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Frog search

Friends of the Rouge is recruiting volunteers that live within the Rouge River watershed for the 17th Annual Rouge Frog & Toad Survey.

A training workshop will take place from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 15 at Northville Township Hall.

Volunteers need to attend the one workshop that fits their schedule.

The workshops provide participants with a background on the eight types of frogs and toads found in southeast Michigan and what their calls sound like. Surveyors are assigned their own survey area which must be within the Rouge River watershed. Surveys are conducted independently on warm spring evenings after dark from March (once it gets warm enough) through mid-May. Interested volunteers need to pre-register for a workshop by visiting www.therouge.org.

The presence of frogs and toads is used as an indicator of wetland health as the animals disappear when wetlands are too polluted.

STATE LEGISLATION THREATENS CHARITY POKER EVENTS

Proposal would hamper nonprofits' ability to raise needed funds

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A crucial fundraising tool used by the Northville Historical Society, Northville Chamber of Commerce, Tipping Point Theatre, and several other local

nonprofit organizations might be restricted by state legislation in the near future.

These groups raise funds by staffing "Millionaire Parties" (AKA charity poker) at Northville Downs. These parties play a big part in helping the community groups exist.

"The Northville Historical Society derives 10 percent of its budget from working said parties," said Fred Shadko citing the resolution approved by the

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Are state legislators doing the right thing by trying to restrict the ability of charities to host poker fundraisers?

Northville Township Historic District Commission late last month.

"The Northville Historical

Society is entirely supported by donations and fundraising efforts," the Township Commission resolution further stated.

The City of Northville also passed a resolution at its March 3 meeting asking the State of Michigan to refrain from implementing rules, which would effectively restrict legitimate charities' access to such parties.

"The state gaming commis-

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A big 'Taste of Northville'

Dozens of businesses showcase themselves at Chamber event

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Maybe it was cabin fever or the great food samples, but whatever it was the Taste of Northville Business Showcase had more attendees this past Saturday than in recent memory.

"This is as many people as I have seen here in a number of years," said Traci Sincock, associate director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, which organized the event.

Dozens of local businesses showcased their products and services, including banks, fitness centers, restaurant and caterers, and many others. First time participant Jordan Duff was with his new company Duff Universal Life Solutions LLC. He told visitors who stopped by his table that his company provides a helping hand with life's everyday challenges.

"I came here to get the word out. This seems like a great way to reach the community," said Duff, who graduated from Northville High School in 2008.

There were a variety of



Chefs from Independence Village served up prime rib on rolls to Taste of Northville attendees. PHOTOS BY LONNIE HUHMEN

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Proposal for Cady Street corridor 'sets a tone' for future development

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Currently, on the south side of Cady Street, just east of Center Street, there is a city parking lot and not much else. But city planners believe the area has the potential to become more, maybe even a development that expands downtown Northville.

This potential led a development group made up of local real estate agents, architects, who are also residents, to go before the City Council on March 3 to come up with a proposal that would help bring some new life to the street.

They approached city officials regarding the possibility of trading or selling city-owned property on E. Cady Street to facilitate a mixed use devel-

opment project, which would be "precedent setting" for the future of downtown.

"We believe our project will be a precedent setting development for Cady Street and would like to work with the City of Northville to develop the best possible project for the City of Northville," said Andrew Daily, an associate broker for Remerica One, in his proposal letter to council.

Daily, along with Northville resident Patti Mullen, who is also a realtor, has purchased the lot right next to the city-owned lot on Cady.

Most desirable plan

The City Council likes the idea, but said before the city commits to any potential land

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Stair climbers



A team of Northville Township firefighters participated in the American Lung Association's (ALA) Fight for Air Stair Climb at the Renaissance Center in Detroit on Sunday, March 2. Four members of the firefighters union (from left Will Caruso, Mike Obermiller, Jason Hendrian, and Kyle Lewis) all completed the 70 flight climb in full firefighting gear and placed 10th out of 45 participating fire department teams. In all, they climbed 1,035 steps in the challenging event in Detroit's tallest building. The Northville Township team raised \$640 to help the ALA's effort to provide life saving education, research and advocacy to beat lung disease and find a cure. "We'd like to thank everyone who contributed," said Jeff Sims, secretary of the firefighters union.

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SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE UPDATES

Learn more about Wayne State

Wayne State University, one of the Schoolcraft to U partner universities, will host an open house at Schoolcraft 4:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, to share information and raise awareness about the programs that WSU will be offering at Schoolcraft beginning with the fall 2014 semester.

More information about the Schoolcraft to U program, including bachelor and master degree programs being offered through Schoolcraft College, can be found at www.schoolcraft.edu/SCtoU.

Motorcycle safety registration

The Continuing Education and Professional Development department of Schoolcraft College will offer motorcycle safety classes via the Detroit Regional Safety Consortium. The motorcycle safety program offers a variety of courses from the Basic Rider Course, which is for someone who has minimal experience and is looking to get the motorcycle endorsement to the Experienced Rider Course, which is for licensed cyclists and is specifically designed for large touring motorcycles and sport bikes. Each course is \$25, made possible through a grant administered by the Michigan Department of State. Classes are offered from March through September.

Upon successful completion of a state-approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation course, the Secretary of State will waive the riding skills test required for a cycle endorsement. However, a short written test re-

Crazy hair day



Thornton Creek Elementary School students Eva Brizard and Noah Eckenroth (right) show some interesting styles on their noggins during the school's Feb. 26 "Crazy Hair Day." The event, part of school's winter spirit week celebration, gave students the opportunity to get a bit creative with what adorned their hair. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

quired for license endorsement will be given at the Secretary of State at the time of endorsement application. In addition to the short written test, given at the Secretary of State, a more extensive test will be given as part of the Motorcycle course.

For more information on the Motorcycle Safety Program, call 734-462-4448 or visit <http://www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd/motorcycle>.

'Picking Cotton' featured book selection

Pageturners, Schoolcraft College's book discussion club, is hosting several discussions of *Picking Cotton*, the true story of how Jennifer Thompson-Cannino picked Ronald Cotton out of a lineup as the man who raped her. Cotton was convicted and spent 11 years in prison before DNA evidence proved he was innocent. In their own words, Thompson-Cannino and Cotton unfold the harrowing details of their tragedy and challenge our ideas of memory and judgment

while demonstrating the profound nature of human grace and the healing power of forgiveness.

The discussions will take place in Bradner Library (on the main campus in Livonia) at 4 p.m. March 24 and 1:30 p.m. March 25.

Faculty concert

As part of the Schoolcraft College Noon Concert Series, several members of the Schoolcraft College music program faculty will perform a free concert at noon Wednesday, March 19, in the VisTaTech Center. The concert will feature pianists Gerardo Ascheri and Barton Polot along with Paul Michalsen on trumpet.

The concert is free, open to the public and will last approximately one hour. Donations at the door are gratefully accepted and help fund student scholarships.

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Northville Athletic Director Bryan Masi gave a talk at Madonna University on how his department deals with overzealous parents of student-athletes.

Dealing with overzealous parents

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Overzealous parents can make life difficult for their children, especially if they play sports.

Northville High School Athletic Director Bryan Masi has seen it time and again, and he shared some of those experiences with some college students at Madonna University. Masi visited assistant professor Kevin King's class at the Livonia university to give his students – some of whom want to become athletic directors themselves – a better idea of real life situations when it comes to dealing with parents.

"You need to get your arms around this and be proactive," Masi said of athletic departments confronting overzealous parent issues. "Setting expectations is important."

King, who is also the program director of Sport Management at Madonna, said the class is studying how overzealous parenting can affect a child's experience in a given sport. The course is called Sport as Popular Culture and it addresses issues in sports and society, such as overzealous parents, homosexuality in sports, religion in sports and diversity within sport.

"After having several discussions with Bryan, I felt my students would benefit from Bryan's experience in high school athletics, and lend a real life perspective to this topic," he said. They did.

"It was helpful in a lot of different ways," said Madonna junior James Robinson. "He knows how it really works and gives a different perspective."

Masi said they've had a few issues in the past with parents, including a time they had a parent restricted from com-



Assistant Professor Kevin King, who teaches sport management at Madonna University in Livonia, preps his class for a discussion led by Northville AD Bryan Masi about parents who can make life miserable for their children involved in sports.

ing to games. But he said overall the district's policies have helped give everyone an understanding of what's expected. In Northville there is a lot of parent involvement, so it's important to maintain boundaries while also giving parents access to a lot of positive moments.

"It's a shared responsibility," Masi said of Northville's mission statement.

King said the student's really enjoyed the presentation.

"Sport Management is a result driven business, so it was nice to hear students discuss with Bryan how they would handle these issues in the future," King said.

One topic discussed was the ride home after a big game. Some of the students said some overzealous parents can make the ride home after a loss a difficult one. Masi said this was

an interesting thought considering Northville allows student-athletes to go home with parents rather than take the bus. It is something he had not thought about before, he said.

Masi emphasized that Northville has a good situation for sports and the relationship between coaches, students and parents has been very productive, as testament to the recent state-wide success Northville has had in athletics.

Madonna University's Sport Management program has been offered for 11 years. Students majoring in sport management want to pursue careers in parks and recreation (I.e. Boys and Girls Club, YMCA), high school athletics, college athletics, professional, and Olympic sports.

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ON CAMPUS

Miami grad

Jacqueline Lucille Yaggi of Northville was among 856 students from Miami (Ohio) University who received degrees during fall commencement exercises on Dec. 13. Yaggi received a B.S. in business. She also received university honors and graduated Cum Laude.

GVSU grads

Several Northville residents were among the more than 1,000 students who earned degrees from Grand Valley State University in December. They are:

Alissa L. Bailey, BBA; **Danielle C. Boloven**, MPAS; **Jacob R. Christenson**, BA; **William B. Marti**, BS; **Christopher E. Rays**, BS; and **Jeremy W. Schaumann**, BA.

Michigan Tech grads

Michigan Technological University honored the achievements of more than 400 graduates on Dec. 14 during the midyear commencement ceremony, including Northville residents:

Alex Klinkhamer, Master of Science in computer science

Eric Maise, Bachelor of Science in environmental engineering

NMU grads

Two students from Northville graduated from Northern Michigan University in December. They are:

Timothy Hietala, BSN-nursing
Mark Mroz, BSN-nursing (Cum Laude)

UALR grad

Praneeth Kaza of Northville graduated from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in December.

Miami Dean's List

Several Northville residents earned a spot on the Miami (Ohio) Dean's List for the first semester of the 2013-2014 academic year. To make the list the students must rank in the top 20 percent of undergraduate students within each division for the semester. The local students who made the list include **Cheyenne Woodall**, **Jacqueline Yaggi**, **Spencer Knickerbocker**, **Stephanie Petrusha**, and **Stewart Henzi**.

SUNY Dean's List

Christopher Waterstreet of Northville was named to the SUNY Oswego Deans' List for the fall 2013 semester. Waterstreet, a sophomore, is majoring in business administration.

Emory College Dean's List

Laurel Salisbury of Northville was named to the Dean's List of Emory College, the undergraduate, liberal arts college of Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., for the 2013 fall semester.

Students must be in the top 20 percent of Emory College or have approximately a 3.85 grade point average or higher to be named to the Dean's List.



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SOUNDS FOR A SHAMROCK

Band of doctors to perform for injured CC player

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Mazzin Najor of Southfield is looking forward to a benefit concert for his cousin, Matthew Sorisho, a local high school hockey player partially paralyzed on the ice.

“We’d like to get as many people out as possible,” Najor said of the 8 p.m. Thursday, March 20, performance at the Uptown Grille, 3100 E. West Maple Road in Commerce Township.

A group of doctors is performing music to raise money for the cause.

“One, because we know the family. Two, because this is what we do,” Najor said of Doctor Detroit’s performance.

Sorisho was involved in an on-ice accident while playing for a developmental hockey league this past October. He is paralyzed from the waist



Catholic Central seniors surround Matt Sorisho after CC beat Brighton 5-1 in the state Division 1 hockey state title game March 8 at Compuware Arena.

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down. After surgery and extensive physical therapy, Sorisho has returned to Catholic Central High School to finish his senior year.

The band did a benefit concert last year for a girl getting a heart transplant, Najor said, and performs each year to help send physicians to Nicaragua.

“This one kind of hit close to home,” he said. Najor grew up with the Sorisho family.

“He’s back at school,” Najor said of Sorisho, who last weekend accepted the state championship trophy on the ice for CC’s hockey team.

“He has his ups and downs. He’s improving,” Najor said. Sorisho plans

to attend Michigan State University, where he’s been accepted, and may work with MSU’s hockey team if his health allows.

“We just want to thank everyone who has helped Matt and his family through this difficult time,” Dr. Amit Bhan, a physician at Henry Ford Health System and founding member of Doctor Detroit, said in a statement.

One member, Dr. Greg Olds, is flying in from Tennessee to play in the show.

“We really wanted to do something to show our support for Matt, who we have known for years,” Dr. Ron Kattoo, critical care physician at Henry Ford Hospital, said in a

statement.

Doctor Detroit members include Najor (vocals), Kattoo (guitar), Olds (guitar, vocals), Bhan (drums), Guido Milligan (bass, guitar) and Glendon Gardner (keyboards and harmonica).

The band will cover old rock and some new, Najor said, including the Beatles and The Who: “It’s all about everyone having a good time.”

Sorisho and his family plan to attend, if his health allows. Admission is free, Najor said, with fundraising through an auction and donations, as well as T-shirt sales.

It’s also a thank you for all who’ve rallied around the teen and his

family, including the Catholic Central community. “We’re extremely appreciative,” Najor said.

The Rev. John Huber, principal of Catholic Central, said of Sorisho, “He goes to all of his classes. He’s doing quite well. He’s just like one of the other students.”

Sorisho will graduate in May, Huber said, adding the teen has learned to drive again.

Huber agreed the school community has rallied around the family: “Absolutely. We’ve had several tragedies over the last several years. I think it has strengthened the brotherhood among the students,” as well as greater family ties.

The principal noted many contributions to the fund for the Cipriano family, following that crime that impacted CC. “This is part of our family and we have the responsibility of taking care of our family. We are our brother’s keeper.”

The priest added CC uses fidelity and prayerfulness. He’s appreciative of the support from other Catholic schools nearby, Mercy, Ladywood and St. Catherine of Siena, as well as public schools such as Novi.

“The kids have friends at all these schools, so they have connections,” Huber said.

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Tom Hughes
GUEST COLUMNIST

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Northville community safe.

Please visit us at www.northvillemich.com for more information or for helpful links to great fire safety education sites.

Tom Hughes is the fire inspector for the Northville Township Fire Department. He welcomes questions/feedback at thughes@twtp.northville.mi.us or 248-348-5807.

Annual Fireman’s Ball raises \$23K for various local causes

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Organizers say the 11th Annual Fireman’s Ball organized by the Northville Township firefighters union was the most successful in the event’s history. More than 400 people attended the event held Feb. 15 at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Firefighter Tom Hughes said the event has been successful in the past, but it proved bigger and more ambitious than ever this year.

“We moved the event to Laurel Manor so we could have a bigger venue than we’ve had in the past. And it’s a good thing we did. We had 420 guests this year,” said Hughes, one of the organizers of the ball.



More than 400 people attended the 11th Annual Fireman’s Ball at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The event is the largest fundraiser for the firefighters union, which donates to many local causes as well as provides assistance to fallen firefighters and police officers, and their families.

“We provide funding to many causes and organizations, especially helping the families of police officers and firefighters hurt or killed on the job. We also help out with whatever those families need,” Hughes said. “We donate to a lot of local causes like

Northville Civic Concern and the Shop with a Hero program. We will also be holding a CPR class at the high school this year.”

In addition to dinner and a number of raffles and auctions, the event also featured live musical entertainment by the popular local band Killer Flamingos. The firefighters were also able to get Dan Miller, the sports director for Fox 2 Sports and radio

voice of the Detroit Lions, who also happens to live locally, to emcee the event.

All in all, the Fireman’s Ball raised \$23,000.

“It was a pretty good night, especially for a small organization like ours,” Hughes said.

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

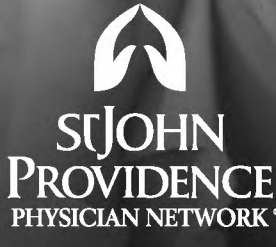
event.

The firefighters are especially thankful to all the local businesses that donated items filling more than 80 baskets, which were raffled and auctioned off.

“There’s no way we could pull this off without the help of so many businesses and individuals that support it,” Hughes said.



Northville resident and Fox 2 Sports Director Dan Miller emceed the event and received his own personalized firefighter’s helmet.



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Cavanagh joins field of candidates running for Wayne County executive

State Rep. Phil Cavanagh says he wants to change the culture of Wayne County government. Cavanagh, a Redford resident, officially announced last week that he's running for Wayne County executive this year.

Saying people have lost faith in Wayne County, Cavanagh said he wants to bring back integrity.

In the past, people have run for office on the promise of jobs and now there are people there who aren't carrying their weight, he said. "The attitude that public service is an honor in itself," is what

he wants to foster, he said.

Cavanagh, who formed an exploratory committee in December, made the announcement at an event in the lobby of the Fisher Building.

He said he was encouraged to run by friends and supporters and touts the experience and relationships built during time spent as a county commissioner and state representative. Cavanagh is serving his second term in the Michigan House



Cavanagh

representing the 10th District, which includes Redford and part of Detroit.

Balancing the budget and dealing with the deficit are among his first priorities.

Money wasted

Many dollars are wasted on county appointees, making it difficult for the county to address problems like plowing snowy roads, Cavanagh said.

"I think it could be leaner," he said.

"If we address that, we are going to be able to hire more workers," Cavanagh said.

Cavanagh, 52, joins Westland Mayor Bill

Wild, who announced his candidacy in January, and Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara, son of former Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, who announced last month, in the race for the seat now held by Robert Ficano.

Ficano has not said whether he intends to seek re-election.

"I think my resume does it," Cavanagh said when asked how he will stand out from his opponents. He points to his work on the mental health board, land banks and Health Choice. "In everything I've been involved in, I tried to make a difference, but

also learned from it," he said.

"I voice out my concerns, even if it's not popular," he added.

He said in his work as state representative, he has also tried to address what is not working in Wayne County, with a bill for distressed communities to help homeowners and a bill to address people buying property from the delinquent tax rolls and then not paying taxes.

"I'm not afraid to fight for what is right. I see Mr. Wild and Mr. McNamara as sitting silent," he said.

"I hope the voters do vet everybody," he added.

LIBRARY LINES

The Northville District Library is located at 212 W. Cady Street. For more information call 248-349-3020 or visit northvillelibrary.org.

Upcoming events include:

» **Little Me Story-time**
Time/Date: 10:30-11:15 a.m., Friday, March 14
Details: Little ones, from 10 months to 2 years old, along with caregivers, enjoy music, simple stories and play-time. No registration needed. Older children are also welcome to attend, fun for preschoolers, too.

» **March is Reading Month**
Time/Date: March 1-31
Details: Kids, preschool age through those in sixth grade, get hooked on books during *March is Reading Month*. Beginning March 1, pick up your "Hooked on Books" Reading Log at the Information Desk. When you complete the log, you win a paperback book.

» **Spring Storytimes**
Time/Date: March-May
Details: Visit the library's website at www.northvillelibrary.org or call 248-349-3020 for details about registering for spring sessions for ages 2s and 3s, and 4s, 5s and kindergartners.

» **Drop-In Spring Crafts for Kids**
Time/Date: 4-5 p.m., Tuesday, March 18
Details: Make a cheerful flower wind-catcher. All ages welcome. Just drop in. Children age 4 and younger please attend with a caregiver.

» **Kidz Time**
Time/Date: 4:30-5:15 pm Thursday, March 20
Details: Stories, games and crafts for children in grades 1-3. Call to register for this program featuring mystery related stories.

» **Samurai: Beyond the Sword**
Time/Date: 2 p.m., Monday, March 24 and 7 p.m., Monday, March 31
Details: Experience the world of Japanese Samurai with this fascinating visual presentation by a Detroit Institute of Arts speaker, based on the museum's current exhibit. Call to register.

» **Gardening in Small Spaces**
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 25
Details: Janet Macunovich discusses how to use restraint and craftsmanship in maintaining small garden beds for maximum impact. Call to register.

» **Lego Day**
Time/Date: 4:30-5 p.m., Wednesday, March 26
Details: Kids in grades 1-5 make a fun hand-sized Lego creation to be displayed in the Library. Limit 30 attendees.



People need to dress for weather conditions for the Wayne County Parks maple-sugaring program March 15 and 22.

Cass Benton maple-sugaring program offers sweet time

March is maple-sugaring month in Michigan and Wayne County Parks has a sweet Saturday program available for the entire family March 15 and 22.

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Learn the history of maple sugaring and take a short hike into the

woods for an actual tree-tapping demonstration. In celebration of this early spring ritual, the group will enjoy pancakes with the "real thing" afterward.

"The maple-sugaring program is another example of the diversity of activities available to the public through Wayne County Parks," Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said. "I encourage everyone to see, taste and experience the maple-sugaring program

first-hand."

The practice of maple sugaring dates back to when Native Americans taught early settlers how to collect and boil sap during this time of year. The freezing nights and warm sunny days create pressure and force sap out of the maple tree.

The duration of the program is approximately 90 minutes. Register for either March 15 or March 22 and choose a start time of 10 a.m., 11 a.m. or noon.

Dress accordingly, as this is an outdoor program and the trail may be muddy.

All ages are welcome. The program fee is \$6 per child and \$2 per



March is maple-sugaring month in Michigan.

adult for Wayne County residents. Add \$1 per person for non-Wayne County residents.

Advance registration and prepayment is required at the Wayne County Parks office, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, or by phone at 734-261-1990. Cash, credit card or check payable to Wayne County Parks is accepted.

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Friends gather to honor Lisa Christensen

Golf outing planned for summer

By Linda Rose
Correspondent

It was Lisa Christensen's sister, Jane Freed, who coined the phrase "linked through Lisa."

There was no denying its accuracy at a fundraiser held in Christensen's honor last month at Genitti's Hole in the Wall in downtown Northville. Over 100 people gathered for a wine tasting event with the goal of keeping Christensen's memory alive while raising funds to help support her two children. Last July, Christensen's life was taken by her estranged husband, who then took his own life.

A resident of Novi, Christensen had strong ties to both the Novi and Northville communities through her involvement in her children's school activities as well as youth sports. Christensen was the Northville Parks and Recreation Department's Director of Youth Basketball, a devoted mother and advocate for youth athletics.

With members from both Novi and Northville, the TEAM LISA committee who executed this event has connections to



Terri Borawski (left) and Mary Lu Guibord hand out thank you gifts as guests left the event. Each attendee received a wine glass adorned with painted shoes and purses — memories of some of Lisa Christensen's favorite things.

Christensen through community, sports or longtime friendships.

"So many of us helping with the fundraiser represent different aspects of the community and didn't know each other prior to losing Lisa," said Kim Yaggi, a member of the organizing committee. "Likewise, many of the people who attended the event in her honor did not know each other, which is a testament to how far Lisa's reach extended. From youth sports, to soccer leagues, to the schools and civic involvement, she touched so

many lives in Novi and Northville. We really do feel we are linked through Lisa and I feel that this chain is still growing even after her passing. It just shows what a powerful force Lisa was and that her spirit continues."

Christensen's mother, Jeanne Bowman, has taken on the role of caring for Christensen's two teenage children, Malloory and Mitchell Weber, and was in attendance at the fundraiser with her children, Jane Freed and Jon Bowman.

"I know my sister Lisa would have been the first



TEAM LISA committee members (from left) Kim Yaggi, Sue Jostes, Jamie Tran and Eric Brucker enjoy a night of celebration as they honor Lisa Christensen.

to jump in and help when there was a need," said Freed. "We are overwhelmed by the compassion and sense of community. TEAM LISA is an amazing group of people. How do you thank people for something like this? We really can't express how grateful we are."

Terri Borawski, a Northville resident, was one of Christensen's closest friends and echoed the feelings of many who attended the event, a sense of moving forward even through a great loss.

"Our daughters played soccer together since they were nine years old, so we traveled to many tournaments, sharing the drives and a lot of laughter. Lisa had a generous heart, touching so many people. I was amazed to see so many gather at the fundraiser who would not have come in contact with each other if it wasn't for my dear friend," Borawski said.

TEAM LISA will continue its fundraising efforts with a golf outing on June 22 at Lyons Oak in Wixom. To find out more information about this event, send an email to TeamLisa2013@yahoo.com.

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Emily Anne House and Michael Gabrys

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Emily Anne House and Michael Gabrys, both of Nashville, Tenn., are engaged to be married. Emily is the daughter of Annemarie House of Webster, N.Y. She is a graduate of Cornell University, Vanderbilt University, and the University of Michigan. She is the director of research at the Tennessee Higher Education Commission in Nashville. Michael is the son of Edward and Elizabeth Gabrys of Northville. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, and is currently employed as a high school biology and chemistry teacher. A June 27, 2014 wedding is planned in Northville.

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Meryl McLaughlin and Timothy Balkus.

McLaughlin & Balkus

Kevin and Laura McLaughlin of Northville and Beth and Ray Segler of Brighton announce the engagement of their daughter, Meryl McLaughlin to Timothy Balkus of Wyandotte. Meryl is a 2012 graduate of Michigan State University with a Masters degree in special education, with an endorsement in autism spectrum disorders. Tim is a 2009 graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in criminal justice and sociology. The couple is planning a summer wedding at Kirk of the Hills Church in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

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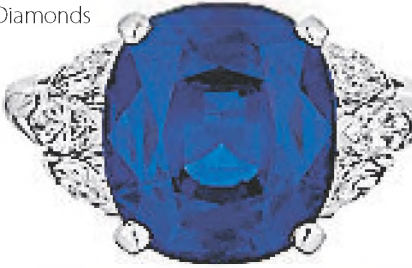
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The Belles of Belfast, an Irish Step-Dance troupe, performs to the music of Ann-Arbor-based Irish folk band Bardic Brew at Northville Square on Friday.

Celtic sounds, dance help melt away winter blues

Signs that the brutal winter of 2013-14 was (thankfully) acquiescing to spring came in triplicate on Friday, March 7. Outside, ubiquitous chest-high mounds of snow began melting in the day's veritable heat wave of 40-degree weather.

In the upper level of Northville Square Mall, lilting ballads of live Celtic music, courtesy of Ann-Arbor-based Irish folk band Bardic Brew, heralded St. Patrick's Day a little early. And the Belles of Belfast, the same Irish Step-Dance troupe that took the grand prize in Broughton Music's Talent for the Title contest in 2011, provided the perfect visual compliment to Bardic Brew's aural backdrop, showcasing signature reels, jigs, and

Ceili dances for the appreciative – if blizzard-weary – gathering that had come to watch.

For three hours, Bardic Brew played and the “Belles” danced. The trill of tin whistle, thump of Bodhran, clomp of hard shoes. It was enough to make one half-expect the white-blanketed landscape without to have morphed into green. It that was all this First Friday accomplished – provide a wee bit of much needed diversion from the arduousness we have all been put through these past few months – then it was a resounding success.

Ken Kilpatrick
GUEST COLUMNIST

Bardic Brew is Ron Fegan (accordion, guitar, tenor banjo, aux, percussion and vocals), Paul Frigon (banjo, tin whistle and vocals), Austin Snell (mandolin, guitar, button accordion and vocals), Cari McLeod (percussion and vocals), and Anton Kryka Jr. (guitar and vocals). Belles of Belfast is Kelly Bedro, Shannon Kilpatrick, Maggie Donnelly and Kaitlin Nelson. Kaitlin is the reigning Maid of Erin for 2014, a title conferred by the United Irish Society of Detroit. Both Bardic Brew and The Belles of Belfast are accessible on Facebook.

Ken Kilpatrick is a resident of Northville and sometimes offers his observations about local happenings in the Northville Record.

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‘Friends’ vow to help preserve township’s historic gems

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Members of the Northville Township Historic District Commission understand better than most that there are some truly historic treasures scattered along the township's landscape. Without the proper protection, many of these sites are threatened as the hands of time slowly take their toll.

A couple examples are the old Thayer's schoolhouse, which dates back to the 1870s, and the historic Waterford Cemetery, located on Franklin Road, dating back to at least the 1820s and final resting place to many pioneers and Civil War veterans, including three African-American soldiers from that conflict.

Recognizing these historic sites is not the problem. Preserving them is – something the members of the Historic District Commission know all too well. As an appointed board of Northville Township, the commission can make plenty of recommendations, but has no authority over the purse strings, and in these lean economic times, there just isn't much funding available to preserve history, unfortunately.

And that's where the newly formed Friends of the Northville Township Historic District Commission comes in. The new non-profit group, formed in January, will raise money through various avenues to “promote, protect, support, encourage, and enhance the services of the Northville Township Historic District Commission, in its efforts to preserve and protect the township's historical properties, and artifacts.”

“Our goals are pretty much the same as the historic district commission,” said Marjorie Banner, the township's treasurer and member of the historic district commis-



Bill Sivy (left) and Joe Oldenburg stand near the historic Thayer's one-room schoolhouse, which dates back to 1877. The newly formed Friends of the Northville Township Historic District Commission hope to raise the necessary funds to restore the building, as well as many other historic structures and places in the township. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

sion.

Banner said the new group will take a leadership role when it comes to preserving the township's historic treasures, and will do all the necessary fund raising that the historic district doesn't have the ability to do. The group is in the process of applying for its own 501(c)3 status, which will allow those who donate to the group to write off the donations with the IRS.

“Once we get that status, it opens so many possibilities to get funding,” said Friends member John Palmer. “The most important thing is it will allow us to apply for grants that we just weren't eligible for before we formed the group.”

Many of the members of the Friends are also members of the historic district commission, including Palmer, who is the president of the group.

Some of the big goals are to continue restoring the Thayer schoolhouse located at Napier and Six Mile, which could some day host local school children so they could see what school was like back in the 1800s, or even be a community meeting place. Currently owned by Advance Disposal, which owns the landfill across the street, the building and proper-

ty will be donated to the township once the landfill is closed.

However, the old school which closed in 1951 needs a lot of work before it can be used as a public building again. Replacing the roof alone is estimated to cost \$20,000. And to restore the building to what the group has in mind could approach \$100,000. It's going to cost \$5,000 just to hire a firm to draw up designs for the place.

“The good news is that assessments of the school show it is in great shape for a building dating back to 1877,” said Friends member Bill Sivy. “We had an engineering firm look at the school – it's structure. They said the overall condition is very good. But there's definitely a lot of work that needs to be done.”

The Friends of the Northville Township Historic District Commission are not only looking for monetary support, they are also looking for new members, who have the same goals of preserving the township's unique history. Anyone interested in helping the cause can contact Banner at mbanner@twp.northville.mi.us or Shadko at fshadko@twp.northville.mi.us.

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Jordan Duff, a first time participant to the showcase and Northville High grad, stands next to his table display for his company Duff Universal Solutions LLC.

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giveaways, prizes, and raffle items from local businesses. Attendees voted for the best restaurant and business displays, while enjoying free samples from restaurants and caterers.

The winner of best theme was the Northville Historical Society. The

best business display went to Monroe Bank and Trust and Applebee's was chosen as best restaurant/caterer.

Another big food attraction was the prime rib being served up by the chefs from Independence Village, which is located on Northville Road.

Northville resident Marianne Webster and her husband John attended the Showcase for the

first time after living in the community for the past seven years. They both had a good time.

“It's been fun chatting with the different people and getting to know some new businesses in the area,” Marianne Webster said. “We loved the prime rib, but Fred's ice cream was the best.”

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Emergency food

The next distribution of emergency food by Plymouth Community United Way is scheduled Thursday, March 20. The Emergency Food Assistance Program provides low-income Plymouth and Northville residents with canned, non-perishable and 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 information and to register, call 734-453-6879, ext. 7, or send an e-mail to randi.williams@pcuw.org.

Art House show

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, is showcasing a new exhibit, “Sustained Patterns: Three Generations of Women Painters” featuring the work of Ellen Wilt, Ellen Moucoulis and Natalie Estep, through March 29. “Sustained Patterns” interprets human biology as a common theme. Wilt of Ann Arbor, who is in her 90s, has exam-

ined working parts coming together and focuses on depicting human anatomy. Moucoulis of Livonia is inspired by the recent birth of her grandson. Estep of Canton has depicted her own birth story. This show is a declaration of professionalism, integrity, guts, creativity and shared know-how.

Art House gallery hours (Wednesdays-Saturdays, 1-5 p.m.). For additional information, call 248-344-0497 or visit www.northvillearthouse.org. The public is invited to attend, and admission is free.

Marquis production

The Marquis Theatre, located in downtown Northville, will be presenting live on stage “The Shoemaker & The Elves” at 2:30 p.m., Saturdays (March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26, and May 3); and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays (March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13, 27 and May 4). There will also be shows at 2:30 p.m. on April 23-25.

This is an updated classic tale of a hard-working shoemaker whose life is transformed and enriched when visited by some adorable magical friends and a beautiful loving fairy princess. This live show is family friendly. Tickets are \$9 each (no children under 3). Group rates and reserved seating are available for groups of 20 or more. Birthday parties and Scout days are available. The special weekday school shows are available at reduced ticket prices.

For more information, call the Marquis Theatre at 248-349-8110 or visit www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

.com.

Attorney graduates

Paul Cusick, of Northville, an assistant attorney general in the criminal division of the Michigan Department of Attorney General, is among two dozen newly trained fellows from Michigan State University's Michigan Political Leadership Program.

Each year, aspiring leaders are encouraged to apply for the fellowship that offers 10-months of political leadership training. The program takes place one weekend each month and covers such topics as personal leadership, campaign finance, media relations and practical politics, like knocking on doors and calling out to voters.

This year's graduates will earn a certificate at the year-ending March celebration capped off March 6 at the MPLP's 19th Annual Fundraising Dinner at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty and former New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson were this year's keynote speakers.

Dems to meet

The Democrats of West Oakland County will host their next meeting on Tuesday, March 18 (socializing begins at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m.) at Novi Methodist Church, 4167 W. 10 Mile, Novi.

Caitlin O'Rourke will address a meeting and share the MDP plan for 2014. The meeting is free and open to the public. Snacks will be provided, and pizza may be purchased. For more information, visit www.mydems.info.

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Notice of Public Hearing

City of Northville

The Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on a variance request by the property owner at 481 Seven Mile Road, Northville, Michigan. The applicant is seeking a variance to construct a commercial building in the rear yard setback (parcel's north property line) on premises zoned GDC, General Commercial District, parcel number 48-004-02-0112-008. The City's Building Official has determined that a rear-yard variance of 10 feet is needed from Section 15.01 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of the commercial building in the rear yard.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday April 2, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building - Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902, as part of the regular City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals meeting. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public input on the variance request. A copy of the variance application is available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Written comments regarding the variance request should be directed to the City of Northville at the above address.

The City of Northville will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at this meeting, to individuals with special needs, upon seven (7) days notice to the City of Northville at the above address, 248-349-1300.

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Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-668-7014 or CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org
Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org
Celebrate Recovery
Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Mondays
Details: Worship, teaching or testimony, and open-share recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits, and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth grade. Preregister.

Church of the Holy Family

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

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook

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

Destiny Worship Center

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

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org
Contact: 248-442-8822
Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Adult special needs worship: 9:30 a.m.
Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesdays
Women's Coffee Break Bible Study Advent Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; Christianity's Family Tree, Adam Hamilton
Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; "Bad Religion: How We Became A Nation Of Heretics" by Douthat
Men's Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb 1; Commandments For Today

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

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

First Baptist Church of Northville

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

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile
Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Café is open from 9:15-11 a.m. Refreshments at 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service
Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Women of the Word) studying 1 Peter
Thursday schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study
Friday: 9:30 a.m.; Sweet Fridays on the second and fourth Fridays – A Ministry for Moms of All Ages

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.fpcnorthville.org
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (for all ages)

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake St. (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon
Contact: 248-437-2875

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

First United Methodist Church of Northville

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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

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

Hope Lutheran Church

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

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Livonia Church of Christ

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

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)
Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi
Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665 or visit www.legacychurch.us
Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages: 9:45 a.m.

Worship Services: 11 a.m.
Bible Study/Prayer: Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile
Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister, 248-348-7757, visit mbccc.org or email to office@mbccc.org.
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Church School: 10-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.
Merry Widows Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month
Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m. Sundays

Orchard Grove Community Church

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

Northville Christian Assembly

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

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

Details: Events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year – children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.
Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom and Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

Novi United Methodist Church

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433
Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil: noon, first Sunday of every month in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-912-0043
Web: www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups
Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday
ReNew Life Group Ministries: 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet weekly)
Women's Life Groups Ministries: 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m.

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

Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville
Contact: 248-374-2268
Children (5-10) & Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake
Contact: 248-926-6584; www.orchardgrove.org
Mom to Mom Sale
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 15
Details: Sale includes toys, clothing, layette, books, movies, maternity and more. Admission is \$1.
Contact: momlife@orchardgrove.org or visit www.orchardgrove.org

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville
Contact: 248-349-2621 or olv-northville.org
Saturday Worship: 5 p.m.
Sunday Worship: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth
Contact: pastor Bill Burke at 734-927-0891
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

Pentecostals of Novi

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

Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church

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

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KING, RICHARD "Lee"

Age 79, longtime resident of Northville, passed away March 10, 2014. He was born on July 4, 1934 in Romulus, Michigan, to Cyrus King and Margaret Schmidt. Lee was united in marriage to Marilyn Holmes on May 19, 1956 and they spent 55 loving years together until her death in 2012. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1952. Following high school, he attended Ferris State University and later Ford training. Lee worked for Ford as a Senior Designer on the Mustang, he retired after 34 years with the company. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Livonia, where he served as a deacon. Lee was a dedicated husband and loving father to more than just his own children; he often saw potential in people and helped them to become successful. He was a nice, sweet, and very kind person; everyone who met him always had good things to say. He was often seen having breakfast at various Northville restaurants, and was a favorite among the waitresses, always remembering their names; monthly he met with a morning group called the ROMEOS. Lee, a talented musician, was a member of the Silver Strings in Garden City. He, along with his daughter Jenny, enjoyed sharing their musical gift with area senior citizen homes; he also taught at the Gitfiddler, which was located in Northville. Lee loved blue grass music and was inspired by Chet Atkins and Earl Scruggs; he inspired his children to become musicians, and his son, Steve, to work in the music industry. He is survived by his loving children, Steven (Roberta) King and Jennifer (Daniel) Orr; his grandchildren, Jacob Orr, Nicholas King, and Catherine Orr; and his brother, Ivan (Janet Wild) King. He was also loved by many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn King and his parents. A funeral service will be held Friday, March 14, 2014 at 5 p.m. with visitation beginning at 3 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Deaf Professionals Artist Network, 1525 East 9 Mile Road, Ferndale, MI 48220. Online condolences at: www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

MALO, CLARA E.
Age 97, of South Lyon, passed away 3/4/2014. Full obit and online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



McFADDEN ILA EDNA

Died peacefully in her South Lyon home at the age of 89, surrounded by her family on Saturday March 8, 2014. Ila was born to the late John and Edna Schwochow on July 5, 1924. After graduating from Wyandotte High School, where she was a member of the orchestra, swam on the high school team, and was a member of the girls athletic association, she worked as a secretary to the mayor of the City of Dearborn. After World War II, Ila married her high school sweetheart, Richard Earl McFadden. She went to work at Ford Motor Company as a Public Affairs secretary. Soon after that they started a family, purchased an 80 acre farm in South Lyon, Michigan, and raised register, Black Angus beef cattle. She was active in the PTA, the United Methodist Church, and the Girl Scouts. In 1969, Ila and her husband started McFadden Industries, a steel slitting business in New Hudson, Michigan. Ila was a member of the South Lyon community for 65 years. Ila was an avid china painter, scuba diver, wilderness explorer, and she loved to fish and catch lobsters in the Florida Keys. Ila is survived by her four children: Carol Fleischer, and husband Mitchell, Robert McFadden and wife Dolores, Loren McFadden, and Janine McFadden. She is also survived by three grandsons: Ethan Fleischer and wife Rachel, Daniel Fleischer, Robert McFadden and wife Whitney, and granddaughter Caroline McFadden. Ila has five great-grandchildren: Alek Fleischer, Henry Fleischer, Zachary Fleischer, Asher McFadden, and Scarlet McFadden. Visitation will be at Philips Funeral Home Tuesday, March 11, 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at South Lyon First United Methodist Church on Wednesday at 11:00 am. Online guest book at: philipsfuneral.com



NODER, PAMELA S.

Age 63, formerly of Milford, died Friday, March 7, 2014 at her home in Wolverine, MI. Survivors include her husband, Mike, five children, Michael Noder, Jr., Andrea (Thom) Addison, and Angela (Greg) Koenig, all of Highland, Aaron (Nikki) Noder of Waterford, and Marcus Noder of Lake City, six grandchildren Michael Robert, Katelyn and Tyler Noder, Griffin and Gunnar Koenig and Charlotte Noder, two sisters, Sharon (George) Bogaert of Gaylord and Kimberly (Travis) Richardson of Conway, Missouri, four brothers, Richard (Joanne) Culham of Kearney, MO, Perry (Sandra) Culham of Milford, Robert (Sheila) Culham of Wolverine, and David Culham of Loretto, a brother in law, Lawrence Noder of Indianapolis, IN and many nieces and nephews. Pam was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Barbara Knoff. Visitation were held from 2:00-8:00pm, Tuesday, March 11, 2014 and again on Wednesday from noon until 2:00pm, at Lintz Funeral Home in Indian River, MI. A funeral service will be held at 2:00pm, Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at Lintz Funeral Home. Pastor DeAnn Dobbs will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a Friends for Life of Otsego County (a no kill animal shelter). Online condolences at: www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com

RICKARD, PHYLLIS J.
Age 81, passed March 9, 2014. Visitation Mar. 12, 4-9pm. Phillips Funeral Home. Funeral Mar. 13, 10am, Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church, Brighton.



WARNER, DEVON MYLES

of Milford and Pinckney, passed away suddenly March 8, 2014. He was 23 years old. Devon is survived by his mother, Jennifer (Matthew) Stimson; father, Thomas Warner; brother, Trevor Stimson; grandparents, James and Joyce Smith, Thomas and Sonna Blatter, aunts, Janet (Ross) Smith-Hickman and Trudy (Dave) Sligh; uncles, Scott T. (Catherine) Smith and Timothy (Becca) Warner; Also survived by many extended family and dear friends. Funeral was held March 11, 2014 at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, Pastor Richard Stimson officiated. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Devon Warner Memorial Fund, checks payable to: Jennifer Stimson. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



Several of the 5th grade Northville Junior Girl Scouts (Troop #709) earned their Bronze Award this year by providing various services at Our Lady of Victory Parish. The girls served as greeters, door holders, offered directions, passed out song sheets and bulletins in order to make the transition to the gymnasium smooth and welcoming. They committed to do this at weekend masses from September through December. The Bronze Award is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can achieve. Pictured are (bottom row from left) Megan Mallie, Anna Said, Catie Merlo, Marin Worley, (middle row from left) Emma Lehnert, Grace Martin, Katie Higgins, Anna Ling, Father Denis Theroux, (back row from left) Mary Shah, Meghan McClorey, and Cotter Welch. Scouts Hadley Elssesser and Sarah Kuredjian are not pictured.

Marijuana possession

A Wixom woman was cited for possession of marijuana after being stopped by Northville City Police for having a visual obstruction hanging from the windshield. The incident happened after 5 p.m. on March 4 at E. Main and

Hutton streets. A police officer reported being behind the 33-year-old driver's vehicle and spotting the obstruction before stopping her. It turned out to be a radar detector. Upon making contact with her, the police reported smelling marijuana inside the car. She said she had a medical

POLICE BRIEFS

card for it. After checking it out, the officer determined the license had been expired for three months. Police found a medication pill bottle with marijuana inside of it. She was cited and released at the scene. **Suspended license**

A license check led Northville City Police to the arrest of an Ann Arbor woman for driving on a suspended license – again. This was the second offense for the 31-year-old woman. Police checked the plates of her car while it was parked in a city lot. It turned up that the own-

er had a suspended license. The woman was later stopped after police spotted her leaving in the car on the evening of March 4. She thought she had paid off her suspension, but according to dispatch this wasn't the case. Her vehicle was also impounded.

College workshop

Robert Hoger, a certified college planning specialist with Michigan College Funding LLC, will present a free workshop about making college more affordable for families from 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 18 at the Northville District Library. Hoger will be discussing such topics as how to send your kids to the school of their dreams without going broke; how to increase your eligibility for aid; and how to find scholarships and grants you've never even heard of. Admission is free but seating is limited by the size of the room, so please call 248-662-1300 to reserve your seats now.

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Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street near Ford Field in downtown Northville. **DETAILS:** Office open

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CONTACT: (248) 348-1845 **WEEKLY EVENTS:** (*Grounds closed to public) **Thursday:** Archives temporarily closed; 9

a.m. to 3 p.m. TARTS Stitching Group; 6:45 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack 712, Den 5 **Friday:** Archives temporarily closed **Monday:** 6:30 p.m. Northville Democrats

Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang **Wednesday:** 1 p.m. AAUW Bridge Group; 4 p.m. Girl Scouts #40126; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group

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OUR VIEWS

Prepare an emergency kit in case of widespread flooding, severe weather

You've set your clocks forward one hour for daylight saving time, which began at 2 a.m. Sunday. Now there is another springtime ritual the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) is hoping you complete – building or restocking your emergency preparedness kit.

Next week is Flood Safety Awareness Week in Michigan, closely followed by Severe Weather Awareness Week April 6-12.

Michigan may see widespread flooding in the next couple of months because of the heavy winter snowfall, according to Capt. Chris A. Kelenske, Deputy State Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and commander of the MSP/EMHSD.

An emergency preparedness kit will better prepare you in the event of an emergency or disaster. When a disaster strikes, you may have to evacuate, take shelter or go without basic services for hours or days. Having enough supplies to function without basic services—such as electricity or water—is critical during an emergency or disaster, as emergency workers may not be able to reach you right away.

Knowing you may have to survive on your own, you will need a supply of essential items—like food and water—to last at least three days, or 72 hours, per person. Using five-gallon buckets or similar containers, assemble a preparedness kit with the items you and your family will need during an emergency.

Essential items to include in an emergency preparedness kit are:

- » Water, at least three gallons of water per person



- for 72 hours
- » Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food per person
 - » Medications
 - » Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
 - » Flashlight and extra batteries
 - » First aid kit
 - » Whistle to signal for help
 - » A complete change of clothing and footwear for

- each person
- » Bedding
 - » Important family documents
 - » Pet supplies (if necessary)
- For more information about what to do before, during and after an emergency, visit the MSP/EMHSD's website at www.michigan.gov/beprepared or follow them on Twitter at @MichEMHS.

LETTERS

Standing ovation for supporters

The Northville High School music program offers a standing ovation to the Northville community in thanks for another successful music boosters' raffle. Proceeds of \$27,700 will be shared equally between the vocal and instrumental music programs. The seventh annual raffle was held September through December of 2013, and some 43-percent of available tickets were sold. Ten winning tickets for cash prizes were drawn at the Dec. 19 afterglow following the final holiday concert.

Two additional tickets were drawn for other cash prizes. Proceeds will supplement music program funding in many ways, including the purchase of replacement instruments, choral music, printing of concert programs, and piano accompanist.

We wish to share our enthusiastic thanks.

NHS Music Boosters

A lot to 'come back' to

So why are they calling Gov. Snyder the comeback kid? Is it because he comes back on so many issues? Take the Emergency Manager Law for example. In 2012 the people voted that law out and then right after the election Snyder made it comeback and made the new law not subject to voter referendum. How about when he cut over a billion dollars from our schools and now he has comeback saying he will increase school funding (but not as much as he cut it though). Also he raised taxes in 2011 and now he has comeback calling for a tax cut for some, saying people (that he raised taxes on) are hurting. What about the new bridge to Canada? He said it wouldn't cost Michigan taxpayers anything but no one seems to know who is paying for the new bridge plaza. Why can't he get the legislature (his party) to put up at least some of the money? Don't they know his business buddies need this bridge not to mention the jobs? Well I guess he will come back to that.

And who could forget our roads? Last year Snyder said he needed a billion dollars to fix our roads. But again he could not lead the legislature to agree on where to get the money. Now the roads are even worse, but don't worry I am sure he will come back on the minor issues of who will have their taxes raised.

This guy has failed as governor and we can no longer wait for him to come back and try again to lead.

Chuck Tindall
Novi

Where are jobs?

Gov. Rick Snyder recently released his budget numbers. Working people, and those who wished they could be working, are painfully aware that Michigan remains 49th in projected job growth and fourth highest in unemployment in the nation, according to *Bridge Magazine*.

Late last year, I was in Lansing with thousands of citizens; we begged Snyder not to sign the "Right To Work For Less" law. He signed this offensive law, sealing the fate of millions of working folks in Michigan. He then gave billions in tax breaks to businesses paid for by higher taxes on working people and senior citizens.

Snyder assured us there would be extended employment under this deleterious law. Why are we still 49th in job growth and the fourth highest in the unemployment rate in the nation?

Delphine Palkowski
South Lyon

COMMUNITY VOICE

What type of development would you like to see along E. Cady Street in downtown Northville?

This question was asked to business owners and employees along this area in downtown. The City of Northville is exploring future planning for this section of Cady.



"Either parking, excluding construction equipment, or a park. No big building."

Art Beyer
Beyer Insurance Agency
Northville



"I would like to see more stores, or maybe even more restaurants. It's a great piece of land that's not really being used. I'm just saying."

Kathryn Bailey
Bailey and Shamoun Interiors
Northville



"Maybe more retail, but I wouldn't mind seeing a nice park. Either way it might bring more people downtown."

Susan Macunovich
Drapery and More Northville



"Mixed use with residential upstairs and commercial downstairs."

Dennis Engerer
Northville Physical
Rehabilitation

All People Matter

March is national social work month. This year's theme is All People Matter. It makes me proud to be a social worker.

All People Matter is the core value of my profession. My training has taught me to challenge oppression and help individuals and families realize their full potential. Often there is a stigma attached to the title of "social worker." People associate it with professionals who must take children-at-risk away from their families. Actually, social workers serve as experts in many important areas such as: employee assistance programs, gerontology, addiction rehabilitation, community development, legislation and social policy, education, poverty, food access, mental health and LGBT rights. Professionals must abide by a strict code of ethics or they lose their license.

Jane Addams, Sen. Debbie Stabenow and former Congressman Ron Dellums are all social workers. Across the globe we not only believe that all people have dignity and deserve respect, we work to make it so. American social work profession has a commitment to improving conditions and quality of life opportunities for everyone. "Social work is the profession that does the front line work when other professions stand back," said Dr. Maxine Thomas, director of the Michigan chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

We do this work because all people matter.

Colleen Crossey, MSW
Novi

U.S. can learn from Finnish schools

For decades, it has been accepted dogma in educational circles that poverty and socio-economic factors play a huge role in determining student proficiency in school. Indeed, in 2011, Sean Reardon of Stanford University released a study that concluded family income is, by far, the most significant factor in predicting student success in school. It is simply a fact that parental income and education, parental involvement in student school activities, neighborhood environment, health care, home stability and so on provide the underpinning of student school proficiency. Countless, countless studies concur.

Indeed, according to former Assistant Secretary of Education Diane Ravitch, "... American schools, in which fewer than 10 percent of the students were poor, outperformed the schools of Finland, Japan and Korea" on the latest Program of International Student Assessment (PISA). Finland, Japan and Korea are top performers. Call it whatever you like: demographics

or socio-economic circumstance. It matters and American schools do well when demographics are considered. Generally, schools found lacking exist in the midst of poverty.

But you'd never know it when people passing as "reformers" compare American schools to countries that do well on international tests. Frantically, they howl that we're losing the race. Our schools are failing. Let's do something – anything!

Again, American schools are doing pretty darn good. Don't hear that much these days do you? Well, what do the other guys want, the "reformers"?

Neglecting that vouchers have been used in Milwaukee for nearly 23 years and are a dismal failure, they chant, "Give us a voucher." Ditto for corporate charter schools. All you have to do is look at the nation's report card, the NAEP report. When tested, voucher schools have never outperformed public schools in Milwaukee. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Education ranks Milwaukee as among the lowest performing urban school systems in the country. So much for choice, privatization and corporate schools.

That aside, Finland, a perennial top performer on PISA, provides a good example of what can be done to achieve educational merit. The Finns have no charters, no vouchers. They do not have a testing obsession like we do. Finnish children are exposed to high stakes testing a grand total of one time during the entirety of their school experience. They do not evaluate teachers and schools, based upon one high stakes test given annually. They do not grade their schools A-F. They have strong unions. In a word, they do nothing, absolutely nada that "reformers" in this country endorse. Nothing!

Teachers in Finland are treated like professionals, like doctors and lawyers. They are supported by nurses, social workers and psychologists. They spend much more of their school day planning and collaborating with other teachers than we do. Their schools are smaller than ours. They put a premium on recess time.

There is much to be learned from Swedish schools as well. The Swedes have had privatization and corporate schools for 30 years. They do not do well on PISA.

Can American schools be improved? You bet! For a start, we might focus on teacher training and development. We might also focus more on thinking skills: creativity and problem solving, critical thinking generally.

Al Churchill
Livonia

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3rd Place Michele Fecht

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Angela Hospice holds annual Laughter Lifts You Up fundraiser at Laurel Manor

Everyone loves to laugh, but if you need an excuse to do a lot of laughing – how about a ladies’ night out to help hospice patients and their families? You can laugh and support a good cause at Angela Hos-

pice’s annual Laughter Lifts You Up event, coming up on Thursday, March 20, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. “This is our biggest event of the year,” said Mary Beth Moning, executive director at not-for-

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Celebrating a ladies’ night out for a good cause at last year’s Laughter Lifts You Up are Monica Marini of Dearborn Heights, Michelle Buchanan of Livonia, and Janice Tosto of Canton.

profit Angela Hospice. “It’s really a lot of fun for all the women who attend, and many come year after year with their sisters or girlfriends – but it’s also a great way for people to support Angela Hospice, and the patients in our care.” One of those patients is Westland resident Debbie McKittrick, who has been with Angela Hospice for over a year, and knows what hospice can offer those with a terminal diagnosis. “Hospice is probably the best thing you can do,” said McKittrick. She’s facing lung cancer and liver cancer, and was told she had about three to six months to live. Now a year and a half later,

she says Angela Hospice has given her her life back. “Hospice isn’t there to help you die,” said McKittrick, “they’re there to help you have a quality life. Since I’ve been with hospice, my health has gotten better. They have gotten me on medications that keep me in control and I have got energy and strength that I never had before.” McKittrick added: “I’m actually going to Curves now and working out.” In addition to the physical care she has gotten to manage her pain and symptoms, McKittrick has been impressed with the resources and counseling her hospice nurse and

social worker have provided as well. “They’ve built me up to make me the person I am today,” she said. Events like Laughter Lifts You Up help to fund these programs, including the non-reimbursed services that Angela Hospice provides, such as grief counseling, and prenatal hospice care. Laughter Lifts You Up has become so popular with the community that an 11:30 luncheon show was added this year in addition to the 6 p.m. dinner show. Both shows will feature Lynn Trefzger, an award-winning comedienne and premier entertainer for Disney Cruise Lines, among others.

“We’re very excited to have Lynn Trefzger as our comedienne,” said Larry Kralowski, events coordinator for Angela Hospice. “Her comedic style is unique and would appeal to everyone.” In addition to the comedy show, guests will be treated to a gourmet entrée and dessert, plus complimentary wine, beer, and soda bar. A raffle and shopping at “Angela’s Boutique” will add to the experience. For tickets to Laughter Lifts You Up, visit www.AskForAngela.com, or call Larry Kralowski at 734-953-6045. Tickets are \$50 each.

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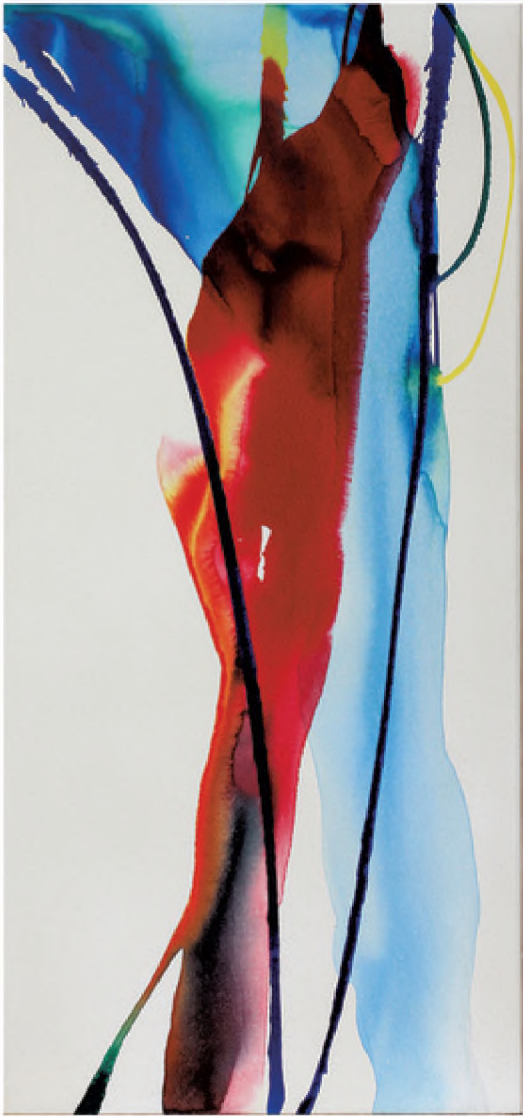
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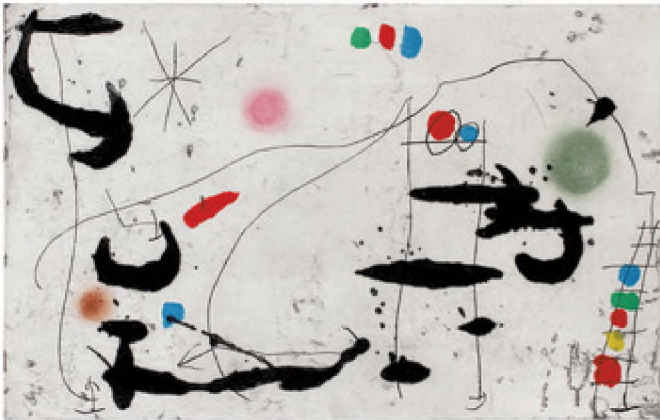
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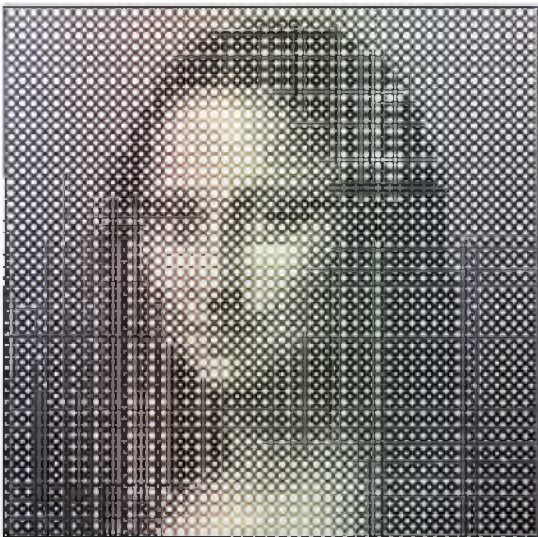
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Northville, CC produce plenty of college-bound athletes

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

According to the website www.scholarshipstats.com, only 7.6 percent of male high school athletes and 8 percent of female high school athletes earn themselves a chance to play college sports.

Think about that for a minute – out of the approximately 7.5 million high school athletes to participate in various sports, about 585,000 of them go on to compete in all of the combined collegiate levels.

Those aren't great odds. Only the most exceptional athletes get to take their game to the next level and Northville and Detroit Catholic Central both are blessed with some of them.

This winter, Northville had three athletes sign their national letter of intent to play sports in college. Detroit Catholic Central had 15 athletes ink their names on the dotted lines.

From Northville, Symone Abbott, Jimmy Fiscus and Andrew Sarokin will move on to the next level.

Abbott, a standout and record-setting volleyball player, will be competing for Northwestern next year, while Fiscus has earned himself a scholarship to Michigan State University for soccer. Sarokin will stay fairly local, playing golf for Oakland University.

Catholic Central's lineup includes outstanding wrestlers, soccer stars, lacrosse players, golfers and football

standouts. Sean Stanners will play lacrosse for Seton Hill, while Ben Senkowski will continue his lacrosse career at University of Detroit Mercy, as will teammate Sean Birney. Joe Williams will play lacrosse at Hope College.

State champion wrestler Malik Amine will continue a family tradition by becoming the third member of his family to compete for the University of Michigan, while state champ Drew Garcia will wrestle for Cornell University. Nick Bennett will take his wrestling state championship to the University of Nebraska. Logan Marcicki will also compete in the Big Ten, though he'll be wrestling for Indiana.

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Northville High School senior Jimmy Fiscus signs a letter of intent to play soccer for Michigan State University.

SHAMROCKS RULE



The Shamrocks cheering section erupts at Compuware Arena.

Catholic Central defeats defending champ Brighton, 5-1

Novi Detroit Catholic Central wanted this match-up.

The Shamrocks wanted two-time defending state champ Brighton in the Division 1 hockey title game Saturday night at Compuware Arena.

They wanted to avenge last year's 2-1 loss.

This is what they wanted in front of a standing-room-only crowd. They wanted

By Perry A. Farrell
Gannett Michigan

it for Matt Sorisho, a senior who was paralyzed from the waist down after suffering an injury during an elite league game. He was in attendance for the first time since the game at Orchard Lake St. Mary's six weeks ago and

watched the 5-1 victory.

The team put a jersey on Sorisho and let him participate in the handshake line and trophy presentation.

"We were very fortunate to match up against Brighton after what happened last year," coach Doug Itami said. "We had a handful of boys that were in the

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Mustangs finish 14th at state finals

Westphal sets school records, makes all-state

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville boys swimming and diving team headed into the Division 1 state finals last weekend at Saginaw Valley State University knowing it had the skills to compete for a top-10 finish.

That goal remained within reach until Saturday's finals, when the team slipped against the state's best.

"I thought we had a chance at a top 10 finish this year, but we needed to move up in the 200 free relay and the breast event on Saturday," coach Rich Bennetts said. "We moved down in both on Saturday, so that kept us out of 10th."

Northville finished 14th overall with 64 points. Winning the state championship was Brother Rice with 345 points. Detroit Catholic Central finished sixth and Novi finished 19th.

Not every event suffered the same fate. In fact, in the halls of Northville High School, the name Westphal is becoming synonymous with outstanding swimming performances.

In the fall, freshman girls swimmer Laura Westphal

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Northville's Andrew Westphal set two school records at the Division 1 state finals over the weekend at Saginaw Valley State University. He earned all-state honors in three events. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Catholic Central's basketball season comes to a close

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Detroit Catholic Central put up one heck of a fight in the first half of its district game against Canton, but Shamrocks were undone in the second half due to some outstanding defense and sharp shooting by their foes.

Catholic Central's season came to a close with the 44-35 loss.

The Shamrocks, coached by Bill Dyer, fell behind against Canton, 11-8, after the first quarter, but came back strong in the second to outscore their opponents, 11-7, and take a lead into halftime, 19-18.

Unfortunately, that perfor-

mance would not be one the Shamrocks would repeat in the third and fourth quarters. Canton's defense held the Shamrocks to just 17 points over the final two quarters, while the offense put up 26 points to secure the win.

Noah Lee led the Shamrocks with 12 points, while Charlie Ryan added 11. Champ Kozlow-

ski added five to the total, while Ike Marchig had three points and Ryan McGillivray had two.

Leading Canton was Davon Taylor, who put up 20 points to lead all scorers. Greg Williams added 12 for the Chiefs.

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Connor Gaffney celebrates a CC goal.

HOCKEY

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locker room that remembered the feeling. We had a purpose today.”

Carter Cerretani and Ryan Burnett led the offense with two goals each and goalie Spencer Wright was solid as Sorisho watched from a suite.

“He’s my best friend and I wouldn’t go anywhere without him,” Cerretani said of Sorisho. “I love him to death. I was glad to see him out there. We wanted to play Brighton because of what happened last year. I thought we came out fast with a lot of energy and our special teams played great.”

Said Burnett: “It really meant a lot to have him out there; we tried to play for him the whole season.”

CC (24-7) scored first on Burnett’s first goal with an

assist from Mitch Ossowski at 3:54.

Brighton (23-7-1) then made a crucial error to give the Shamrocks another goal.

Lee Pietila was sent to the penalty box for holding and, seconds later, was joined by teammate Todd Kiilunen for cross-checking. With a two-man advantage, CC didn’t waste time, going up 2-0 on Cerretani’s first goal with an assist from Burnett at 5:00.

“It’s tough when you have to extend yourself on a five-on-three or a five-on-four,” Brighton coach Paul Moggach said. “Obviously, it’s tough to get here and lose, but this is the third straight year for some of our guys and not many players can say that.”

Brighton scored in the second period on a power-play goal by Danny Bosio, with assists from Pietila and Aaron Sturos, to make it a one-goal game.

The Bulldogs made the

mistake of allowing the Shamrocks another five-on-three when Tyler Hayes (hooking) and Brian Dowd (slashing) were sent to the penalty box.

With Dowd two seconds from getting the Bulldogs back to full strength, Domenic Mancinelli scored for the second time in two days, this one a power-play goal on an assist from Alex Kreutzer to make it 3-1.

“That was really a big goal,” Bosio said.

CC dominated play to that point, with a 29-10 edge in shots on goal and using the two power-play goals for a lead after two.

Cerretani put the finishing touches on revenge with a power-play goal 13 seconds after Pietila went to the bench on an interference penalty.

Brighton had its own five-on-three advantage with seven minutes to play. Not only didn’t the Bulldogs score, but Burnett added his second goal.

COLLEGE

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Playing football for Ferris State University will be Daniel Collins and Chris Okoye, while teammate Nelson Schrader will play for Grand Valley State University. Dylan Roney will play football and serve the country when he joins the ranks of the U.S. Naval Academy, while Alex Galiyas will play on the gridiron for the University of Pittsburgh.

Standout football player Zach Bock won’t be playing the American version of the game, but will be instead playing “real” football – soccer – at Western Michigan University.

Daniel Ault will play golf for Oakland University.

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Northville’s Symone Abbott rose above the competition this season, earning a volleyball scholarship at Northwestern University. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



CC’s Malik Amine (bottom) will continue a tradition by becoming the third member of his family to compete for the University of Michigan. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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captured the state championship in the 500 freestyle. This winter, it was Andrew Westphal’s turn to make some noise in the pool and he did so by setting school records in both the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle.

In the 100 free, Westphal swam a 46.23-second race, good for fourth place. In the 50 free, he swam a fifth-place time of 21.23 seconds. Westphal earned all-state honors in both events.

Westphal also led the 400 free relay to an all-state finish as he joined James Xue, Mark Kaminski and Josh Liu for an eighth-place finish in 3:14.38.

“Andrew Westphal broke our school records this year in the 50 and 100 freestyle events and led our 400 free relay to an all-state performance,” Ben- netts said. “I am very proud of him.”

The 200 free relay team of Westphal, Xue, Alan Ruan and Kaminski took 12th-place with a time of 1:28.67.

Taking top-20 finishes at the finals individually were Chris Geng, who swam to 15th in the 100 breaststroke in 1:00.19, and Liu, who was 16th in the breaststroke in 1:00.23.

Other finishes for the Mustangs included Xue taking 20th in the 100 butterfly (53.86) and 21st in the 200 free (1:46.74), Nick Dufresne finishing 22nd in the 500 free (4:52.19), Yash Bajaj taking 22nd in the 100 breaststroke (1:00.99), the 200 medley relay team of Liu, Ruan, Frank Zhang and Kaminski taking 26th (1:41.94), Kaminski finishing 20th in the 200 freestyle (1:48.67), Ruan swimming to 30th in the 100 breaststroke (1:02.74) and Liu finishing 31st in the 200 individual medley (2:02.55).

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Weather becomes issue after MU wins finale

Crusaders (13-7) could be waiting a while this spring

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

After a 10-game trip to Florida, the Madonna University baseball team is looking to get a big break back home from Mother Nature – dependent upon when spring actually does arrive.

The Crusaders capped their road swing Saturday with a 10-6 victory over Trinity (Ill.) International in the RussMatt Central Florida Invitational held at Lakeland's Bonny Park.

But with only a slight thaw in sight and yet another snow storm looming in lieu of an extremely harsh winter, MU may not be able to resume play anytime soon until field conditions improve.

"Obviously, you can't be snow covered and play, but the other big issue is frost," MU coach Greg Haeger said. "I looked at the 10-day forecast this morning (Monday) and we're still going below freezing at night. I would say a minimum of two weeks before we play on our field and it could be a lot longer. Mother Nature wins. We just have to be ready when Mother Nature tells us."

Madonna's next scheduled game is Tuesday, March 18, in Mount Pleasant against Central Michigan before launching the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference play with a double-header Wednesday, March 19, against Concordia at Ilitch Ballpark.

The Crusaders, now 13-7 overall, ended their eight-day



Red-shirt sophomore outfielder Ben Matigian (Livonia Churchill) has been a pleasant surprise at the plate this spring for the Madonna baseball team. MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

stay with a 14-hit attack to beat Trinity, which slipped to 0-3.

"Every time you play, you have a chance to learn about your team," Haeger said. "This team, being so young, we're learning something every day."

Livonia Churchill's Ben Matigian, John Lauro and Thomas Daffern all went 3-for-4 in the victory.

Matigian scored two runs, while Lauro and Daffern each added an RBI. Zach Tallman also contributed two hits and three RBI, while Ryan Lech also drove in a run.

Matigian, a red-shirt sophomore outfielder, sat out his freshman year and made only nine plate appearances last year, going 1-for-9.

"He's been swinging the bat very well," Haeger said. "He's a tough out right now and we started playing him in the outfield. We've been moving him around between center and left field. He's really been a great surprise this year. The kid has worked awfully hard and deserves what he's gotten this year so far. He's done a great job."

MU used six different pitchers with starter Alex Padilla (2-0) – who went the first five innings, allowing two earned runs on four hits and five walks – earning the victory.

Padilla struck out four before giving way to Dane Staples, who gave up two earned runs on three hits in his only

inning of work.

Dylan Cooper and Dan Stoner (Canton) then each pitched a scoreless inning before Tyler Schofield came on in the ninth, only to give up one earned run on three hits. Travis Schuba came on to get the final out to pick up his first save of the season.

Losing pitcher Nick Robinson gave up eight earned runs on 13 hits in six innings of work.

Tony Guidone (2-for-3, RBI) and Cameron Stanley (2-for-4, RBI) paced the Trojans' offense.

Through the first 20 games, MU sports an overall team batting average of .281, with Daffern (.409), Lauro (.379), Taylor Grzelakowski (.371) and Matigian (.333) leading the way.

Grzelakowski, who was named WHAC Offensive Player of the Week after hitting .579, has a team-high 12 RBI, while Lauro and Daffern have 10 and nine, respectively.

Sophomore red-shirt Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson) is 2-2 and has pitched a team-high 26 innings. The right-hander owns with a team-best 1.38 ERA and 18 strikeouts.

Adam Prashad is 2-1 with a 1.46 ERA in 24½ innings. The Crusaders' overall team ERA is 3.23.

Freshman Mike Kanitra (Stevenson), meanwhile, was scratched from the lineup after throwing two scoreless innings in the team's 6-2 win March 1 over Hannibal-La-Grange (Mo.) in the Florida opener.

"We're still not exactly sure may have happened to him," Haeger said of the 6-foot-4 right-hander. "The trainers looked at him today (Monday) and we should get some word on him by the end of the week."

It's his right arm. We're thinking he pulled a muscle in his forearm, near his elbow, but it doesn't seem like the worst-case scenario with UCL. We're thinking it may have been his elbow, but we won't know until he goes through the medical procedure, sees the doctors, gets the MRIs and everything else that goes on."

Meanwhile, the Crusaders will continue indoor workouts until the weather finally cooperates.

"We've already started to do things a little differently," Haeger said. "We've never done this before, but we're going to use this time Tuesday and Wednesday with the kids to have mid-season meetings, then we'll get back to full practice Thursday and Friday. The only thing you can do is to prepare five days out. We'll watch the Weather Channel, talk to the coaches and look for other opportunities as well."

MU also uses Total Sports in Wixom, an indoor facility.

"We've had that relationship with them many years with the owners and Stu Rose (MU assistant coach), who is on the baseball side of it," Haeger said. "Having access to that facility is a huge asset for us. We accomplish as much as we can with our gym in terms of keeping the pitchers ready and running our hitters through drills, and using live pitching. We use Total Sports when we need to use a defensive day. We'll also use our (MU turf) soccer field. And as soon as we get rain showers, then warms up again, hopefully the soccer field becomes usable in terms of getting outside work in and it keeps us close to campus."

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Northville's Alyssa Breen performed well all season for the Mustangs. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville gymnasts finish 4-7 season

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville gymnastics team's season may have come to an end March 1 at the regional tournament, but there is no doubt members can look back on this season with pride.

The team, which has no seniors on the roster, finished with a 4-7 record. That mark is not indicative of the victories the team was able to produce on personal and program-

building levels.

"We are a very young team and we realize we have some consistency issues to work out," Northville coach Erin McWatt said. "The good part is I get to keep these newbies around for three more years, so we'll be training hard and coming for (our opponents)."

The Mustangs have nine freshmen on the 13-member squad and those who were able to compete in the regional did so with the intent of ending

their season with a bang.

"The girls, the vast majority freshmen, still had some peak performances to give and Alyssa Breen and Anoushka Ravindran did just that, both with career-high vault scores to start off the first event in the very first rotation of the morning," McWatt said.

Both Breen and Ravindran scored 8.675 at the regional, hosted at Plymouth High School. Breen also had 8.35 with her floor routine, while

Claire Cotter had a team-high 8.3 on the beam.

Northville finished with 126.975 points, good for eighth place in the regional. Canton took first place with 147.65.

Northville did compete without three of its top floor performers, but McWatt said despite that she was "very happy with the results."

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

SPORTS BRIEFS

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 \$50 at the door. Cost includes a camp T-shirt. For more information or to print off a camp brochure, visit www.northvillemustang-baseball.com.

Youth wrestlers finish 11th

The Mustangs Youth Take-down Club finished 11th in a field of 72 teams Sunday at the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association's Huron Open Tournament in New Boston. The club took 22 wrestlers to the tournament, with 12 taking home hardware, including two first-place, three second-place, three third-place and four fourth-place medals.

In the Novice Division, where wrestlers have competed for less than two years, Northville was represented by Dominick Bernardelli, Ayden Enriquez, Grant and Nick Gattoni, Josh Hess, Curtis Lee and Owen and Tyler Ross.

In the Open Division, more experienced grapplers included Jacob and Joshua Bisdorf, Boden Dietrich, Jack Gattoni, Aiden Hayek, Brody and Mason Jennings, Alex Jones, Angelo and Enzo Mastroanni, Ryan Mahy, Jordan Morgan, Eian Szerlip and Nathan Walkowiak.

The club will compete next week at the MYWAY Regional Championship. The top four place winners will advance to Battle Creek for the Youth Wrestling State Championship at the end of this month.

3-on-3 hoops tournament

Hillside Middle School's Logan Bry, who suffers from juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, is this year's Detroit Youth Honoree for the Walk to Cure Arthritis event May 10 at the Detroit Zoo.

To help bring about awareness about JRA, Hillside will be holding a 3-on-3 basketball tournament as a fundraiser, with all proceeds going to the cause. The entry fee is \$20 per team. There will be divisions for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade girls and boys. The event will take place March 21 in the Hillside gym (concessions will be available).

For more information, visit Logan's website at <http://arthritiiswalkdetroit.kintera.org>.

Late goal a winner, playoff-clincher for Whalers

Make it 23 years in a row. The Plymouth Whalers defeated host Niagara 4-3 March 6 to qualify for the Ontario Hockey League playoffs for the 23rd consecutive season.

Plymouth clinched the eighth playoff spot in the OHL Western Conference with the victory.

Netting the game-winning goal with just 2:04 left in regulation was forward Matt

Misteale, on a play set up by defenseman Nick Malysa and forward Francesco Vilardi.

Making 32 stops for the victory was Whalers goalie Alex Nedeljkovic, as the team rebounded from Wednesday's 11-2 loss at Erie.

Niagara's Luke Mercer put the IceDogs in front early in the first, but Plymouth's Yannick Rathgeb answered with a goal just 51 seconds later (from Misteale and forward

Connor Chatham) to make it 1-1.

It was 2-1 after the first, following the 27th goal of the season by Carter Verhaeghe.

The Whalers scored the only goals of the middle period to take a 3-2 lead into the third.

Vilardi netted his 13th of the year on the power play (from Rathgeb and Mitch Jones) and forward Ryan Hartman chipped in his 24th

of the season, also on the power play, in the final minute of the frame.

Setting up Hartman's marker were forwards Carter Sandlak and Victor Crus Rydberg.

Niagara made it 3-3 at 15:43 of the third on a goal by Eric Ming, but Misteale found the back of the IceDogs cage behind goalie Brent Moran (28 saves) just over two minutes later for the winner.



SHOW & TELL
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Brrr! You played in it. You built a snowman. You even stayed home from school because of it. Now here's your chance to show and tell. Show Scoop how you coped with the winter blast. Send a photo and brief description you could win your own copy of the DVD Disney's **FROZEN**.

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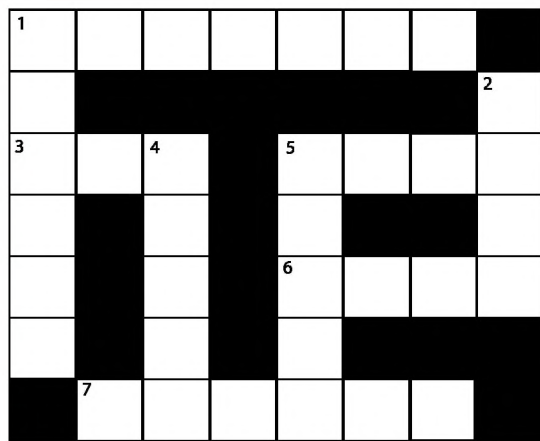
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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Making of higher temperature
3. Negative
5. In a short time
6. In a different way
7. Small, flat pieces something

DOWN

1. Cold season
2. Frozen precipitation
4. Whole number
5. Eaten between meals

Answers:
Across
1. Warming 3. Not 5. Soon 6. Anew 7. Flakes
Down
1. Winter 2. Snow 4. Total 5. Snack

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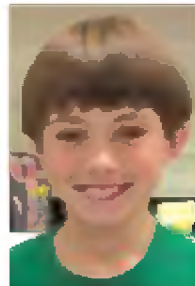
Art is FUN!



The month of March is recognized as Youth Art Month. Many schools take this opportunity to feature student's works of art. Did you create an art piece? Share it with us. Selected items will be featured in next month's Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights and on Scoop's Facebook page. Send a scanned picture or photograph of your artwork along with your name, age and community. It would be great to include a photo of you holding your art piece if possible.

My Hero

By Trevor Quattlander



Trevor Quattlander

"Oh, he broke another tackle and he scores" is what the announcer says when Barry Sanders gets the ball. Barry Sanders is not only my hero but my idol. I try every time to run the ball to never go down just like Barry Sanders did. Although he wasn't the fastest player on the field, he had some moves. He had a running style like no one else. If a hole wasn't there he would go



to the outside and find a hole. I think he has a great running style and that is why I admire him. That is why Barry Sanders is my hero and idol.

Jack The Noble Knight

by Griffin Bryan

Once upon a time, a noble knight named Jack was guarding the king's castle when a messenger came to him and told him that a fierce and deadly dragon was terrorizing a city called Yanglehest, which was about 30 miles from the city that he was in called Edellbrook. Also, he said the king had requested Jack personally because Jack was a noble and brave knight.

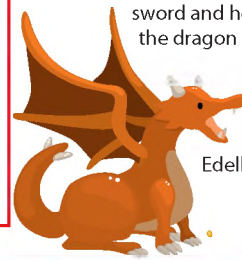


Griffin Bryan

A day later Jack set off on his journey to Yanglehest to slay the mighty dragon. He took food, armor, and supplies in case he needed them. In two days Jack had finally reached Yanglehest and what he saw was unimaginable. Houses were burned to shreds. Villagers were running around crazily; and above him flying around was the dragon! Quickly, Jack ran as fast as he could into the nearby house of about ten villagers to take cover from the dragon. He asked the villages in the house if they knew how to kill the dragon but they said they didn't. One of the villagers told Jack that three warriors had tried to kill the dragon, but two of them fled. One of the warriors cut off the dragon's head but it grew two more heads and then the dragon ate him! Jack nervously said, "OK" and then he went out to face the dragon. Jack snuck around the outer wall of the house so he wouldn't be seen by the dragon, but the dragon saw him come out of the house. It swooped down and tried to eat Jack but Jack slit both of its throats. Jack then immediately remembered what the villager had told him and said to himself, "Oh no...!", and then the dragon grew three heads! So then Jack panicked and ran straight toward the dragon with his sword and he put the sword right in the dragon's heart. Then the dragon died instantly and became ashes.



The people of Yanglehest praised Jack and told him that he was their hero and that he could come back whenever he wanted. The two towns of Edellbrook and Yanglehest lived happily ever after.



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or email your submission to cbjordan@hometownlife.com by **March 28**

Winning submissions will be announced in a future Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Property tax seminar

Gary F. Allen, a Northville attorney, wants to make sure he gets the word out about a new Michigan law that could potentially impact all Michigan residential property owners. The new law, effective Dec. 31, 2013, provides that a transfer of residential real property to a relative, including a spouse, father or mother, father or mother of the spouse, or son or daughter, will not uncap property taxes.



Allen

This new law will not apply for deeds from a trust, from a will, or if executed before Dec. 31, 2013.

Allen will be providing a free seminar series at the Northville Community Center to teach people how to take advantage of the new law and save on property taxes. The seminars will begin with "Estate Planning" Monday, March 17, followed by "Outliving Your Assets" on Monday, March 24, "Retirement Accounts: IRAs, 401k, 403b, etc." on Monday, March 31, and "Taxes" on Monday, April 7.

There will be a morning session from 10-11:30 a.m. and evening session from 6:30-8 p.m. To register for any of the seminars, call 248-349-4140 between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Northville Community Center is located at 303 W. Main Street.

Allen, a licensed Michigan Attorney for 30 years, graduated from the University of Michigan School of Business and the University of Michigan Law School. His focus is on estate planning, elder law and retirement planning. He is a member of the Probate and Estates Section and the Elder Law Section of the Michigan Bar Association. He is also a VA certified attorney and a licensed insurance agent. For more information, visit www.gfalawfirm.com or call 248-912-6840.



Chris Schear, an electrician for Ranck Electric, helps guide into place one of the 3,000 solar panels that are going up in Lyon Township along I-96 near Old Plank Road. Each panel should be able to generate, at peak-wattage, about 700 watts of electricity. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

DTE installing solar panels along I-96

3,000 panels
expected to be
online by May

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

Let it shine.

Drivers along I-96 east of Milford Road may have noticed some 3,000 solar panels being installed near Old Plank Road in Lyon Township. It's DTE's biggest solar energy project so far, said Scott Simons, DTE spokesman. When the project is complete it will provide 818 kilowatts of electricity, enough to power about 150 homes.

"It's hard to follow an electron, but they generally follow the path of least resistance and will likely be used by area residents and businesses," he said.

The panels are built on property owned by Milford Tree Farm. Simons said DTE has a 20-year contract with the property owner, which includes an upfront payment and annual payments through the contract. He declined to share specifics on the agreement. The property owner wasn't available for comment.

The \$3.5 million investment in Lyon covers

installation, construction and design. Simons said the project should be completed by May.

Lyon's project is the 19th solar energy plan in southeast Michigan. Others include Ford Assembly in Wayne; Monroe County Community College; Mercy High School in Farmington Hills and a rooftop installation at Blue Cross Blue Shield in downtown Detroit.

While the location won't produce a tremendous amount of energy compared to traditional energy producers, like the Fermi nuclear plant that puts off 1,100 megawatts, it is a step in making headway in alternative methods, Simons said, adding that this is DTE Energy's largest solar energy project so far in the state.

The state legislature has mandated DTE and other energy companies reach a 10 percent renewable energy goal by 2015. The Lyon solar energy is "eight-10ths of the total needed," Simons said.

More solar renewal projects are on the way and at least one will be bigger than the Lyon solar site, he added.

The Lyon solar project has a lot of visibility on the north side of Interstate 96, west of Old

Plank Road. Letting the public know the company is committed to renewable energy production is key, said Simons. DTE started its solar initiative in 2009.

The location is good, because "it gets a lot of sun, we had an interested property owner and it has high visibility, so people know we are involved with renewal energy," he said.

Most DTE solar energy partners are with large organizations.

"Less than a handful are with individuals," Simons said. "We aren't really looking for partners, but if people think they have a rooftop or adequate amount of ground to host a solar energy project we are more than willing to hear from them."

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Electrician Bill Dillionson installs a solar panel at the Milford Tree Farm, where DTE is installing one of its largest solar energy fields.

Reasons why businesses turn to Observer & Eccentric Media LOCAL

Marvin Jarbo, Owner of Eastern Market of Canton speaking about advertising success in Observer & Eccentric Media



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Dentist pays visit to local preschool



In honor of Dental Health Month (in February) Matthew Talcott of Northville Family Dentistry paid a visit to Northville Presbyterian Preschool last month to teach the children there about dental hygiene. Talcott brought along his daughter Alexis (pictured with her father), a former student at the preschool, to help demonstrate the proper way to brush and care for teeth. Northville Family Dentistry is located at 434 N. Center Street. "The children really enjoyed the presentation," said Lisa Higley, director of the preschool, located at 200 E. Main Street.

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REALTORS GLAD TO SHAKE HANDS, GET LEADS AT CANTON EXPO

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Canton Home Improvement Expo gave local Realtors a chance to meet and greet March 1-2 at the Summit.

Reaching out to customers, as well as the bankers who attended, was Keller Williams Realty's John Gitre, a Canton resident who sells in the Novi-Northville area. He's been in the business 10 years.

"Great," Gitre said of business. "Sales are up, home prices are up. You can't really ask for a better market at this time."

Interest rates remain relatively low, Gitre added. He's lived in Michigan his entire life and was able to ride out the recession.

"Our economy is cyclical," he said. "People pulled back." They were worried about further job cuts and weren't spending.

In 2011, he saw the Michigan economy and housing market start a rebound. "They felt more secure. That major weight's been lifted off their shoulders," said Gitre, who's online at www.johngitre.com.

His buyers rarely choose fixer-uppers. Gitre agreed school systems are key, but "it is up to your child." He asks clients where they work, and where family and friends live.

"You have to approach every buyer differently," he said.

It was his first year at the Home Improvement Expo, under sponsorship of Canton Township, the Canton Cham-



Realtors, bankers and many other home pros were present at the annual Canton Home Improvement Expo at the Summit March 1-2.

ber of Commerce and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

"I plan on being back here next year," he said, adding, "One thing I like about real estate, you're always learning. I find it an interesting industry to be in."

He's glad there are fewer short sales and foreclosed homes now, and noted even those tend to be in solid shape. "A smart seller will fix up their house, do the minor things," Gitre added.

Realtor Marie LaGrow's with Remerica Hometown in Plymouth Township, and a Canton resident. She and husband Denny, a Realtor with

whom she works, also had a table at the expo.

Marie LaGrow has 17 years in the field. "Things were touch and go for everybody, but they are starting to come back," she said. She agreed 2011 was when the market began to improve.

"It's very good for all of us," she said, adding home values are coming up some. "So now's the time to buy, especially if you're moving up."

The LaGrows sell throughout Wayne, Livingston, Oakland and Washtenaw counties and even have a Boston, Mass., customer on an estate sale. "It makes it so much easier," Marie LaGrow said of technology

enabling them to expand services. "We're flexible now."

"The baby boomers want to downsize," she said of current customers, also with young families seeking bigger quarters. "There is a lot of demand," she said, and good deals.

"Hard work" got them through the recession. "But we did it. It's on the way up," she said. She has a variety of customers at Remerica Hometown and hears from them on the couple's website, www.LaGrows.com.

"It all depends on what their needs are," she said.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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

BEVERLY HILLS

16321 Birwood Ave	\$255,000
17969 Kinross Ave	\$294,000
15701 Kirkshire Ave	\$175,000
22200 Orchard Way	\$215,000
32525 Plumwood St	\$380,000
32055 Sheridan Dr	\$250,000
30300 Woodhaven Ln	\$419,000

BINGHAM FARMS

30725 Ivy Glen Ct	\$320,000
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BIRMINGHAM

1917 Cole St	\$189,000
1596 Hazel St	\$252,000
309 N Eton St	\$92,000
315 N Eton St # A	\$92,000
909 Pierce St	\$735,000
685 Southfield Rd	\$533,000
240 W Lincoln St	\$212,000
1685 W Lincoln St	\$290,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

2076 Devonshire Rd	\$185,000
5395 Hickory Bnd	\$190,000
4061 Hidden Woods Dr	\$275,000
7456 Lindenmere Dr	\$505,000
651 Orchard Ridge Rd	\$1,650,000
4355 Risdon Ct	\$195,000
4446 Tanbark St	\$500,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

6631 Castle Dr	\$200,000
2043 Eagle Pointe	\$212,000

320 Hillboro Dr	\$359,000
3890 Lincoln Rd	\$1,300,000
1839 Long Lake Shore Dr	\$405,000
1250 Marymar Ln	\$425,000
557 Newburne Pointe	\$460,000
2434 Parcels Cir	\$114,000
1338 S Carillon Ct	\$1,148,000
310 S Cranbrook Cross Rd	\$195,000
1834 Spring Grove Rd	\$252,000
204 Woodedge Dr	\$265,000
5175 Woodlands Dr	\$280,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

1771 Applebrook Dr	\$50,000
5460 Bridge Trl E	\$364,000
3535 Car Dr	\$340,000
215 E Wise Rd	\$110,000
2813 Greenlawn Ave	\$275,000
8493 Hummingbird	\$310,000
5675 Lancaster Ln	\$315,000
2650 Old Sherwood Ct	\$270,000
2334 Palmetto	\$190,000
9557 Trace Hollow Ct	\$25,000
6180 Turnberry Dr	\$235,000

FARMINGTON

35624 Briar Ridge Ln	\$193,000
24041 Farmington Rd	\$240,000
23350 Woodhaven Ct	\$300,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

29624 Ardmore Dr	\$390,000
28484 Bayberry Rd	\$175,000
31645 Belmont St	\$145,000
35305 Blue Spruce Dr	\$214,000
29638 Briarton St	\$155,000
36837 Chesapeake Rd	\$205,000
32241 Farmersville Rd	\$160,000
25977 Killeigh Dr	\$183,000
30169 Kingsway Dr	\$288,000

35133 Meadow Ln	\$145,000
29740 Minglewood Ln	\$200,000
33260 Oak Hollow St	\$250,000
29148 Raleigh Rd	\$223,000
29286 Stillwater	\$304,000
30578 W 10 Mile Rd	\$123,000
28921 Wellington St	\$375,000

FRANKLIN

25620 Meadowdale St	\$603,000
30135 Woodside Dr	\$379,000

LATHRUP VILLAGE

19067 Rainbow Dr	\$165,000
28280 Woodworth Way	\$150,000

MILFORD

999 Byron Dr	\$147,000
637 Dorchester Way	\$260,000
3110 E Maple Rd	\$265,000
4186 Grondinwood Ln	\$385,000
1471 Lone Tree Rd	\$209,000
290 Napa Valley Dr	\$293,000
505 S Main St	\$237,000
1290 Yellowstone Valley Dr	\$255,000

NORTHVILLE

20912 E Glen Haven Cir	\$85,000
42171 Gladwin St	\$132,000
51120 Park Place Dr	\$579,000
42159 Pellston Dr	\$130,000
42129 Roscommon St	\$95,000

NOVI

30768 Ardmore Ct	\$105,000
24766 Bashian Dr	\$115,000
22682 Bertram Dr	\$413,000
28318 Carlton Way Dr	\$168,000
28358 Clymer Dr	\$87,000
50413 Drakes Bay Dr	\$672,000
24316 Jamestowne Rd	\$205,000

24764 Jamestowne Rd	\$300,000
27022 Ladbroke St	\$258,000
27092 Ladbroke St	\$274,000
44533 Louvert Ct	\$240,000
45651 Marlborough Pl	\$424,000
22744 Meadowbrook Rd	\$242,000
41617 Mitchell Rd	\$248,000
24602 Olde Orchard St	\$105,000
2440 Shawood St	\$221,000
24792 Sutherland Dr	\$318,000
22916 Talford St	\$65,000

SOUTH LYON

57479 11 Mile Rd	\$431,000
59272 Carriage Ln	\$302,000
23931 Copperwood Dr W	\$302,000
660 E Ridge St	\$175,000
61194 Greenwood Dr	\$73,000
253 Harvard Ave	\$131,000
23472 Prescott Ln E	\$368,000
52035 Red Cedar	\$397,000
23339 Sawgrass Ct S	\$360,000
58709 Swing Beam Ct	\$79,000

SOUTHFIELD

507 Fifth St	\$135,000
27300 Berkshire Dr	\$127,000
21771 Frazer Ave	\$20,000
18115 Magnolia Ave	\$100,000
28555 River Crest Dr	\$190,000
27140 Selkirk St	\$141,000
17359 Silver Maple St	\$135,000
21468 Stahelin Rd	\$74,000

WHITE LAKE

524 Union Lake Rd	\$46,000
24 Wildrose Dr	\$255,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 11-15, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

40581 Blythefield Ln	\$129,000
50458 Burr St	\$260,000
338 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$163,000
44941 Coachman Ct	\$149,000
4149 Cornerstone Dr	\$149,000
434 Country Club Ln	\$346,000
45491 Glengarry Blvd	\$335,000
4148 Hunters Cir W	\$81,000
2041 N Arbor Way Dr	\$93,000
45425 Plum Holw	\$250,000
7523 Pointe Dr	\$203,000
42427 Saltz Rd	\$170,000
46941 Sherstone Dr	\$248,000
4052 Sherwood Cir	\$219,000
738 Sorel Dr	\$223,000
46871 Torrey Hill Ct	\$269,000
1768 Tradition Dr	\$452,000
47617 Vistas Circle Dr N	\$238,000
43539 W Arbor Way Dr	\$79,000

GARDEN CITY

31028 Balmoral St	\$80,000
32319 Barton St	\$108,000
5850 Deering St	\$20,000

LIVONIA

36261 Club Dr	\$37,000
18903 Comstock St	\$294,000
17403 Country Club Ct	\$220,000
36039 Curtis Rd	\$330,000
11019 Fairfield St	\$151,000
11011 Flamingo St	\$140,000
30001 Hathaway St	\$120,000
31693 Hillbrook St	\$209,000
9112 Hix Rd	\$145,000
9112 Hubbard St	\$145,000
9627 Ingram St	\$165,000
19225 Meadowridge Dr	\$127,000
16523 Middlebelt Rd	\$48,000
11003 Milburn St	\$143,000
31066 Minton St	\$127,000
18512 Norwich Rd	\$127,000
29643 Nottingham Cir	\$91,000
11240 Oxbow St	\$133,000
33869 Pondview Cir	\$69,000
19980 Rensellor St	\$22,000
29104 Saint Martins St	\$177,000
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Robert Meisner

Senior status documents vary

Q. We are on the board of a senior community under the exceptions to the Fair Housing Act, and we asked our members to complete an age verification form and provide a copy of a Driver's License. In the past, we have filled out an affidavit of compliance which asked for a signature under penalty of law. I thought this fulfilled our requirements to maintain our senior status. What do you think?

A: An affidavit satisfies the requirement, but so does a driver's license. By their nature, senior communities engage in permissible discrimination. Such discrimination is allowed by the federal government under the Housing for Older Persons Act of 1995 which is overseen by HUD. To meet the age verification requirements the following documents are deemed reliable by HUD: birth certificate; driver's license; passports; immigration card; military I.D.; and any other local, state, federal or international documentation so long as the document contains information regarding the age of the individual.

Q: Our condominium association decided on a plan to renovate the whole complex except for one building. It levied an additional assessment against all unit owners of all of the buildings except the one building where no work was going to be done. Two years later, the unit owners in that building requested renovations and after receiving bids, the Association assessed each building unit owner in that building over and above the amount that had been assessed against the other co-owners in the earlier building. Some in our building have paid only the amount that the others in the other buildings paid. The question is do we have an obligation to pay more than what the other buildings were additionally assessed? What do you think?

A: Obviously, the answer to your question is document intensive and you must look at the documents to determine the ability of the board to assess and in what manner. However, in a similar situation out of North Carolina, the Supreme Court there agreed with the trial court that the assessment was unlawful because the Condominium Act, the Declaration (Master Deed) and Bylaws all require that assessments be uniform and pro-rata based on the percentage of the unit owners' respective undivided interest in the common areas. They pointed out that in that case, there were two separate assessments years apart and the latter assessment levied against only unit owners in the later building was not uniformly assessed against all co-owners. The court read the governing documents to require that each assessment must be levied pro-rata uniformly upon each co-owner.

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Car Report

Nissan Gets Last Word on Ad as Sales of 2014 Rogue Keep Surging



By Dale Buss

Several weeks ago, Nissan was forced to issue a corporate apology for overwhelming NFL telecasts and other TV shows with the same advertisement for the new version of its Nissan Rogue.

But guess what?

February sales results demonstrated that Nissan's blanket-advertising approach for its improved crossover — so annoying to some media pundits and others — was exactly the right strategy.

The crucial new version of Rogue feature better fuel economy, an available third-row seat and more technology features, correcting some of the important deficiencies in the original version that was an overall hit anyway.

Dealers moved this new Rogue at a blistering pace even amid the awful weather of February, and no doubt a good number of buyers had that annoying advertisement

dancing around in their heads.

Nissan Rogue sales increased by 72 percent in February over the year earlier, when the brand was selling an earlier version of the vehicle. Nissan sold more than 17,000 Rogues in the month, making the nameplate the second-highest-volume vehicle in the entire Nissan lineup, by far, after the bread-and-butter Altima sedan.

Including January, Rogue sales of more than 31,000 units for the year-to-date were a whopping 64 percent ahead of a year earlier.

A year ago, Rogue ranked only No. 4 in February sales among all of the company's nameplates. Nissan executed a major upgrade of the vehicle precisely because, as its main entry in the hot compact-crossover market, Rogue carried outsized importance.

In turn, Rogue's sales surge in February was the key to a strong monthly performance by Nissan amid a flat overall market and major shortfalls by several brands, most of which were blamed on the severe winter.

Nissan sales in February rose by 17 percent, and the company overall (including Infiniti) now has replaced American Honda as the No. 5 automaker in the United States, through February. The Nissan brand bumped the Honda brand to become No. 4 behind Ford, Chevrolet and Toyota.

Such results are important baby steps in the surge that Nissan is attempting to engineer for its brand in a challenging U.S. market that may indeed — weather-induced one-offs aside — be slowing down a bit.

And the Rogue's boffo sales performance seems to have justified Nissan's overwhelming the U.S. airwaves about two months ago with the ad — everyone knows it by now — that depicted the new Rogue leaping onto the back of a commuter train to illustrate with hyperbole that it is a fun and capable drive.

At the time, however, it wasn't too pleasant for Nissan to deal with the blowback to the incessant running of that single

commercial.

Typical was this Tweet by Jane Wells, a CNBC Los Angeles reporter: "In a Wells administration, networks can only run the Nissan Rogue ad once an hour."

Soon Nissan was issuing tweets of apology in response to specific individual complaints but with this general tone: "Sorry. We hear you. May have been a little TOO excited about the Rogue. Working w/ networks to show less this wknd. Our bad!"

There's nothing Nissan must apologize for in the vehicle itself. As the "Commute" ad and other advertising for the car amply points out, this is a nimble and more capable new Rogue that Nissan is aiming at an important market segment.

It's also roomier and more flexible inside. One common criticism of the original vehicle, which was introduced just six years ago, was that its 59.7-cubic-foot cargo capacity was relatively modest, even for the compact-SUV segment. The 2014 Rogue has expanded that space to 70 cubic feet, and an innovative "Divide-N-Hide" configurable rear storage system also is available.

Also, the original version of Rogue had a second-row seat that didn't slide or recline. Voila! The 2014 Rogue

does both, with a useful 40/20/40-split configuration to boot. Nissan also has added an optional third-row seat. Edmunds.com pointed out that this was "a particularly shrewd move" given that the competing Toyota RAV4 no longer offers one — without increasing Rogue's overall size or weight.

Under the hood, the new Rogue sports a 28-mpg-combined EPA estimate, even with all-wheel drive. Its 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine generates 170 horsepower. Its softened suspension yields "tepid handling," Edmunds.com opined,



The image seen by (nearly) all of America: the "Commute" ad

compared with the sport and similarly fuel-efficient 2014 Mazda CX-5. And the two-row 2014 Hyundai Santa Fe Sport promises "superior performance and a unique sense of style," Edmunds.com said.

For Nissan, combining its capable new Rogue with January and February sales means never having to say you're sorry again.



Nissan greatly improved the 2014 Rogue.

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Do background check on potential employer

By Alina Dizik
Contributing Writer

Job seekers aren't the only ones who should undergo a lengthy background check; it's important that candidates research the company, too. Anything from pending lawsuits, bankruptcies or layoffs can be enough to raise a red flag. It's important to understand what you're getting into before accepting any position.

Doing background research also will help you ask all the right questions during an interview and impress hiring managers. Not sure where to start when it comes to researching the company?

Here's how to conduct your own background check on a potential employer:

Check the finances

"Always look at the financial stability of the company," says Jonny Laurent, vice president

and general manager of Sage Employer Solutions, a recruiting firm. While it may be difficult to find specific information for a private company, it's important to try. Do online research, search local news sources and ask former or current employees -- do some quick digging to make sure your employer is viable. When companies experience important financial events like bankruptcies, there's a greater chance you'll be able to find out about them and track results.

Gauge the company culture

Speaking to current or former employees can help you understand whether you're a cultural fit with the company before you take the job. If you're not comfortable with areas of a company's culture, it can hurt your career. For example, a place that prizes cutthroat tactics to get ahead may be the wrong fit for someone who is looking for a team-oriented environment. "Find people in your network or close to your network who



do work or have worked for them and start a dialogue," says Laurent, who suggests LinkedIn as a good start. "Unless there is overwhelming evidence that the company is a bad fit, do not sell the company short and still interview, but now you can interview with open eyes."

Check its problem-solving record

The way a company approaches problems can be a good indicator of whether you'd want to work there and how the company treats its workforce. Before taking a job, find out "what has been the company's greatest challenge over the past year and how have they approached and solved the problem," says Jayne Mattson, senior vice president of Keystone Associates, a career management company with offices in New England. In a weak economy, it can be especially telling to see how a company has dealt with tough times. For example, if it's been able to grow an area of its business -- and you're being hired for a new position -- it can be a sign of good leadership.

Track layoffs and career progression

For most people, the biggest fear once they take on a new job is a layoff. And while that risk can't be entirely prevented, it's good to understand a company's track record. If the company has had multiple rounds of layoffs, it pays to be more careful when taking the role.

Additionally, try to find out who had your job previously, why she left and where she went. Knowing your career options after you're ready to move jobs can be a good way to gauge fit.

If you have any lingering questions, don't be afraid to

speak up when talking with the recruiter or during an interview with the company. Not only will it help calm your anxiety, but it'll show hiring managers that you've done your homework and understand the company. A background search "will help you and the company make sure the role is going to be a good fit for both of you," Mattson says. "Ask questions that will get to the heart of what you are trying to understand, so you will make the right career decision."

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