the Drama Club's next production, the musical "Little Shop of Horrors," to run April 10-12.

## ON CAMPUS

### LTU Dean's Honor Roll

The following students from Northville have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall 2013 term.

» Thomas Bennett, majoring in mechanical engineering.

» Steven Gonzalez, majoring in game art.

» George Gallagher, majoring in architecture.

» Stephen Osterhoff, majoring in biomedical engineering.

To be named to the honor roll, a student must maintain at least a 3.5 average for the term.

### Butler Dean's List

Two Northville students earned a place on the Butler University Dean's List for the fall semester. They are Aaron Havlisch, who is studying actuarial science, and Rebecca Pokrandt, who is studying elementary education.

### Grand Valley Dean's List

Grand Valley State University has announced the names of students who were placed on the Dean's List for the fall 2013 semester

concluding in December. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. The honor is noted on the students' official records.

The Northville students who made the list include Jamie A. Bell, Julia M. Brown, Sarah M. DeBrabander, Kara A. DeVito, Brendan J. Foley, Mikki Fujimori, Kelsey M. Gaidica, Martina K. Gehrt, Brian A. Gotberg, Sarah L. Halash, Rachael M. Jarzemowski, Alexandra I. Key, Brian A. Makowski, Michelle N. Marinos, Alyssa A. Osterhoff, Ashley M. Pace, Erik C. Peterson, Erin E. Pollock, Jenna G. Pomeroy, Clare E. Porter, Clare K. Riley, Ashley N. Robinson, Evan R. Schriener, Tess A. Sheidy, Kathryn A. Siroonian, Robert K. Thornburg, Jeffrey P. Wagner, and Angele M. Yazbec.

### Dayton Dean's List

The following Northville students were named to the University of Dayton's Dean's List for the 2013 fall semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, an under-

graduate degree-seeking student must have a minimum of a 3.5 GPA for that semester and must have been enrolled for 12 or more credits that semester.

» Paige Brennan, Katherine Giacomini and Anna Lanzetta

### ISU Dean's List

Northville's Heather Marie Lamoureux was named to the Iowa State University Dean's List for the 2013 fall semester. Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work. Lamoureux is studying animal science.

### Concordia U-W Dean's List

Northville's Marisa Hahn earned a place on the Concordia University Wisconsin Fall Dean's List for the first semester of 2013-2014 academic year. To be eligible for the honor, students must achieve a minimum 3.50 GPA.

Hahn is a sophomore studying mathematics-secondary education.

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## Makings of a good story

Budding author from Northville earns U-M writing awards

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Molly Reitman, a 2012 graduate of Northville High School, was shocked when she heard she would be awarded for her original fiction and poetry.

Currently a sophomore at the University of Michigan majoring in creative writing and German, Reitman has won the Hopwood Underclassman Award in Fiction, the Hopwood Underclassman Award in Poetry and the Ray and Helen Meador Writing Award.

Among these great recognitions, she was also awarded more than \$1,000 for her pieces *Maybe I Miss Home* and *I Need You to Listen*.

"My reaction to receiving the awards was mostly just pure shock. One of my friends texted me congratulations before I even saw the announcement — I thought she was playing a prank on me," she said. "The Hopwoods are an amazing opportunity for writers at the university and I'm so grateful to have been awarded."

According to Reitman, the fall term Hopwoods are awarded to underclassmen at U of M.

For the poetry award, a student has to submit a manuscript of around 10-25 pages — her's ended up being 13 pages with 11 poems.

The fiction award requires 15-30 pages — Reitman's was 24 pages consisting of three short stories.

"The Roy and Helen Meador Award is given based on writing talent and financial need — it's more like a scholarship in that way — and it was awarded for the combination of both my manuscripts," she said.

About 20 other students won Hopwood awards this term.

These honors mark an important point in her life-long love for creative writing, which was inspired by her father, Tim.

"I have been writing since I can remember; it's always just been something that I love to do," she said. "My father inspires me to write the most — he's a writer himself and he always encourages me to continue writing and enter con-

tests and never give up on myself."

It's her father's comedic side that really inspires her.

"Whenever something bad happens, he creates a silver lining by telling me, 'Well, this would make a good story, wouldn't it?'" she said.

Looking to a career in writing after graduation in two years, she said her main goal is to write for a TV show, hopefully a comedy.

"I do some stand-up comedy here in Ann Arbor and making people laugh is really important to me, so writing for something like *SNL* (*Saturday Night Live*) would be the dream," she said. "Mostly I just know that whatever I do, it's going to have to do with writing."

She adds, "I can always fall back on writing trashy romance novels if all else fails, right?"

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Northville 2012 grad Molly Reitman was awarded several prestigious writing awards at the University of Michigan last month. Here she is with Helen Meador (left), who created the Roy and Helen Meador Award, at the ceremony Jan. 28 in Michigan's Rackham Amphitheater.

### SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### Ward Preschool open house

Ward Preschool, located at 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville, will have a Parent Open House and Informational meeting for the 2014/2015 school year on Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Room C319. Parents will have an opportunity to meet Ward's staff and faculty at the event.

There will be a brief meeting with the director and a tour of classrooms with teachers available to answer questions. Registration for the next school year will begin March 5 for current Ward families, and open registration will begin

March 19.

For more information, call 248-374-5911

#### Coffee with superintendent

Northville Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher will join the community for coffee and an informal conversation from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24 at the Board of Education Offices, 501 Main St. in Northville.

In addition to informal conversation about topics from across the district, she will be seeking input from those in attendance in two key areas — a visioning activity to elicit

feedback on the vision for Northville Public Schools and input as the district begins the search for a new assistant superintendent for Instructional Services.

#### Early kindergarten registration

Northville Public Schools is now accepting early registration for 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](http://www.northvilleschools.org/node/251).

#### Kids' Club program

The Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Edu-

cation 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 March 7.



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# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## Before Motown

The Northville District Library is hosting a special program “Before Motown: A History of Jazz in Detroit” on Monday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. in the Library’s main Carlo Meeting Room.

Professors Lars Bjorn and Jim Gallert of Detroit Music History have been researching and writing about Detroit music for 35 years, and will make an entertaining audiovisual presentation.

Call to register at 248-349-3020. Contact the library if you have questions about this event.

## 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. to 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 St.

Donors can contact Diane at 313-549-7052 or [Diane.Risko@red-cross.org](mailto:Diane.Risko@red-cross.org) to set up an appointment.

## Northville Dems film/discussion

The Northville Democratic Club will show the film *Inequality for All* by Robert Reich at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, at the Northville Sports Den, 133 W. Main St. in downtown Northville. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. The film will be followed by a group discussion that will cover such topics as “What’s happening to the American Dream?” “Why are 30 percent of our children living in poverty?” “Does wealth really trickle down?” and “Can democracy survive if inequality widens?”

The event, which is free and open to the pub-

# Craft time at the library



Caroline Krambo works in unison with her son Toni, 2, during a Feb. 6 Valentine’s Day crafts session at the Northville District Library. Participants had the opportunity to decorate a heart-shaped box with a slot in the top to hold a photograph. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

lic, will include pizza and salad. Donations will be accepted. For more information, contact Scott Craig at 248-259-3534 or [sraig27@comcast.net](mailto:sraig27@comcast.net).

## Northville Woman’s Club

The Northville Woman’s Club will hold its next meeting at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 21 at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville. Guest presenters will be Jim Gallert and Lars Bjorn, who

will discuss the “Roots of Motown.” Guests are encouraged to attend.

## Emergency food available

The next distribution of emergency food by Plymouth Community United Way is scheduled Thursday, Feb. 20. The Emergency Food Assistance Program provides low-income Plymouth and Northville residents with canned, non-perishable

items.

All recipients must pre-register at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth.

This is a supplemental food program that may be used in addition to other assistance programs.

Bridge Card holders automatically qualify, but need to pre-register. Recipients not currently on governmental assistance (food stamps, ADC

and general) must provide documentation including proof of income and residency before receiving food on distribution days.

Distributions continue the third Thursday of each month from 9:30-11 a.m. at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth.

For more information or to register, call 734-453-6879, ext. 7, or send email to [randi.williams@pcuwo.org](mailto:randi.williams@pcuwo.org).

## Elder law series

Plymouth Community United Way in partnership with the Plymouth Community Council on Aging presents a free Elder Law Series with attorney Gary S. Allen beginning 10-11:30 a.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty.

Allen, an estate planning and elder law attorney, continues the series Thursdays Feb. 27, March 6 and March 13 with sessions offered at 10-11:30 a.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. Advance registration required. To reserve a space, call Plymouth Community United Way at 734-453-6879, ext. 7.

Topics will include:

» Estate Planning, Feb. 20. Avoiding probate, discussion of wills and power of attorney for financial and health-care purposes, Lady Bird deeds, changes to 2013 Federal Estate Tax. Learn why you do not want to hold a deed for recording after death.

» Outliving Your Assets, Feb. 27. Seventy-percent of retirees need long-term care. Learn about long-term care insurance and combining it with life insurance, how to qualify for Medicaid, convert financial assets into guaranteed income. Create a guaranteed lifetime pension for you and your spouse.

» Retirement Accounts, March 6. IRAs, 401K, 403b, etc. Avoid up to 40 percent taxation on accounts at death, 10 percent and 50 percent tax penalties for improper withdrawals from retirement accounts. Convert taxable IRA to tax-free inheritance.

» Taxes, March 13. Income and estates taxes are expected to rise in the future. Convert taxable assets into tax-deferred or tax-free assets. Reduce taxes on social security income. Learn about gift taxes and using a charitable remainder trust to reduce taxes.

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# Statewide auto theft rates continue to decline

For a sixth consecutive year, thefts of vehicles are down in Michigan, according to the 2013 Michigan Automobile Theft Prevention Authority Annual Report. Despite the decrease, H.E.A.T. (Help Eliminate Auto Thefts), Michigan's statewide auto theft prevention program, is warning the community that auto theft-related crimes continue to rise. "It's good to see the number decline," said Terri Miller, executive director of H.E.A.T. "But thieves aren't going away, they're just changing gears. As whole-vehicle thefts decline, we've seen a sharp increase in auto theft-related crimes, including carjackings, online/Craigslist fraud, component theft and insurance fraud."

H.E.A.T. coordinates citizen action with law enforcement agencies through a confidential toll-free tip line for reporting information on stolen vehicles, chop shops and suspected auto theft activities, including insurance fraud, identity theft and carjackings. Since H.E.A.T. was founded in 1985, the organization has recorded more than 10,000 tips. Michigan residents have assisted in the arrests of nearly 3,700 suspects of auto theft-related crimes and have helped H.E.A.T. recover more than 4,600 vehicles, amounting to \$57.4 million in stolen property, throughout the past 28 years. "Despite the continued decline in the number of vehicle thefts in Michigan, we must

continue to increase awareness of auto theft-related crime in our communities," Miller said.

### Report highlights

Among the highlights of the 2013 ATPA Annual Report, which is the data from 2012:

- » Since 1986, Michigan auto thefts have decreased from 72,021 to 24,973 — a 65.3-percent decline — despite growth in both population and number of registered vehicles.

- » Michigan motorists are saving \$52 annually per insured vehicle as a result of lower theft rates.

- » According to the FBI, Michigan ranked seventh in number of motor vehicle thefts with 24,973 in 2012.

- » Though the Detroit Police Department saw the most vehicle thefts compared to other law enforcement agencies in Michigan, with 11,504 auto thefts, the number of thefts reported to DPD has decreased by 50 percent since 2006.

- » In 2012, Wayne County topped the list of Michigan counties with the highest reported motor vehicle thefts, with 15,352 (67 percent of total state thefts), while Macomb and Oakland counties accounted for 1,950 (9 percent) and 1,850 auto thefts (8 percent), respectively.

- » The 2000 Dodge Caravan once again topped Michigan's list of most stolen vehicles in 2012 and thieves' top color preferences for vehicles to steal remained black, followed by white and red.

» The months with the highest auto theft figures were August, October and September.

### Hope trend continues

"We hope the drop in auto theft numbers continues year after year," Miller said. "Fortunately, the partnership between citizens, the insurance industry, law enforcement, prosecutors and H.E.A.T. can help to put an end to all auto theft-related crime. Through our 24/7 tip line (1-800-242-HEAT) and website (1800242HEAT.com), tipsters can do their part and anonymously report auto theft-related crime. Some tipsters may be eligible for cash rewards up to \$10,000 for their information."

H.E.A.T. works with Michigan law enforcement agencies to follow up on tips. Tipsters are awarded up to \$1,000, if the tip leads to the arrest of or issuance of a warrant for a suspected car thief or a person suspected of auto theft-related insurance fraud. H.E.A.T. offers rewards up to \$2,000 for information leading to the issuance of a warrant for a carjacking suspect. Rewards of up to \$10,000 are issued, if a tip results in the arrest and binding over for trial of a suspected theft ring or chop shop operators.

The H.E.A.T. tip line is monitored by the Michigan State Police and funded by Michigan's auto insurance companies. Follow H.E.A.T. on Facebook and on Twitter @1800242HEAT.

# Doctor could lose license after felony conviction

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

A Northville doctor is expected to have his license suspended by the state of Michigan after a recent felony conviction in federal court.

Dr. Keith Pierce, who specializes in internal medicine at his office on Eight Mile in Livonia, is expected to have his license to practice medicine in Michigan suspended, according to a press release from the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

Pierce was sentenced to five years probation in the U.S. District Court of Eastern Michigan in November. His conviction came after providing some false

details to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. In addition to probation, Pierce is required to pay back almost \$395,000 in restitution and participate in a GPS monitoring program for six months, and he received a lifetime ban from practicing in clinical trials.

Jeannie Vogel, spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, said Pierce can appeal the suspension within a month's time. The final decision will be handed down from a disciplinary subcommittee.

"He has 30 days to respond to the complaint and request a hearing to dissolve the summary suspension. The Administrative

Law Judge (ALJ) may or may not dissolve the suspension. Then there will be a hearing on the merits of the administrative complaint, unless the case is settled by a Consent Order and Stipulation," she said in an email.

Vogel did not provide detail on how long Pierce's suspension would last if it goes into effect.

According to his practice's website, Pierce is a Northville resident and a graduate of the University of Michigan and Wayne State University.

A request for comment from Pierce was left at his office but not returned by press time.

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The seven contest categories are:

» **Best Picture:** *American Hustle*, *Nebraska*, *Captain Phillips*, *Philomena*, *Dallas Buyers Club*, *12 Years a Slave*, *Gravity* and *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

» **Best Actor In a Leading Role:** Christian Bale in *American Hustle*, Chiwetel Ejiofor in *12 Years a Slave*, Bruce Dern in *Nebraska*, Matthew McConaughey in *Dallas Buyers Club* and Leonardo DiCaprio in *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

» **Best Actress In a Leading Role:** Amy Adams in *American Hustle*, Judi Dench in *Philomena*, Cate Blanchett in *Blue Jasmine*, Meryl Streep in *August: Osage County* and Sandra Bullock in *Gravity*.

» **Best Actor In a Supporting Role:** Barkhad Abdi in *Captain Phillips*, Jonah Hill in *The Wolf of Wall Street*,

Bradley Cooper in *American Hustle*, Jared Leto in *Dallas Buyers Club* and Michael Fassbender in *12 Years a Slave*.

» **Best Actress In a Supporting Role:** Sally Hawkins in *Blue Jasmine*, Julia Roberts in *August: Osage County*, Jennifer Lawrence in *American Hustle*, Lupita Nyong'o in *12 Years a Slave* and June Squibb in *Nebraska*.

» **Best Animated Feature Film:** *The Croods*, *Frozen*, *Despicable Me 2*, *The Wind Rises* and *Ernest & Celestine*.

» **Best Director:** David O. Russell for *American Hustle*, Alfonso Cuarón for *Gravity*, Alexander Payne for *Nebraska*, Steve McQueen for *12 Years a Slave* and Martin Scorsese for *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

» **First tiebreaker category is for Best Documentary Feature:** *The Act of Killing*, *Cutie and the Boxer*, *Dirty Wars*, *The Square* and *20 Feet from Stardom*.

» **Second tiebreaker category is for Best Original Score:** *The Book Thief*, *Gravity*, *Her*, *Philomena* and *Saving Mr. Banks*.

## ENGAGEMENT



### Eichholtz-Roark

Patricia Ann Hart Eichholtz of Louisville, Ky., is engaged to be married to Adam Patrick Roark of Baton Rouge, La. Patricia is the daughter of Debbie and Kevin Eichholtz of Northville. She is a 2007 graduate of Ladywood High School. She earned a B.S. in nursing from the University of Louisville in 2011. She is currently employed as a pediatric nurse at Kosair Chil-

dren's Hospital in Louisville. Adam is the son of Shelly and Brian Roark of League City, Texas. He is a 2008 graduate of Russell High School in Ashland, Ky. He earned a B.S. in chemical engineering from the University of Louisville in 2012. He is currently employed at Marathon Oil in Baton Rouge. A Sept. 12, 2014 wedding is planned at Cathedral of the Assumption in Louisville.

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# Descendant of a slave

Salem man's great-great grandfather once featured in 'Record'

By Diane Gale Andreassi  
Staff Writer

It took the world 100 years to catch up with sleepy Salem Township when it comes to racial relations, at least in the mind of Ray Givens, a Salem resident and great-great-grandson of former slave John Lewis. Givens grew up hearing stories about Lewis and how he came to Salem through the Underground Railroad, an elaborate network of secret routes and safe houses slaves used to move north away from the Southern states which still allowed slavery.

Givens said Lewis was an educated slave in Kentucky who taught his children and his owner's children how to read and write. Since he was a free slave he could come and go as he liked. But he was still in jeopardy, Givens said, because kidnappers were known to take black youths and sell them in the South.

### Safe and protected

Lewis came north, eventually settling in Salem Township. "The people here made him feel safe and protected," said Givens, an eight-year football coach at South Lyon East High School. "He promised himself he would return, because this is a very special place. Even though I never met him I feel I



Ray Givens is the great-great grandson of a John Lewis, who traveled the Underground Railroad and eventually settled in Salem Township. Lewis and his wife are honored in stained glass among the founders of Salem Bible Church. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

owe him for all the things he has done, how he pushed faith, trust, respect to all his family and friends. He set the bar high for us and God has given us the opportunities to live the way we do with faith, love, trust and respect."

Talking about his family history, Givens sat in a pew at the Salem Baptist Church on Six Mile, a few feet away from the stained glass window honoring John Lewis and his wife, Lidabelle, who were among founding church members. Givens graduated from South Lyon High School and was inducted in the school's athletic hall of fame.

He raised two boys a couple of blocks from where John Lewis lived. At one time, the Lewis family had what Givens calls a "compound" of 14 family houses within blocks of each other in Salem.

Givens, 60, remembers his great-great Uncle Vic sitting on the

porch telling stories about his dad to Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan students who would regularly gather to hear how Lewis forged a new life for himself and the descendants who followed.

"Salem was a place like nowhere else in the country," Givens said. "People got along, cared about each other and were family."

Lewis' life story is featured in a chapter of *Northville ... the First 100 Years*, by Jack W. Hoffman, who included Lewis' obituary, which ran in the *Northville Record*. Lewis was buried Jan. 18, 1941, and the "whole town turned out for his funeral ... because of this humble man who won its respect, its regard and its admiration in 60 years of being kind, honest, courteous and minding his own business."

Lewis was a Civil War veteran who brought the local American Legion and "other patriotic or-

ganizations into the picture," the obituary stated. He joined a Michigan regiment and fought in the Civil War before moving to Salem when he was 35. "Here he stayed as the years went on, building up slowly year after year a reputation of which any man might boast," the obituary said. "As honest as John Lewis' became the countryside yardstick when trying to establish the worth of someone."

### Salem experience

Racism wasn't evident in Salem, Givens said.

"I have relatives from Detroit, and their attitude is different from ours. They called us stupid." His relatives talked about being discriminated against, because their ancestors were slaves.

"My dad said, 'You don't know any slaves, do you?'" Givens said. "That's the way I was raised. Nobody did nothing to me."

Givens said he has toured the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and has seen the bus Rosa Parks rode during her defying act, considered a turning point of the civil rights movement "And I appreciate all that I've seen, but I'm looking at it from a different window."

His ancestors would tell stories about how Lewis was welcomed in Salem "and how people are supposed to live together," he said.

But that wasn't true even a few miles away as his mother, Julia Ann Givens, learned when she was denied a request from Michigan State

Normal School — now Eastern Michigan University — to room with her best friend, June Hamilton, a Salem resident who was white. Julia Ann, who became a nurse, was reportedly the first African American to enter the school.

Lewis and many of his descendants were active in the Salem community. Givens continues that tradition as an usher at Salem Bible Church and volunteers as an announcer for South Lyon East High School basketball games.

"It's about giving back," he said. "I've been blessed so much."

### Tastes of bigotry

He was, at times, the target of racism. Like, when he was 16 years old and went with his brothers to a school sports game in South Lyon. Some boys had taken the wheels off the car Givens borrowed from his dad, chased them and threatened their lives.

The Givens brothers ran to a nearby home, where they were taken in and comforted while the police were called. Meanwhile, Givens said they could hear the kids smashing their dad's car. The high school basketball coach at the time, William Thomas, drove the brothers home to make sure they were safe. The Salem pastor drove Givens' dad daily for more than a month to and from work until he got a car.

During the 1967 riots, Givens said, Salem neighbors patrolled outside their home during the evenings to make sure the family was safe. It was the typical kind of

love and generosity, he said, they gave and received.

"These are our friends," Givens said. "They put their lives on the line for us. They weren't black or white, they were friends."

Known as "G-Daddy" to many athletes he coaches, Givens was a volunteer firefighter for 23 years in Salem and a few years in Lyon Township.

While he worked for three years, 1976-1978, as a sheriff's deputy in Livingston County, Givens got another taste of racism.

He was hired under an affirmative action law in an area where the Ku Klux Klan was prominent, he said. Other deputies refused to ride with him at night fearing they would be targeted along with Givens. He also couldn't rent an apartment, he said, because landlords worried their property would be jeopardized if Givens was attacked.

Despite those incidences, Givens said, "I saw more good than bad."

Lewis' house still stands in Salem, but it's no longer owned by the family.

Some of Lewis' belongings, however, were donated by his family to the Salem Historical Society and are displayed in the Jarvis Historical School on North Territorial Road.

Givens recalls listening to his relatives talk about their family members and they "always said, 'Tell your story.'"

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## Writer gathering stories about soldiers buried overseas

Four years ago, writer Michael Beach began searching for the stories of Oklahoma soldiers who are buried overseas. Recently, however, he began the search for as many of the stories as he could find of soldiers from all around the United States.

Beach began his journey with a visit to all 23 American cemeteries located around the world where the soldiers from his state are buried. He spent six months traveling through Europe, North Africa, the Philippines and Hawaii, where he placed more than 2,000 Oklahoma rose rocks at the graves of the soldiers.

"Everything started when I visited a Normandy cemetery and walked up to an Oklahoman's grave. I gave him a rose rock and found about 20 others that day," Beach

said. "When I went back, I visited the 144 Oklahoma soldiers in the cemetery and gave all of them a rose rock."

Beach struggled along the way from digging up the rose rocks himself to having very little food to eat. On several occasions, he wanted to walk away from his journey and return home.

"I had very little money and my feet were so badly blistered because of walking that I shouldn't have been walking but I had to, so I could get my journey accomplished," he said. "On the days I didn't have a host to stay with I would have an apple or orange for breakfast and for supper pasta and tomato paste. I would also camp with a tent and a sleeping bag I had on my backpack to save money."

"Once I had made it to

each of the cemeteries, the thought of going home was washed away and I worked at finding the soldiers. It was hard work but I realized that if I didn't do this that no one would and these men would not have a piece of Oklahoma with them," he added.

After he returned home, Beach began his search for the stories of the 3,000 Oklahoma soldiers. However he soon found roadblock after roadblock in his way to gathering their stories.

"Too many times I have had family members tell me, 'I wish I had known about this a year ago because my mom was alive and she knew everything about my

uncle buried overseas,' " he said.

So far Beach has gathered around 50 stories, some only partially complete, of World War I and World War II members of the military from Oklahoma. Beach is now in the process of looking for stories of soldiers from other states.

"I have decided to find one story from each state for each of the 23 cemeteries located overseas and Hawaii. I know that if the stories are fading here in Oklahoma they are fading all around the US," he said.

The stories that Beach collects will be shared with each soldier's cemetery so that others passing through them can

hear the tales and histories of these honorable men.

Beach is looking for copies of photos, letters, family stories, information about the soldier's life, and even history of the area during the time the soldiers lived there. Anyone who has any information on a soldier who is buried overseas, can contact Beach by visiting [apieceofhomeusa.com](http://apieceofhomeusa.com) to arrange a digital transfer. Information can also be sent by mail to Michael Beach, P.O. Box 582, Maysville, OK 73057.

Information also is available on his Facebook page, [facebook.com/pages/1200-stories](https://www.facebook.com/pages/1200-stories).



Among Beach's stories is that of Roy H. Meyer, a staff sergeant, U.S. Army Air Forces. Assigned to the 573rd Bomber Squadron, 391st Bomber Group, he died on Aug. 25, 1944, and is buried in the Brittany American Cemetery in St. James, France. Meyer had volunteered for the flight because the crew was short one person.

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**DOLIBER, JOHN W.**  
A long time resident Milford, Michigan, where he owned and operated The Shutter Shop on Main Street for over fifty years, died on February 13, 2014. He was 82 years old. He was preceded in death by his wife Shirley in 2005 and is survived by daughters, Juliann (Charles) Klocke and Jill Johnson; grandchildren, Charles Klocke, Jr., Christopher Klocke, Raven Johnson, Alyssa and Alejah Cross; great-granddaughter, Alexandra Elizabeth Klocke; brother, Richard (Patty) Doliber and nephews, Jeff, Chris and Matt Doliber. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 with the Rev. Steve Gonzales officiating. Burial Milford Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made in his name to Grace Hospice of Lansing or to the Milford Historical Society. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirector s.com.

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**GALOFARO, SCOTT E**  
Age 42, February 13, 2014. Visitation Feb. 20, 4 - 8 p.m. Service Feb. 21, 11 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon





**GREKA, LOUIS WALTER**  
Age 86, passed away late on Saturday, February 15, 2014 at the Devos Center of Raybrook Manor in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was born in Rogers City, Michigan in 1927 to the late Joseph and Julia Greka. He proudly served his country with the United States Army during WWII. Surviving are his wife of nearly 64 years Lillian, sons Ronald and Donald (Paula), grandchildren Staci, Evan (Bethany), Andrew, and his brother Norbert Greka. Private family services will be held to honor the lasting impressions he made throughout the years. For those who wish, please consider a memorial contribution in memory of Louis to Holland Home. Reyers North Valley Chapel (616) 363-7755




**KLETTE, KATHLEEN E.**  
Age 61, passed away February 15, 2014, at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born on August 11, 1952, in Detroit, daughter of the late Edward and Irene Songaleski. She will always be remembered as being a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She enjoyed shopping, arts and crafts and going to garage sales with her girlfriends. Kathleen was very stylish and was always well dressed. She was a kind and genuine person. The most important part of her life was her family. She will always be remembered for putting the needs of others before her own. She was a great friend to many and will be greatly missed. Kathleen is survived by her beloved husband of 16 years, David; her loving children: Larry (Belinda) Woolworth, Kellie (Bryan) Dixon, Anthony (Kim) Klette and Anna (Thomas) Parker. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and her siblings: Ken Marshall and Cindy St. Andre. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Patricia Rolak and her brother David Smith. Visitation will be held on Friday, February 21, from 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, February 22, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.





**SEARCY, ANTONIA S. (KAMINSKI)**  
age 74 , passed away on February 15, 2014. She was born on November 17, 1939, in Bowling Green, Ohio, to the late Edward and Madeline (DeSmet) Kaminski. Beloved wife of the late James; sons: Richard, Jeffrey (Tina); daughters: Julie (Todd) and Jennifer (Garry); and seven grandchildren. Antonia graduated from Redford Thurston H.S. in 1957. She enjoyed bowling and golf, and had two hole-in-ones in her lifetime. She was preceded in death by one brother. A memorial gathering will be held on Thursday, February 20, from 4-9 p.m. A memorial service will be held on Friday, February 21 at 1 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Antonia Searcy family or to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com




**YARGER, SANDRA SUE "SANDY"**  
Age 66, passed away February 14, 2014, after a long and courageous battle with lung cancer, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on October 30, 1947 in Midland, daughter of the late Arthur and Fern Yarger. She attended South Lyon High School in the early 1960's but left before graduating. However, knowing the importance of an education went back to the night school program, graduating in 1978, all while working full time and raising three children. Sandy spent 30 years with Chrysler prior to her retirement in 2001. She was a gifted and talented seamstress. When her children were younger she often made their show clothes in western attire for their horse show competitions. She was a 4-H Leader and the head of the "Loco Cowboys" club, which successfully competed in the Washtenaw County Fair. Sandy was an excellent cook, enjoyed canning and was known for her love of flowers, gardening, feeding the birds and enjoying other wildlife. She is survived by her loving children, Angela Arnold, Victoria (Craig) Rohrer, and Ronald Towas II. She is also survived by her beloved grandchildren, Cassandra, Dylan, Garret, Madelyn, and Symona; her siblings, Debbie (Steve) Brown, Robert (Libby) Yarger, and Patricia (Mark) Shipley. Sandy was preceded in death by her parents and her sisters, Bonnie Taulbee and Joanne Raines. Visitation was held on Monday and Tuesday. A Funeral service was on Wednesday at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

**THOMAS, DAVID**  
Of Milford, died on February 16, 2014. Services were held February 19th. For further information phone 248-684-6645 or visit: LynchFuneralDirectors.com

**UNDERHILL, GARY L.**  
Age 73, passed away February 4, 2014 in Ocala, Florida. He was born on May 6, 1940 in Abington, Pennsylvania, son of the late Ray and Ruth Underhill. He is survived by his beloved wife, Kathryn (Workman) Underhill, his children: Beth Bradley and David (Jodi) Underhill, his grandchildren: Sarah, Emily, Natalie, Brian and Gabriel and his great-grandchildren: Olivia and Josephine. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Gary in 2005 and his brothers: Ray and Curtis Underhill. Visitation was held on Monday with a memorial service held on Tuesday at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Crossroads Community Church, American Heart Association, or American Cancer Society. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

**WATSON, CORNELIUS "CHARLIE" W.**  
with his wife and children by his side, lost his battle with Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy on February 15, 2014. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, MI on Thursday, February 20, at 11a.m. Burial and Military Honors will follow at White Lake Cemetery. Friends may visit on Wednesday, February 19, from 2-8PM. Memorials may be made in his name to Good Shepherd Hospice, 105 Arneson Ave., Auburndale, FL 33823. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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Seventeen people braved the cold for the first Explore the Rouge program, a snowshoe walk in January through Maybury State Park led by Friends of the Rouge board member Sue Thompson.

Programs explore Rouge River watershed

Friends of the Rouge, a non-profit dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River in southeast Michigan, is hosting monthly activities this year all over metropolitan Detroit within the Rouge River watershed. Each event is led by a local expert affiliated with Friends of the Rouge. Additional activities include guided hikes in Southfield, Livonia and Westland, listening for frog and toad calls in West Bloomfield, bird watching and identification in Detroit, a guided bike ride through Plymouth, a narrated boat tour on the industrial Rouge from the mouth of the river upstream to the turning basin, a kayak trip from Melvindale to the mouth, a canoe trip along the Lower Branch in Wayne and snowshoeing in Farmington Hills. In March, Explore the Rouge will take in the Berberian Woods in Southfield. The program will be 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, at Streamwood Lane, off of 12 Mile between Telegraph and Lahser. Join Gail Barber on a trek through the Berberian Woods, a surprisingly diverse floodplain forest. Barber was a critical player in the efforts to protect this piece of land. Registration preferred at www.therouge.org events page. Events are open to anyone for \$5 per person and free for members of Friends of the Rouge with the exception of boat tours and equipment rentals. "Our hope is that people will get to know and enjoy their local surroundings" said Friends of the Rouge staff member Erin Cassidy. "As an organization, we spend a lot of time educating residents and students about Rouge River issues, and involve volunteers in restoration or water quality monitoring events. This series will give people a chance to celebrate and experience the Rouge River in fun, unique ways." Each event focuses on a different aspect of the Rouge River Watershed — whether recreating through it, learning about its history, or searching for the wildlife that call metro Detroit home. A watershed is a land area that drains into a body of water. There are 467 square miles of land that drains into the many branches of the Rouge River.



# Mental health treatment goes mobile with fresh ideas

Gov. Rick Snyder called for greater civility at the top of his recent State of the State address. The Mental Health Commission clearly took note with a thoughtful, bipartisan report and unanimous support for all recommendations.

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley and state Community Mental Health Director James Haveman — along with legislators from both sides of the aisle — are to be commended. Together, they produced an actionable set of recommendations that would significantly enhance both the lives and outcomes for individuals and families in our state



**Vicki Bucciere**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

living with mental illness, developmental or intellectual disabilities and substance abuse.

The Mental Health Commission charge is simple: “To address any gaps in the delivery of mental health services and propose new service models to strengthen the entire delivery spectrum of mental health services throughout the state of Michigan.”

The authors understand that this will re-

quire more than statistics and budget numbers; the victims are real individuals with real families. They live throughout our state. No ZIP code is excluded.

After taking time to listen to mental health professionals, patients and the family and friends that love them, the commission exceeded its charge in less than a year. Among the many highlights of the report are the following recommendations:

Review technology guidelines and reimbursement policies to identify the barriers to promoting innovative initiatives such as tele-

medicine services, improved access to appropriate treatments and early interventions regardless of location.

Incorporate programs to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness that can be a primary deterrent to seeking care.

Develop collaboration between the Department of Education and the Department of Community Health to develop early intervention and best practices models to address mental health needs of students.

I would encourage the commission to explore ways that innovative technologies can best be

utilized to bring treatment options out of the Dark Ages and into the 21st century.

As the demand for mental health and substance abuse treatment services increase, we need to be prepared to meet it with high-quality, cost-efficient, alternative-service delivery models and that has been an impetus for the development of BLUESPACE-counseling, LLC services.

Research shows that virtual, Internet-based counseling is confidential, tailored to individuals and highly effective. It provides better access, reduces stigma and provides the opportunity for

early intervention. Because of its “here and now” orientation, clients feel less anxious and are more comfortable remaining in their own environment. As a result, they are more likely to participate in follow-up appointments.

Michigan can leap ahead by melding “high tech” with “high touch” in ways that reduce costs, while enhancing the quality of services.

Northville resident Vicki Bucciere, LMSW, ACSW, SAP is founder and president of BLUESPACEcounseling, LLC. Email her at [info@bluespacecounseling.com](mailto:info@bluespacecounseling.com)

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OUR VIEWS

# Silver Springs Elementary sets a shining example

All of the students and staff at Silver Springs Elementary School should be awfully proud of themselves after becoming just the fourth school in Michigan and 60th worldwide to achieve “Lighthouse School” status as part of the Leader in Me process.

According to district officials, the Leader in Me process is an innovative, school-wide model that emphasizes a culture of student empowerment that helps unleash each child’s full potential. The program is based on educator Stephen Covey’s “7 Habits of Highly Effective People” and designed to teach leadership skills to students. Schools are selected based on meeting certain criteria, particularly giving students meaningful leadership roles and responsibilities.

The Silver Springs family recently celebrated the achievement with a special event that acknowledged a process that began in 2010 through the help of the Dad’s Club, PTA, Northville Educational Foundation and several local businesses that provided invaluable

funding. The businesses included Home Depot and the Northville Sports Den, which was honored at the school celebration with a Leadership Beacon award. Their funding helped teachers and staff get the necessary training to implement this new culture of leadership.

So it was more than just a school effort or even district effort — it was a community effort.

Silver Springs joins Northville’s Moraine Elementary as having achieved the Lighthouse School status, and other district elementary schools are in the process of implementing this culture of empowerment.

Like those at Moraine before them, the students and staff at Silver Springs set a goal, worked hard toward that goal and achieved it. In a nutshell, that’s how you succeed in life. Kudos to the district and Silver Springs staff for focusing on the importance of leadership. But the biggest pat on the back goes to the students themselves, who first embraced and then worked so hard to achieve their goals.



Northville Sports Den owner Phil Martinez says a few words to a gathering at Silver Springs Elementary after it recognized his generous donation of \$5,600 for its Leader in Me program during a Feb. 4 assembly. Silver Springs Principal Melissa Hunt joins him on the stage.  
JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

GUEST COLUMN

# Now is time to establish regional water authority

Without question, Detroit’s current financial situation and bankruptcy is an unprecedented challenge. However, this situation has created an opportunity to solve what amounts to a 40-year regional problem.

By establishing a regional water authority, we can create an independent authority that can, among other things, obtain greater stability, better manage costs and execute much needed system-wide capital improvements. Additionally, establishing a regional water authority creates an opportunity for a revenue source that Detroit can use to improve its financial condition without losing ownership of its assets.

To say that we shouldn’t establish a regional water authority because it will drive up rates misses the point.

Rates are projected to increase in any event as a result of a number of operational factors. My expectation is that if a regional authority is established, rate increases will be constrained and spread over a longer period of time. My belief is that a regional water authority can provide more efficient services, ultimately at a lower cost to rate payers.

Like the Detroit Regional Convention Facility Authority that we created to manage Cobo, if we stop focusing on perceived obstacles and outdated beliefs, we can collectively achieve a greater good for our region, including the City of Detroit.

It wasn’t so long ago that we were concerned about Detroit losing the North American International Auto Show because Cobo Center didn’t have enough capacity.

There was a desire to cement the NAIAS’s place as the hands-down, premiere auto show in the world. There was also a desire to maintain and grow the economic benefits that flow into the local economy.

These issues played out in a prolonged regional and statewide debate on whether to retrofit Cobo or move the auto show elsewhere.

My answer at that time was short and to the point: Let’s get a deal done.

The results of the deal didn’t involve tax increases, while the City of Detroit eliminated a \$15 million annual obligation and Cobo’s floor space was significantly expanded. The best result: Detroit and the region got the world-class convention center we so badly needed. Additionally, the auto show remained in downtown Detroit. It is estimated that the 2014 NAIAS alone will generate nearly \$400 million for the regional economy. Downtown hotel occupancy rates are up. Nearly 100,000 visitors packed Cobo on the show’s opening day, despite the brutal January weather.

None of these benefits would have been possible if we hadn’t gotten past perceived obstacles, long-standing misgivings and outdated beliefs to get a deal done. We were able to accomplish what the naysayers said was impossible.

We can accomplish a similar victory by establishing a regional water authority.

The time is now to get a deal done. We cannot throw away this unique opportunity. We continue to do our due diligence by reviewing the water department’s financial data to get the best deal for all our citizens, from both the suburbs and city.

I encourage our regional partners in Macomb and Oakland counties to join me in this commitment. We did what many said could not be done with Cobo. We can, and will, repeat history by establishing a regional water authority.



Robert Ficano

Robert Ficano is the Wayne County executive.

# NORTHVILLE RECORD

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COMMUNITY VOICE

# How closely are you watching the winter Olympics and how do you think the U.S. is doing so far?

We asked this in Novi.

“I’m following it and watching it every night. I like the skeleton competition but the (U.S.) speed skaters are disappointing so far. Overall, we’re doing well.”  
**Ben Szilagyi**  
Novi

“I love what the Olympics stand for. There’s a lot of competition between Canada, Russia and the U.S. And United States hockey has been great.”  
**Avery Garguilo**  
Novi

“I love watching the Russian figure skaters — they’re amazing. And I also like watching the downhill skiing. I think the U.S. won some medals there yesterday.”  
**Marissa Moore**  
Novi

“I work with some of the skaters (at The Sports Club of Novi) that are at the Olympics, so I’m watching it to see what their status is. But it’s hard to watch where they’re judged on an objective and artistic levels and not like the Summer Olympics where one runner clearly goes faster than the other.”  
**Jimi Varner**  
Farmington Hills

LETTERS

# What parents need to know

I read with great interest NPS Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher’s message of what she believes the community needs to know about the recent resignation of two district special education teachers. As a parent of a child who has been impacted by this situation, both as a student of the former teachers as well as one of the students “interviewed” by district staff during the investigation, there are some things I believe the community should know.

Ms. Gallagher stated that she feels it’s important that parents, staff and community members have a better understanding of issues raised and how the district handled matters in this situation.

I question why she, or any other members of district leadership, didn’t think it was important that we knew anything of this situation until parents and students continually and persistently had to demand information and answers regarding this situation as it was having (and continues to have) a negative impact on the education of our children.

Parents need to know that if your child experiences an issue that negatively impacts his/her education your concerns will not be sincerely and thoughtfully heard. Your requests for information will be met with sanitized letters of no substance that have been carefully vetted by lawyers in order to protect the district. Your voice will not be considered in issues that impact your child’s education.

Ms. Gallagher also states the “interviews” of students were “carefully and professionally” conducted with the school social worker, students, a paraprofessional, and with teachers who were part of the assessment. I believe that the wording is a bit misleading to make it sound as

though the students were interviewed together with these adults, especially leading with the school social worker. Parents need to know that if your child finds himself/herself in the cross hairs of a personnel matter they may be pulled out of class, brought down to the office, placed in a room alone, and interrogated for over an hour by administrators.

Ms. Gallagher states that the district does not take lightly questions or concerns expressed by students and parents, and when concerns arise they act immediately to review it.

Our concerns were first raised with the high school a few days after these interviews occurred on Nov. 14 and the teachers were put on leave on Nov. 18. We first spoke out at a school board meeting on Dec. 10, with no response, and then again at the board meeting on Dec. 17.

We felt that no district leadership, including the school board, was responding appropriately to our concerns over the interviews our children were subjected to as well as the lack of support they were receiving in school from the time their special education teachers had been placed on leave. We felt no other option than to call attention to our concerns with a demonstration at the school board meeting on Jan. 14.

It is now February and our kids are still struggling academically without adequate support. Parents need to know that should you have an issue it may take a demonstration or media campaign of sorts to get someone in the district to listen to your concerns. You may be ignored, stonewalled, and sent condescending letters that overlook and diminish your concerns.

You need to know that you may have to resort to filing complaints with the Michigan Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Education, or taking legal action in order to

insure the educational rights of your child. All parents, not just those whose children have been impacted by this situation in some way, should expect so much more from the leadership of our school district.

**Jeff Hawley**  
Northville Township

# What happened to ‘shared sacrifice?’

So Gov. Snyder now wants to give back some of the funding he cut from schools and some of the taxes he raised on seniors and low-income families. Apparently worried about voter anger, he wants to buy votes the most expensive way by sending out rebate checks instead of reducing or eliminating the tax.

He claims he wants to get it in taxpayers’ hands as soon as possible (like before this year’s election). Does that mean he was wrong to have raised taxes to begin with?

What was the claim when he raised taxes — “shared sacrifice?” If he now feels our state is doing better and can afford to send out rebate checks, what about the huge tax cut for business, where was their sacrifice, aren’t they are also doing better?

He could take back some of their cut and restore even more of what he took from our schools.

What about the money he wants for our roads? We don’t know yet where he will get that. No doubt that will not be announced until after the election.

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Hannah Carlson competes on the balance beam for Northville.

Mustangs show well against top team

Canton lives up to its ranking in gymnastics

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

It was a dual meet that Northville knew would be an educational experience and the young gymnastics squad learned plenty.

The team, coached by Erin McWatt, took on Canton, the top-ranked team in Michigan, Feb. 13 and came away with a loss, 145.95-124.4. But in losses, like many things in life, there were lessons to be learned and achievements to be made.

“Several girls added new skills to their routines for the final dual meet of the season,” McWatt said of the Canton meet. “We are heading into the postseason and I believe we are in a position to peak as a team, as well as individually.”

Northville may not have won the meet against the Chiefs, but it did have sever-

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Erika Haas competes on the balance beam for the Mustangs.

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL



Glenn's James Pruitt (left) slides past Northville's Andrew Meacham during Monday's Kensington Conference semifinal.

Glenn withstands late 'Stang surge

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn is still standing in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association boys basketball tournament.

The Rockets survived Northville's best shot and emerged with a 53-52 semifinal win Monday night at home.

Glenn, now 13-5 overall, will travel Saturday night to face 15-3 Salem for the KLAA Kensington Conference championship. Game time is 7 p.m. at Salem. The Rockets won the first meeting between the two teams Dec. 19 by a 65-59 count.

Trailing 24-18 at halftime, Glenn rallied with a 15-7 third-quarter run to take a 33-31 lead against the Mustangs.

That's when 6-foot-4 senior forward Isaac Everette, who was limited to four first-half points, came alive, scoring 14 of his team-high 18 points in the second half.

“We played a great third quarter,” Glenn coach Dan Young said. “We put Ike at the point, let him handle the

ball and it helped our flow. We put the ball in his hands more and we were able to spread the floor. He was able to drive or dish it off to some open guys.”

Glenn, although outscored 21-20 in the final quarter, built a 10-point advantage, 49-39, with only 1:37 remaining and seemingly had the game won.

But Northville (12-6) fought back behind the sharpshooting of 6-7 senior center Andrew Meacham and 6-3 senior forward Malik Bazzi. The pair scored 42 of Northville's 52 points, with each scoring 21.

Meacham got hot, hitting three 3-pointers in the fourth quarter, while Bazzi also nailed a couple of late triples.

“In the second half we played better defense, we put a guard on (Bazzi),” Young said. “But they got it going again in the fourth quarter. Our guy was hanging all over him (Meacham) and he hit a tough shot from 27 feet.”

Glenn, however, was able to hang on by making 3-of-4 free throws dur-



John Glenn's Mo Foani (middle) splits Northville defenders David Morrissey (left) and Andrew Meacham. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Northville's Kristen Frogner (No. 22) bears in on PCS goalie Becky Lough.  
JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



Penguins ice Northville, 5-0

Plymouth-Canton-Salem gets win on Senior Night

A four-goal second period propelled the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins to a 5-0 victory over Northville at Arctic Edge on Feb. 12.

Getting the shutout in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League contest was PCS senior goalie Becky

Lough. It also was Senior Night for the Penguins.

The Penguins (7-6-1) were paced by freshman forward Loren Hitch and senior winger Jenna Carter, who each scored two goals in the decisive second period.

Hitch and Carter now have eight and seven goals, respectively, for the season.

Scoring PCS's other goal, in the first period, was sopho-

more forward Megan Brace.

Assisting on Hitch's first tally, about five minutes into the middle period, were senior defenseman Alexis O'Flynn and sophomore forward Kayla Savoie.

Carter then scored back-to-back goals four minutes apart to give PCS a 4-0 lead followed by an unassisted goal by Hitch

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# Boys cagers top Canton

Basketball team earns first-round KLAA triumph

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

If you're a fan of offense in boys basketball, then hopefully you missed the very defensive-minded dogfight between Canton and Northville last week.

The Mustangs played host to the Chiefs in the first round of the KLAA conference tournament. Northville, No. 2 seed in the Central Division, topped the Chiefs, No. 3 seed in the South Division, in a very tight affair, 39-36.

Northville managed to eek out a tiny lead in the first quarter, 8-6, but it was the second quarter that really made the difference for the Mustangs. They outscored the Chiefs, 14-6, to take a 22-12 lead into halftime.

They needed every one of those points to keep the Chiefs from taking the game in the second half. Canton outscored the Mustangs, 9-5, in the third, and 15-12 in the final quarter.

The Mustangs did find themselves tied, 30-30, in the fourth quarter, but Northville coach Todd Sander said his team responded just as it needed to, clamping down defensively to keep the Chiefs from gaining the advantage.

"But for a short sequence in the third quarter, we did a nice job on the glass, which was key for us going into the game," Sander said. "Canton is a really good team that plays terrific defense like us. We knew this would be a test of will and determination tonight. Our guys played tough."

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Northville's Malik Bazzi drives to the basket against Canton. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Northville's Andrew Meacham passes to a teammate. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Northville's Dan Baldwin looks to pass against Canton. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Northville's Nathan Kellum shoots against Canton. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## BASKETBALL

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ing the final eight seconds, including two by Mo Foani (after a key

rebound) and another by Everette to build a 53-49 cushion.

Bazzi's triple with only one second left cut the deficit to one, but Glenn was able to inbound the ball to end

the suspense.

Senior forward James Pruitt and Foani, a senior guard, tallied 13 and 10, respectively, while junior guard Michael Bradley, who was a catalyst on defense,

contributed nine points.

Glenn connected on 11-of-21 free throws, including 9-of-15 in the final quarter. Northville, meanwhile, made 5-of-6 foul shots.

"We made enough

free throws down the stretch," Young said. "It was a great win for our program."

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Youth football/cheer registration

The Northville Youth Football Association will hold new player registration from Friday, Feb. 21 through Monday, March 3. NYFA is made up of the Northville Colts and Northville Stallions. The team a child registers with is decided by which middle school your child attends or will attend. Anyone who will attend Hillside Middle School would register for Colts; anyone districted to Meads Mill would register for the Stallions. The Colts and Stallions each have four football teams and four cheer teams: Flag (6-7 years old), Freshman tackle (8-9 years old), JV tackle (10-11 years old) and Varsity tackle (12-13 years old).

An age-based lottery will be held for any team that has more registrations than available spots. For more information or to register your child, visit [www.northvilleyouthfootball.com](http://www.northvilleyouthfootball.com).

### NHS baseball camps

The seventh annual Northville Mustang Spring Training Baseball Camps will take place March 15-16 in the Northville High School gym. The camps are open to boys and girls between the ages of 7-14.

The hitting camp will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 15, and the pitching/defense camp will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, March 16.

The cost is \$45 per session if registered by March 11 or \$50 at the door. Cost includes a camp T-shirt. For more information, or to print off a camp brochure, visit [www.northville-mustangbaseball.com](http://www.northville-mustangbaseball.com).

### Youth wrestlers shine

Three thrilling overtime matches helped as lots of Mustangs emerged triumphantly from the War in Woodhaven MYWAY wrestling tournament. The Northville Youth Wrestling Club placed 12th in a field of 60 teams Sunday in the Michigan Youth Wrestling Associations' competition.

In the upper division, four wrestlers placed as Alex Brudek, Curtis Lee, Angelo and Enzo Mastroianni, Jordan Morgan and Owen and Tyler Ross fought valiantly, bringing home one first-place, two second-place and one third-place medals.

Novice is the division for athletes who have wrestled competitively for more than two years. Ten Mustangs hit the Novice mats and brought home one first-place, two second-place medals and one fourth-place medal. The Northville Novice grapplers included Jacob and Joshua Bisdorf, Blake Chmiel, Boden and Parker Dietrich, Aiden Hayek, Alex Jones, Mason Stewart, Eian Szerlip and Nathan Walkowiak.

Next Sunday the team will compete in the Downriver Tournament. Competition will continue to heat up as the end of the season nears, culminating in the Youth Wrestling State Championship in Battle Creek in March. Three youth wrestlers qualified last year and the team expects even more qualifiers this season.

### TOWNSHIP BOARD

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# Northville girls overpower two KLAA teams

Squad rolls right over Franklin, Wayne

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Northville girls basketball team had two slips to end its regular season and that was enough to knock it out of the KLAA league playoffs.

That meant the Mustangs played last week against other non-qualifying teams and it was crystal clear that they were a cut above their competition right from the start.

The Mustangs, coached by Todd Gudith,

simply crushed Livonia Franklin, 65-28, Feb. 11 before annihilating Wayne, 73-11, three days later.

"It's a hard game to play because you know going in they have struggled all season and hadn't won a game," Gudith said of the Wayne match-up. The Zebras were 0-17 heading into the game. "You feel for those kids. They've had kids quit, get injured, so I respect the ones that are still trying to gut it out."

Despite the fact that Northville did play the

entire roster and focus on giving inexperienced players time on the hardwood, the result was wince-worthy. With just two minutes left in the second quarter, the MHSAA mercy rule that requires a running clock was established when Northville went up by 40 points.

Wayne scored a basket in the first quarter after falling behind 13-0 and didn't score another until the fourth quarter. Northville led the contest, 63-2, after three quarters of play.

Northville had four players score in double digits, led by freshman

Bryce Quick with 14 points. Freshman Brook Adams, freshman Jessica Moorman and senior Heather Randall all scored 12.

Wayne did have one player who stood out as Honia Williams scored all 11 of her team's points.

Northville climbed to 13-5 on the season with the victory, while Wayne slipped to 0-18.

### Northville 65, Franklin 28

With the Mustangs out of contention for the KLAA title, the team turned its attention to Franklin.

Northville dominated

the glass and had 11 players score as it ran away with the victory, which was very reminiscent of the first time the two teams met this season. In that contest, Northville prevailed, 63-18.

"I thought we came in there and did what we had to do," Gudith said. "It's hard to be motivated and play in these types of games when you know you're playing against teams that you are much better than. After a disappointing finish to our division (5-5 in the Central), we need to regroup."

Northville outscored Franklin, 16-6, in the first quarter and led, 35-15, by the half. The third and fourth quarters were equally as unbalanced as Northville put up 17 and 13 points over those quarters and Franklin could only muster seven and eight points.

Sunny Demirjian led her team with 11 points on the night, while Moorman and Randall each had 10.

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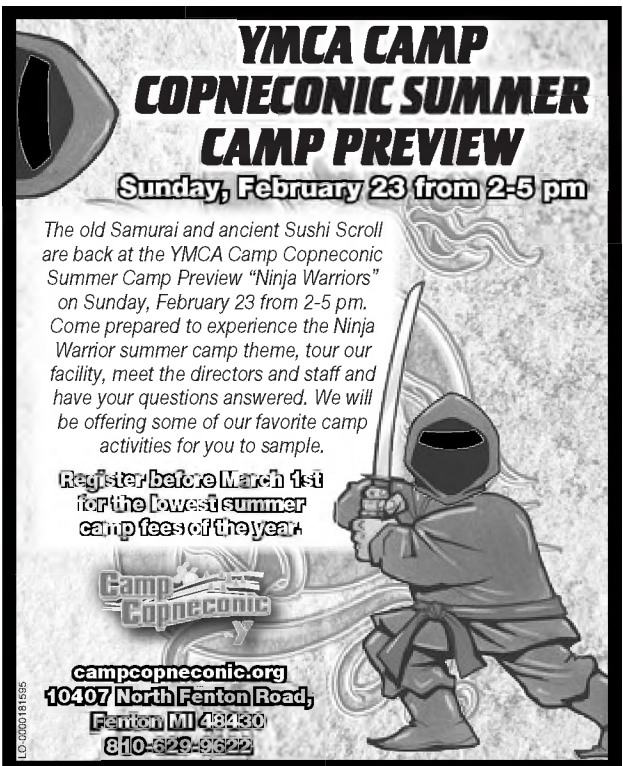
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# Skaters pick up two more wins

Mustangs top Reeths-Puffer, Lakeland

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Northville boys hockey team may have had to play Valentine's Day, but it didn't stop the Mustangs from breaking a few hearts.

The team, coached by Clint Robert, won't be getting any love letters from Muskegon Reeths-Puffer anytime soon after winning, 2-1, Feb. 14. Lakeland won't be sending any sweet corre-

spondence, either. It lost to Northville, 5-1, the very next day.

Against the Eagles, the Mustangs skated away with an easy victory as they put up three goals in the first period to take control of the game and then added a goal in each of the second and third. Lakeland's lone goal, which was scored by Matthew Kovach, came in the second period.

The Mustangs were

led by Tim Eis, who scored two goals on the night to keep his team's hot streak alive. Tallying one goal each were Alex Shuart, Randy Toever and Grant LaLonde.

Shuart also also picked up two assists, while Kyle Dann, Kellan Flayer, Kyle Abraham and Henry Chang had one each.

The game was rather clean, too. Northville had just three infractions and Lakeland was whistled for four penalties.

Earning the win was Chance Boutin, who

stopped 13 out of 13 shots. He split time with Jeremy Onofrio, who stopped 12 of his 13 shots.

Adam Szymanski took the loss, facing 36 shots and stopping 31.

Against Reeths-Puffer, Northville had to work a little harder. The two teams skated to a 0-0 tie in the first period and then a 1-1 tie by the end of the second. It wasn't until the third period that Northville was able to secure the victory.

Earning goals were Cam LaBurn and Eis,

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Northville will play next week in the MHSAA tournament.

while Shuart, P.J. Schnepf and Alec Morgan each picked up an assist.

The Rockets' lone goal came from Josh Smith, while Riley Draper was credited with the assist.

Earning the win in goal was Boutin, who split time between the posts with Onofrio. Boutin stopped 11 shots on

goal while Onofrio stopped 16 out of 17. Reeths-Puffer used three goalies on the night.

The Mustangs are currently 17-5-2 and ranked eighth in Division 1.

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# Northville runner qualifies for indoor state finals

Ferrante races to championship meet

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Jason Ferrante is a familiar name to many who follow Northville track and field and cross country, but his most recent accomplishment has nothing to do with the

Mustangs.

Instead, Ferrante will be racing at the Michigan Indoor Track and Field State Finals this week following an outstanding performance in the 1,600-meter run.

Ferrante, who suffered from nagging injuries

throughout the cross country season last fall yet still raced in the state championship meet, ran a 4:27.05 for second place to earn his state finals berth.

Since the cross country season, Ferrante has undergone intense physical therapy to get himself back into running form in time for track

and field. His run to qualify for the championships shows just how far he's come.

"It feels great to be back to running again and nice to see that all my hard work to getting to this point is paying off," Ferrante said. "State-meet wise, I'm excited to see what I can do versus the elite kids in the state.

I'm hoping to come out in a top-three spot with a big personal record and then get ready for the (high school) outdoor track season."

Ferrante finished in the qualifying run behind first-place runner Lucas Arrivo, who ran a 4:26.92 for his Ann Arbor Track Club. Taking third was Kael Fineout with a

4:29.73, while Grant Henley ran a 4:30.57 for fourth and Joey Humes was fifth with a 4:33.06.

Northville's Nick Noles finished eighth in the race, running a 4:35.05.

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## CATHOLIC CENTRAL ROUNDUP

### Wrestling team continues to qualify individuals

If you've ever followed Catholic Central wrestling, then it comes as no surprise that the team qualified 10 wrestlers for the individual state finals last weekend.

The Shamrocks picked up six individual regional titles, one second-place finish and had three grapplers fight their way through the consolation bracket to earn third-place wins and qualify for the championship brackets.

"I thought our guys looked great that last round," Catholic Central coach Mitch Hancock said. "We were aggressive, scrambled well, scored points and pressured forward the entire time."

Earning titles, in order of weight class, were: Trevor Zdebski (125 pounds), Myles Amine (140), Malik Amine (145), Nick Bennett (152), Drew Garcia (171) and Nick Giese (189).

Zdebski seemed nearly flawless throughout the regional and ended up with the championship as he took on Daniel Shear from Walled Lake Central and earned a 9-2 decision.

Myles Amine was the first Shamrock to earn an individual title, pinning Walled Lake Western's Anthony Chudler in just 1:29.

Malik Amine wres-

tled Christian Lauderback from Walled Lake Northern and scored a 14-5 major decision.

Bennett looked unstoppable, capping off the night with a strong 16-3 major decision over Achor Bay's Tyler Grimley.

Drew Garcia picked up a 9-3 decision over L'Anse Creuse's Devon Richter.

Giese defeated Walled Lake Central's Alex Souvel, 9-3.

Earning a second-place finish for the Shamrocks was Jimmy Russell, who unfortunately couldn't wrestle his final round due to an injury, and took a defeat for second place.

In the consolation bracket, the Shamrocks had Parker O'Brien, Evan Toth and Greg Johnson all wrestle their way back into contention to earn third-place finishes.

**Shamrocks earn trip to state team finals**

The Shamrocks qualified as a team for the wrestling state finals, in Battle Creek, with a regional victory last weekend.

The Shamrocks are in their sixth straight season of advancing to the state finals. This year they had convincing defeats over Waterford Kettering, 69-3, and Walled Lake Central, 53-13.

"It's expected here at Catholic Central," Hancock said. "Our guys prepare very diligently,

work very hard and have goals each and every year to wrestle for a state title."

This season, Catholic Central was awarded a No. 3 seed for the state tournament, behind No. 1 seed Davison and No. 2 Hartland.

"It doesn't matter where they seed us," Hancock said. "We can compete with anyone in the country on any given day. Our guys are used to competition and like to put it on the line."

The Shamrocks will wrestle Plymouth at 3:15 p.m. Friday in the opening round. If victorious, they will then wrestle the winner of the Hartland and Macomb Dakota match-up at 9:15 a.m. Saturday.

**Bowling team captures CHSL title**

The Shamrocks bowling team did what no CC bowling team has done before – it defeated all comers to take home the school's first-ever Catholic High School League championship.

The Shamrocks, coached by Al Bridges, finished second in the preliminary round to earn head-to-head play against the top eight teams in the conference.

Catholic Central defeated No. 7 seed Brother Rice, 214-145 and 244-173, to advance to the semifinals. There, it topped No. 3 DeLaSalle, 242-201 and 235-229, for a chance at the title.

In the championship

round, the Shamrocks were solid in their defeat of University of Detroit-Jesuit, 199-184 and 184-159.

Leading the way for the Shamrocks was Joey Krzywonos, who earned all-Catholic recognition with a 650 series, bowling 266, 192 and 201 high games. Joe Alvord also earned all-Catholic honors, bowling a 629 with 211, 195 and 222 high games, while Chris Wilson rounded out the all-Catholic nods with a 619, bowling a 227, 202 and 190. Gerritt Hartwig was awarded all-CHSL academic honors.

The Shamrocks will bowl in the regional this weekend in Canton and need to finish in the top three to advance to the Feb. 28 state championship.

The Shamrocks have won three tournaments over the last five weeks, having picked up the Oakland County Championship title, the Mercy Tournament and the CHSL tourney. They also finished second Feb. 8 in the Novi Tournament.

Detroit Catholic Central is 8-1-1 on the season.

**Hockey team earns two shutouts**

The Catholic Central hockey team picked up two big wins last week,

blanking its opponents 8-0 shutouts in each contest.

The Shamrocks took on Brother Rice Feb. 11 and scored three goals in the first and third periods and two in the second. Scoring for the Shamrocks were Ryan Burnett, who had a hat trick, Mitchell Ossowski, Conner Gaffney, James Considine, Lucas Turner and Kyle Mulka.

Earning assists were Turner (three), Andrew Lane, Carter Cerretani (two), Ossowski (two), Wade Orlovski, Brent Jones, Burnett and Considine.

The victory went to Spencer Wright, who stopped all 13 shots.

The Shamrocks also shut out University of Detroit-Jesuit, outscoring them 3-0 in the first and second and scoring two goals in the third.

Picking up goals were Considine, Burnett, Brian Kearns, Dillon Jones, Gaffney, Adam Gawronski, Owen Kipke and Lane. Assists were earned by Burnett, Cerretani (four), Mark Gossett (two), Dillon Jones, Kyle Mulka, Domenic Mancinelli, Gaffney, Brent Jones and David Spiegel II.

Earning the win was Wright. He shared time with Michael Ronayne.

– By Sam Eggleston

## GYMNASTICS

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al outstanding performances, including some career-high scores. Maddie DeGroff showcased her routine with the floor exercise, earning her career-high with an 8.55, while Rachel Eastridge picked up her career-high score on the beam with an impressive 8.425.

Anoushka Ravindren turned in top performances on the vault with an 8.475 and on the bars with a 7.45.

"These last few meets, several girls have earned career-highs on multiple events and I'm so proud that the hard work they've put in all season has resulted in our strongest routines coming together at just the right time," McWatt said.

Northville finished up the dual meets with a 4-7 record this season.

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## ON TAP

Northville will compete in the MHSAA regional next weekend.

## HOCKEY

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with just 15 seconds left in the period.

Seniors honored were Lough, goalie Gwen

Gadulka, Carter, Cusamano and O'Flynn.

On Thursday, Hitch, Carter and junior forward Emily King each scored a goal, but it wasn't enough as the D2 Penguins lost 4-3 to Division 1 Ann Arbor Pio-

neer (11-3-0-1). Collecting two assists was senior forward Morgan Cusamano.

PCS was scheduled Saturday to play the Bloomfield Hills Black Hawks at Berkley Ice Arena.

### CITY OF NORTHVILLE 2014 BOARD OF REVIEW WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Board of Review of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet at the City Hall, 215 West Main Street, for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the 2014 Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the following dates:

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014:	9:00 a.m. Administrative Meeting
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014:	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014:	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014:	9:00 a.m. for deliberations

Unless otherwise specified the dates above are for Public Hearings

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed value for 2014, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2014 Real and Personal Property Assessments: **WAYNE COUNTY** - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00. **OAKLAND COUNTY** - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00.

**Mail-in Petitions must be received by March 11, 2014 before 5:00 p.m.** ALL TAXPAYERS wishing to petition their property's taxable value or assessment in person with the Board of Review will be seen by APPOINTMENT ONLY. **To ensure every appeal is heard it is requested that appointments be scheduled prior to Friday, March 1, 2014.** Please contact the City of Northville Tax Department at (248) 449-9901 for an appointment or with any questions you may have regarding your 2014 taxable or assessed value.

BOARD OF REVIEW





Many non-food businesses will also be on hand at the "Taste of Northville." Monroe Bank & Trust set up a display last year and is one the main sponsors of the event this year.

## ‘Taste of Northville’

Event gives  
local businesses  
chance to show off

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

The Northville Chamber of Commerce "Taste of Northville Business Showcase" has been popular over its many years, recently drawing some 800 to 1,000 visitors. Traci Sincok, chamber associate director, agreed there could be a cabin-fever uptick this year.

"It certainly would be a good opportunity to get out of the house," Sincok said.

The 2014 "Taste of Northville" event will be noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at Northville High School, on Six Mile west of Sheldon. Admission of \$3 is payable at the door.

There will be giveaways, prizes, and raffle items from local businesses. Attendees will vote for the best restaurant and business dis-



The Chamber's "Taste of Northville" event will feature many local restaurants. Aubree's Pizzeria and Grill has participated in the past.

plays, as well as enjoying free samples from restaurants and caterers.

"Food and giveaways are huge for people," Sincok said. "It's an opportunity for the businesses to have direct contact with the consumers."

"It's one of the main opportunities we provide our members to talk to the consumers. Just having a great afternoon."

This year's sponsors are Community Financial Credit Union, Monroe Bank & Trust, Renewal by Andersen and LevelOne Bank.

Service businesses, banks, fitness businesses, caterers and others attend. "The library comes," she said. "A variety of businesses. We have financial planners."

Sincok added that Northville High has ample and convenient parking. "A nice, big location."

For more on the "Taste of Northville Business Showcase," contact the sponsoring Northville chamber at 248-349-7640 or online at [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org).

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Barritt recognized

Northville resident Eric Barritt was one of several professionals with Oakland University to be named to the Oakland County Executive's Elite 40 Under 40 Class of 2014.

Barritt, OU's vice president of Development, Alumni and Community Engagement, is being recognized for outstanding career achievements and community contributions.

Since joining OU in 2011, Barritt has overseen all of Oakland's fundraising, alumni and community outreach efforts. He serves as executive director of the OU Foundation, a member of the President's Cabinet and leads a staff that includes 75 full-time employees.

During his tenure, Oakland's annual cash from philanthropy has doubled, pledges have tripled and the number of new gifts has increased 40 percent. OU closed four of the largest gifts in its history under Barritt, who also serves as president of the Northville Educational Foundation and on the Board of Directors for the Pontiac Promise Zone.

"I'm truly honored to be recognized among so many talented professionals whose work impacts countless lives," Barritt said.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patton chose the list of individuals under the age of 40 who help make Oakland County a great



Eric Barritt

place to live and work.

### Henry Ford bringing Golf fitness to area

An estimated 80 percent of golf injuries are due to overuse.

To help prevent injuries, a team of sports medicine professionals from the Henry Ford's Division of Sports Medicine offers a Golf fitness program that helps golfers refine their game. Participants will receive a golf swing analysis, an extensive evaluation of strength and flexibility and an exercise program.

A schedule of classes follows:

- March 5, Henry

Ford Wyandotte Physical Rehabilitation, 3323 Biddle, Wyandotte

- March 26, Henry Ford Center for Athletic Medicine, 6525 Second Ave., Detroit

- April 9, Henry Ford Medical Center - Ford Road Athletic Medicine & Physical Therapy, 5500 Auto Club Drive, Dearborn

- April 23, Henry Ford Medical Center-Columbus, 39450 12 Mile Road, Novi

Classes start at 7 p.m. The cost is \$40. Participants will receive a Golf fitness exercise booklet.

To register, call 313-972-4167 or visit [www.henryford.com/golffitness](http://www.henryford.com/golffitness).



IKEA is a destination not only for Michigan residents, but also shoppers from other states and Canada.

## IKEA confirms 'possible' expansion of Canton store

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

IKEA, already a massive landmark in Canton, could grow substantially if a preliminary proposal by company officials ushers in the first major expansion of the Swedish retailer's only Michigan store.

IKEA spokesman Joseph Roth confirmed the company has submitted a plan to Canton Township officials for what he called a "possible store expansion" — though a specific time frame wasn't known.

Roth's remarks provide one indicator of just how successful the 311,000-square-foot store has been since 2006, when it opened its doors on the northwest corner of Ford and Haggerty roads in Canton's bustling business district.

Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said IKEA has submitted to the township a proposed amendment to its planned development district agreement. He said IKEA has indicated an interest in expanding the west side of the store by 44,000 square feet, adding parking and demolishing the former

ABC Warehouse building, located on IKEA property.

"We have to figure out what the benefit to the community would be," Goulet said.

Township planners have responded to IKEA and asked for revisions to the initial proposal, Goulet said.

Roth said IKEA doesn't disclose annual sales for specific stores. He said the company's 38 U.S. stores had \$4.1 billion in sales for 2012, compared to \$34.6 billion for 349 sites in 43 countries.

IKEA plans to open stores this year in Miami and in 2015 in Kansas City, Kan. The company sells ready-to-assemble furniture, appliances and home accessories.

Roth said IKEA has been using the former ABC Warehouse building for storage since that company moved further west on Ford Road, occupying the old Borders book store site.

Roth said IKEA could potentially move forward with a blueprint to expand its Canton store.

"However, those are not final plans — merely a means as part of our evaluation process for us to get an understand-

ing of what it would take and cost if we were to go down that road," he said. "Should we decide to pull the trigger and proceed down that path, we would be making an official and public filing at that point in time."

Roth said IKEA is exploring its options and time frames.

"At this point, we just intend to maintain the (ABC Warehouse) property. It's more for storage and our busiest time is usually late summer, when our new catalogs get distributed," he said. "For sure it will be there through the fall of this year. We haven't finalized any long-term plan."

However, he added, "We will not be leasing it out to any other third party or anything like that. We're still finalizing our long-term plans for the Canton store, as well as for the ABC Warehouse grounds."

IKEA Canton has drawn customers from across Michigan, other states and Canada, making it a destination for many shoppers from far away. Roth said the company is "thrilled with the performance and reception" the store has had.

# Reasons why businesses turn to Observer & Eccentric Media COMMUNITY

Linda Robin, Owner of Showroom of Elegance in Canton speaks about advertising success in Observer & Eccentric Media



"We like to be part of the community. People read community newspapers. Observer & Eccentric Media has been successful for us. People say that they saw our ad in the paper. It's a connection between us and those in the community."

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## SE Michigan report: Home permits show seasonal slowdown

Based on single-family new home permit data compiled by the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan and reported in the *HBA/Wells Fargo Southeastern Michigan Residential Building Activity Report™*, a total of 200 single-family home permits were issued in Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne counties in December 2013. From a year-over-year perspective, permit activity in December was 10 percent lower than in December 2012 (221).

The lower activity in December was due in part to expected seasonal slowdown and was further affected by an early onset of winter snowstorms and frigid temperatures.

From a trailing 12-month perspective, the four-county

total of 4,601 permits is 29 percent higher than December 2012 (3,579).

For the year, in the four-county area:

» Counties: Pulte led the way with 2,158 single-family home permits. Macomb (1,532) and Wayne (863) rounded out the top three.

» Municipalities: Macomb Township led the way with 589 single-family home permits. Lyon Township (292) and Canton Township (288) rounded out the top three.

» Builders: Pulte led the way with 400 single-family home permits. Lombardo Homes (355) and MJC (223) rounded out the top three.

The *HBA/ASA New Housing Permit Forecast™* projects a total of 2,159 permits will be issued in the six-month Janu-

ary-to-June time frame.

HBA presented its Economic Forecast Luncheon and meeting Wednesday, Feb. 19, at the Best Western Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights.

The featured guest speaker was David Crowe, chief economist of the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

In conjunction with this event, HBA's officers for 2014 took the oath of office and those members who volunteer their time by chairing committees, councils and task forces were recognized.

HBA's 2014 Executive Committee includes:

President — **Paul Aragona**, Aragona Properties, Clinton Township

First Vice President — **Norm Finkelstein**, Norwood

Homes Ltd., Farmington Hills  
Treasurer — **James Clarke**, Robertson Brothers Company, Bloomfield Hills

Secretary — **William Phillips**, Windham Development, Inc., Bloomfield Hills

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**Katie Hallett**, TK Design & Architecture, Howell

CEO — **Michael C. Stoskopf**.

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 30 to Oct. 4, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### BEVERLY HILLS

17417 Buckingham Ave	\$272,000
18184 Buckingham Ave	\$347,000
21699 Corsaut Ln	\$257,000
18485 Devonshire St	\$175,000
18931 Devonshire St	\$235,000
16925 Kirkshire Ave	\$275,000
31220 Pierce St	\$230,000
21050 Smallwood Dr	\$540,000

#### BIRMINGHAM

1237 Bird Ave	\$241,000
1679 Bowers St	\$253,000
2175 Dorchester Rd	\$215,000
1725 E 14 Mile Rd	\$66,000
1345 Fairway Dr	\$503,000
1905 Graefield Rd Unit 176	\$103,000
662 Purdy St # 216	\$212,000
1259 Puritan Ave	\$865,000
1070 Wimbleton Dr	\$320,000

#### BLOOMFIELD HILLS

3781 Crestlake Dr	\$425,000
1411 Kensington Rd	\$394,000
1533 Kensington Rd	\$250,000
4514 Lakeview Ct	\$395,000
3871 Wedgewood Dr	\$350,000

#### BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

6779 Crestway Dr	\$275,000
119 Drury Ln	\$445,000
7440 Duval Dr	\$415,000
764 E Fox Hills Dr	\$52,000
40 Hadsell Dr	\$425,000
1232 Lenox Rd	\$360,000
236 S Cranbrook Rd	\$323,000
4900 Susans Way	\$763,000
4113 Telegraph Rd # D-128	\$63,000

#### COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

1929 Alsip Ave	\$105,000
3198 Belle Terre	\$75,000
8598 Golf Lane Dr	\$300,000
3796 Ranya Dr	\$470,000
1095 Ridgemont St	\$210,000
893 Sherbrooke St	\$455,000
8273 Tamarron Dr	\$262,000
751 W River Dr	\$223,000

#### FARMINGTON

22900 Frederick Ave	\$140,000
36587 Heatherton Dr	\$198,000
31619 Leelane	\$135,000
23560 Loomis Ct	\$147,000
33242 Tall Oaks Ct	\$158,000

#### FARMINGTON HILLS

22590 Albion Ave	\$55,000
35220 Glengary Cir	\$302,000
23128 Glenmoor Hts	\$85,000
31141 Harmony Ln	\$70,000
28733 Hidden Trl	\$390,000
33631 Kirby St	\$127,000

24868 Lakeland St	\$170,000
37896 Mckenzie Ct	\$305,000
28257 New Castle Rd	\$135,000
29710 Nova Woods Dr	\$225,000
21122 Ontaga St	\$60,000
28313 Shadylane Dr	\$140,000
30480 Springland St	\$260,000
29860 W 12 Mile Rd # 607	\$70,000
29848 White Hall Dr	\$260,000
21622 Woodcrest Ct	\$260,000

#### FRANKLIN

32567 Haverford Rd	\$221,000
30574 N Greenbriar Rd	\$192,000
30585 Rushmore Cir	\$479,000

#### LATHRUP VILLAGE

26750 Meadowbrook Way	\$205,000
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#### MILFORD

832 First St	\$118,000
2181 Applewood Ln	\$211,000
31123 Artesian Dr	\$330,000
1032 Riverside St	\$351,000
947 Stone Barn	\$452,000

#### NORTHVILLE

48865 Castello Ct	\$175,000
21219 E Chigwidden St	\$265,000
21227 E Glen Haven Cir	\$119,000
45255 Galway Dr	\$255,000
953 Novi St	\$236,000
43499 Scenic Ln	\$440,000
43532 Scenic Ln	\$485,000

#### NOVI

47490 Edinborough Ln	\$700,000
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24411 Fairway Hills Dr	\$155,000
24623 Fairway Hills Dr	\$212,000
44769 Ford Way Dr	\$350,000
27632 Harrington Way	\$261,000
41585 Kenilworth Ln	\$243,000
27017 Maxwell Ct	\$249,000
22323 Peachtree	\$137,000
24530 Riverview Ln	\$240,000
43137 Sandstone Dr	\$247,000
27483 Sloan St	\$327,000
27099 Victoria Rd	\$280,000
39504 Westminster Cir	\$280,000
24144 Westmont Dr	\$400,000
24461 Willow Ln	\$117,000

#### SOUTH LYON

58312 10 Mile Rd	\$183,000
1315 Buckboard Cir	\$360,000
500 Chester St	\$205,000
26580 Daria Cir W	\$300,000
59402 Pacers Path	\$291,000
58675 Swing Beam Ct	\$79,000
827 Townsend Dr	\$273,000

#### SOUTHFIELD

30543 Everett St	\$120,000
25445 Saint James	\$93,000

#### WHITE LAKE

4479 Coastal Pkwy	\$313,000
9145 Huron Bluffs Dr	\$308,000
9000 Lemaster Ln	\$250,000
8365 Pontiac Lake Rd # 6	\$30,000
951 Roman Dr	\$195,000
8515 Trenton Dr	\$390,000
8014 Wildwood Ln	\$221,000



**Robert Meisner**

## Law covers tenants, drug use, sale

Q: I heard that a landlord can obtain possession of property from a tenant if there is a drug problem. Can you be more specific?

A: Under Michigan law, a landlord may give a tenant a written, 24-hour notice to quit if the lease contains a clause providing for termination if the tenant, another member of the tenant's household, or a person under the tenant's control engages in the unlawful manufacture, delivery or possession of a controlled substance, and if a formal police report alleging illegal drug activity has been filed. Previously, the landlord had to file the police report, but the law was recently changed to allow the landlord to serve the 24-hour notice if anyone has filed a formal police report. The tenant is still entitled to a hearing in court to dispute the allegations. You are best advised, of course, to seek legal counsel.

Q: I am confused about whether homeowners associations in general are covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act or the Fair Housing Act. I am also wondering whether we can keep our pet dog as a service animal. What are your views?

A: These are very complex issues and I will try to do my best to answer them in the space limitations. First, the ADA applies only when the association has a facility that is open to the public, which is unusual. The FHA, on the other hand, applies to most community associations. Often, association boards and property managers confuse the ADA and the FHA and require the homeowners association to pay for a requested modification, when, under the FHA, it is the applicant that is required to pay for the modification. Whether an association must allow a dog that is both a pet and a service animal depends on the needs of the resident. Generally, under the definition in the FHA, the animal must be trained for service, not merely needed for comfort. These are complex issues requiring a legal opinion from capable counsel.

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### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 21-25, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### CANTON

47200 Bayview Ct	\$260,000
44247 Cherbourg St	\$170,000
568 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$162,000
7681 Chichester Rd	\$275,000
866 Constitution St	\$248,000
39841 Coronation Rd	\$167,000
49579 Courtyard Ln	\$185,000
1535 Dunston Rd	\$195,000
1600 Dunston Rd	\$269,000
1731 Dunston Rd	\$260,000
4025 Elizabeth Ave	\$126,000
218 Essex Ln	\$165,000
44696 Fair Oaks Dr	\$215,000
51286 Federal Blvd	\$77,000
860 Glenulline Dr	\$173,000
50240 Grant St	\$225,000
42223 Hanford Rd	\$165,000
4078 Hunters Cir E	\$103,000
2459 Lancelot Ct	\$235,000

1893 Lincoln Dr	\$225,000
42883 Lombardy Dr	\$182,000
41832 Old Bridge Rd	\$156,000
1696 S Pennfield Ln	\$90,000
42089 Saratoga Cir	\$142,000
44407 Savery Dr	\$68,000
46764 Spinning Wheel Dr	\$166,000
3331 Tall Oak Ln	\$335,000
4714 Timberline Dr	\$235,000
46882 Torrey Hill Ct	\$275,000
46926 Torrey Hill Ct	\$328,000
1016 Torrey Hill Dr	\$268,000
1064 Torrey Hill Dr	\$289,000
6432 Trafalgar Dr	\$357,000
2129 Vanderbilt Rd	\$213,000
47933 Wadebridge Dr	\$355,000
48835 Westbridge Dr	\$182,000
41306 Westfield Cir	\$175,000
43576 Yorkville Dr	\$111,000

#### GARDEN CITY

30608 Ford Rd	\$145,000
6545 Gilman St	\$80,000
28569 Maplewood St	\$55,000
32520 Rosslyn Ave	\$103,000
29049 Rush St	\$65,000
31225 Sheridan St	\$97,000

#### LIVONIA

32697 Five Mile Rd	\$76,000
36906 Ann Arbor Trl	\$104,000
12357 Arcola St	\$50,000
11411 Arden St	\$125,000
14772 Auburndale St	\$110,000
14844 Brookfield St	\$170,000
9319 California St	\$146,000
36242 Club Dr	\$312,000
36318 Curtis Rd	\$220,000
8972 E Deborah Ct	\$178,000
14047 Fairway St	\$150,000
10032 Garden St	\$140,000
20557 Gill Rd	\$336,000
30475 Hathaway St	\$105,000
9721 Horton St	\$180,000
37855 Howell St	\$167,000
15645 Hubbard St	\$180,000
15328 Huff St	\$197,000
29723 Lamar Ln	\$107,000
19848 Maplewood St	\$116,000
20310 Melvin St	\$104,000
17539 Pershing St	\$125,000
33615 Plymouth Rd	\$275,000
33615 Plymouth Rd	\$345,000
19314 Rensellor St	\$66,000
35836 Richland St	\$147,000
15345 ShadySide St	\$135,000
19937 Southampton Dr	\$242,000

36085 Summers St	\$168,000
20155 Sunset St	\$155,000
31681 Vargo St	\$199,000
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18311 Wayne Rd	\$330,000
16902 Whitby St	\$205,000
14472 Woodside Dr	\$185,000
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48245 Binghampton Ct	\$580,000
18371 Clairmont Cir E	\$825,000
17430 Crestbrook Dr	\$615,000
17640 E Northville Trl	\$405,000
49365 Hidden Ridge	\$113,000
Dr	
47540 Manorwood	\$595,000
15108 Merion Ct	\$554,000
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19525 Northridge Dr	\$75,000
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27032 Fullerton	\$70,000
10000 Garfield	\$47,000
13511 Garfield	\$71,000
18609 Garfield	\$34,000
14224 Marshall Dr	\$186,000
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9228 Rockland	\$24,000
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35638 Florane St	\$88,000
34254 Frances St	\$110,000
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32216 Mackenzie Dr	\$115,000
7769 Manor Cir	\$42,000
7571 Maple Dr	\$210,000
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# Crossword Puzzle

## Dad's Acting Gene

**ACROSS**

1 Measure that led to a 1773 Boston Harbor "early"  
7 Battery ones  
13 I live a clock  
19 Medicine vial  
20 Quick reviews  
21 Finished  
22 "Scamper"; "Wall Street"  
25 Music producer Brian  
26 King, n Lyon  
27 — de me  
28 Duplcity  
29 "The Defiant One"; "I lollows"  
37 "I've been told"  
38 At a reduced price  
39 Skinny swimwear brand  
40 UV part  
44 See 17-Down  
47 Hawn, e.g.  
48 "On Golden Pond"; "K uto"  
56 Tarn sh  
57 Adam named her  
58 Noted period  
59 Sci-fi vehicles  
60 Active snrt  
61 Convinving lieutenant  
62 Eggs all over  
64 Prepara: for publication  
65 Muppet frog  
67 "I lot Shetel"; "The Fabou us Baker Boye"  
74 Cricetone snake-ups, briefly  
75 Punish  
76 Halso god  
78 Cpl.  
81 French for "mine"  
82 Where dawn arises  
83 Gave nutrients to  
86 Prefix meaning "equal"  
87 Celogy in Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
88 "Love Story"; "Little Darlings"  
92 Ladder unit  
94 Actress  
95 Weed-B-Gon maker  
96 Repetitive response to "Who wants ice cream?"  
99 Othello's  
100 "I can't, — don't want!"  
107 "Ballands"; "Platoon"  
113 Smart: — (wise guys)  
114 Sort  
115 Stap on a bus te.  
116 Tax return pro  
117 "Chinatown"; "Pr zzi's"  
118 Marina  
124 Vory  
125 Fighting — (Big Ten team)  
126 Drill directive  
127 Giliury loss decoration  
128 Latino corner store  
129 Fasic to see

**DOWN**

1 Develon e  
2 One-sharp musical key  
3 Sp ill catchers  
4 Black-and-white seabird  
5 Bow of "l'm  
6 Marisa  
7 Ulna's place  
8 — Marcus (retailer)  
9 — razor ("keep it simple" rule)  
10 Mexican flower  
11 MFG org.  
12 180 degrees from NNW  
13 Emoton-hiding socks  
14 Come to a stop  
15 Made mad  
16 Marina  
17 With 44-  
18 Across, just for fun  
19 Sentence units: Abbr.  
21 Tegetor, musically  
23 Locust  
24 Size up from mood  
30 BYOB part  
31 Steinbeck's Tern  
32 Motel  
33 Macprerson and ch's  
34 Bursts (with)  
35 Exemplar  
36 Apologetic  
41 Caustic stuff in Drama  
42 Road gunk  
43 Cellular stuff  
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46 Big name in soup mixes  
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49 Motorcyclist Kirovci  
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51 Naami and Wyranna  
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54 Movie of film  
55 Patched  
63 A — naught  
64 Turbine, e.g.  
65 K rite of "Rocks"  
66 — Friday's 68 2012, e.g.  
69 "I'll — best!"  
70 On to newb's  
71 Vienna loc  
72 Sadwick of Warhol films  
73 Sammy of baseball  
77 Textler's litar  
78 Theater curtain fabric  
79 Chopso type  
80 Choir part  
82 Huge 1940s computer  
83 Hida hair  
84 Prc at giving first aid  
85 Orl's dry  
89 Run before a  
90 Saw or ax  
91 Actor Wyle  
93 Popular 1900s jeans  
97 Crow wide-  
98 Common sonner score  
100 Sword g- with  
101 Mac ploan company  
102 Vifing  
104 It lures bees  
105 Unthrone  
106 Vlna asinine  
108 Electrically adaptable  
109 Hush-hus! gov. org.  
110 "This sickip!"  
111 " — Frome"  
112 Fry quickly  
117 RR crossing  
118 " — get it now!"  
118 Solo of "Star Wars"  
120 Point on a pen  
121 "I'm Nea" singer, for short  
122 Espionage gp.  
123 Sally boy

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When it comes to careers, persistence can certainly pay off, employers want workers who are truly interested in and passionate about their jobs. But what about when a job seeker gets rejected from a company that he really wants to work for? Can he continue to pursue employment at that company, or could his persistence work against him?

Joshua Siva, co-author of "BOLD: Get Noticed, Get Hired," says that job seekers shouldn't be discouraged from applying again to a company that's turned them down. "When an applicant has taken the time to understand the company, the people and the customers, getting rejected the first time around should never discourage that applicant from future prospects with the firm," Siva says. "Any number of reasons could have led to the rejection."

## Applying to a company



## that has previously turned you down?

### What to do before re-applying

Siva says there are three things applicants should do before applying again to the same company. The first is to understand the gap in their previous application. How? "Ideally this comes from the company through a contact involved in the hiring process, but if not, the applicant needs to be honest with themselves: 'Did I have the experience, did I speak the company's language, did I sell myself the right way?' Make a list of these things, and spend whatever amount of time is needed to close the gap, and be sure to have it documented and readily demonstrated."

The next move Siva recom-

mends a job seeker makes is to connect with someone at the company in a related function. "This is in order to learn everything about their role, their background, how they got in, company trends, etc.," Siva says. "It's amazing how far asking questions can take the applicant, because at the end of it all, the potential applicant will likely get asked about their own ambitions, and when shared, who knows what doors may open via the employee."

Finally, Siva suggests following up periodically with the human resources manager involved in the hiring process from the original rejection. In your follow up, Siva says to remind the HR manager of your résumé on file, share what progress you've made since and

reiterate your passion for the company. "It's always a favorable position when an applicant is on the mind of an HR professional involved with recruiting, because they constantly have visibility and support requests to fill roles."

### When it's OK to apply again

After you've been turned down by a company, you may be tempted to re-apply right away, especially if there's another job that interests you. But it may be in your best interest to wait it out a few months, to ensure that you're in a situation where it would make sense for them to potentially consider you again.

Lisa Rangel, managing

director of Chameleon Resumes, an executive résumé-writing and job-search service, says that in general, it's good to wait a minimum of three to six months. "There needs to be enough time to allow for a possible change in the company situation and for the person to amass additional and/or relevant skills that are different than before."

### Applying the second time around

Depending on what you're looking for, and how important it is to work at the company versus in a particular position, you may wait until a similar position comes along, or you may be willing to work in a different function or department just to get a foot in the door. Based on what type of position you're applying for the second time, you should adjust your application materials as needed. But regardless of whether the position is the same or different from the original job you applied for, you need to show the company that you've grown.

"To be taken seriously for the competitive and coveted positions in the marketplace, those who are and aren't currently employed need to be advancing and improving themselves as time goes on," Siva says. "If applying for the same role, that improvement needs to speak to closing the gaps in their previous application. If applying for a different role or function, that progress needs to demonstrate the pivot in knowledge and the commitment made to pursuing the new function of focus."

"Above all else, the applicant needs to be bolder and more creative the second time around in order to stand out from other applicants, in addition to their former self and application," Siva says.

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