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Steak dinners are \$12 or \$6 for a hamburger dinner. For more information, visit www.semperrfi162.org or call Commandant Mark Sutton at 248-390-5481.

State of Community

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is now selling tickets for its annual State of the Community Luncheon that will be held noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, at Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 W. Eight Mile Road.

Tickets are \$40 per person, and includes lunch. Reservations may be made by contacting the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or by email at tracisinc@northville.org.

Fire Chief Allen to retire after 50 years with city

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Over the last half century or so in Northville there have been a few important community mainstays, like Guernsey Farms Dairy, Parmenter's Cider Mill, Northville Downs and Fire Chief James Allen.

After years of service as the City of Northville's first full-time fire chief, Allen will hang up his boots this summer after 50 years with the department.

"It's time," Allen said of his retirement. "I'm a little apprehensive because it's been practically my whole life doing this, but I'm looking forward to a new stage in life."

Born in Flint in 1937, but

raised in Northville, Allen was always interested in fire fighting. Initially, his service in the Army Reserves prevented him from joining, but eventually he was able to join after serving with the Northville Police Department.

His family has a long history in Northville. His father served as mayor and his son and granddaughter both served with the fire department. His son, Scott, now serves in Redford. Additionally, his daughter Shari works at City Hall.

The Allens were also the former owners of Inch Memorials, which is located on S. Main Street. He remembers going to



James Allen, longtime Northville Fire Department employee and current chief, plans on retiring early this summer after serving the community for 50 years. Allen has been Northville's chief since 1978. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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New employees go through training at Cantoro's Market last week. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Long-awaited Cantoro's Market opening this week

By **David Veselenak**
Staff Writer

Putting in long hours prepping a business opening can be taxing. But for Cantoro's Italian Market grocery manager Van Karibian, it's just part of the excitement.

"We're just anxious to get everything going," the Shelby Township resident said. "We have all the product up and all the neat stuff we brought up from Italy. It's going to be a destination; it's not just going to be shopping."

Karibian is one of 150 employees ready to work at the new Cantoro's Italian Market opening Wednesday at 15550 Haggerty, just north of Five Mile in Northville Township, though it has a Plymouth mailing address. The location is the second Cantoro's Market and is significantly larger than the current store, located on Middlebelt in Livonia, which will remain open.

At the new market, patrons are invited to come in and not only shop, but spend time perusing the various goods available, as well as perhaps sit down and enjoy a fine meal or glass of wine.

"We have a different outlook than most (shops) do," said Mike Larranaga, the sommelier at the new Cantoro's Market. "We want to be a gathering



The long-awaited opening of Cantoro's Italian Market is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19.

place like in Italy. The markets there, they're gathering places. I just want them to come and hang out. I want this to be a comfortable place."

Visitors to Cantoro's can come beginning Wednesday and browse aisles full of imported Italian groceries, cheeses, wines and other items. Sausage and pasta will be made on-site using fresh ingredients. A wide selection of wines, specialty liquors and Michigan craft beer is also available.

For those interested in staying a while, Cantoro's Market will also have several tables set

up for meals and a bar. The upstairs overlooking the market is large enough to host wedding receptions, which Larranaga said the shop has already started booking: it will begin to take place later this summer.

Downstairs, the market holds its wine cellar, a place where tasters, enthusiasts and businesses can hold events complete with winemakers. There will be several clubs that will meet in the wine cellar, including wine clubs, a cheese club and a dinner club. Larra-

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Romney's niece taking on bigger role with Republican Party

By **Kurt Kuban**
Staff Writer

Ronna Romney-McDaniel has never shied away from her political beliefs.

Whether it was handing out fliers for school board candidates when she was a just a child, or more recently campaigning for her famous uncle, Mitt Romney, during his failed bid to become president of the United States, the Northville Township resident has always spoken her mind when it comes to politics.

Well, after being elected last month as the committee woman representing Michigan with the Republican National Committee, Romney-McDaniel, 40, will have a lot more people listening.

After defeating two other candidates for the national unpaid position, Romney McDaniel replaces Terri Lynn Land, who had to step down because she is running for U.S. Senate against Democrat Gary Peters. Michigan's three representatives on the RNC include Romney-McDaniel, Dave Agema, who has sparked controversy with his anti-gay views, and Michigan Republican Party Chair Bobby Schostak. She will complete Land's term, which expires in the summer of 2016.

McDaniel is a party activist from Northville and the daughter of Ronna Romney, a former U.S. Senate candidate, and Scott Romney, an attorney who is Mitt Romney's brother.

Romney-McDaniel grew up in the Bloomfield area, before going off to college and then getting married. She moved back to Michigan in 2007 and chose Northville Township. Today she is a proud stay-at-home mom, with two young children attending Northville's Ridge Wood Elementary.

"It's a great community.

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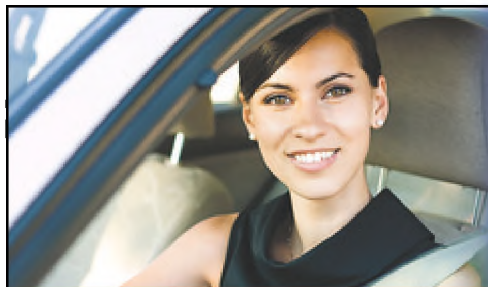
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naga said he's already had some winemakers visit, including former University of Michigan football player Charles Woodson, who owns a winery in California.

The wine cellar was originally not planned with the market, Larranaga said. One of the two brothers who own the market made a comment regarding a wine cellar and, shortly afterward, contractors were out digging out a cellar, located under the parking lot.

"We do beautiful dinners down here," Larranaga said.

The market is unique to southeast Michigan, Larranaga said. Other cities in the United States, such as New York and Chicago, have markets similar to Cantoro's, but nothing in metro Detroit compares, he said, a movement ushered in by the shop's owners, the Fallone family.

That's one reason the shop has delayed its opening until March, he



Colleen "The Cheese Lady" Elliot cuts Locatelli Pecorino Romano from a large wheel of cheese.

said. Many times, the delay came from the shop employees looking to make improvements to the market, which can take time. Those improvements, Larranaga said, should be worth the wait to patrons.

"This blows everything away," he said. "I've done lectures in Napa, I've done them all over California, this is unlike anything that I've done."

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Mike Larranaga officially is sommelier for the new Cantoro's, but his wide experience means that he has a hand in many of the tasks. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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school in Northville when sixth-grade was being taught in a classroom that was inside a home. He's seen the community grow from a small village into a vibrant downtown and city.

Building a strong fire department has been his main goal since he started. Over the years the department has grown and now includes around 60 on-call firefighters, serving both the cities of Northville and Plymouth. His leadership has always been consistent, he said.

"I've tried to lead by example," he said. "Now I'm older and getting out

of bed in the middle of the night has become more difficult, so I would never want to continue doing this if I could not put my full energy into the job."

Northville City Manager Pat Sullivan said the chief will surely be missed.

"We will miss his incredible loyalty and dedication to the Northville Fire Department. He has helped to create a great tradition of service in our department and he's part of the reason our paid on call firefighters give so much of their time and energy to the department and the community," Sullivan said.

For Allen, some of the memories that stand out over the years are the three plane crashes,

including a fighter jet over Rogers Street with the pilot bailing out over Fish Hatchery Park, that happened and fires at the old laundry mat and furniture store.

He said the big difference since the 1960s and '70s is the amount of awareness that has been raised with fire safety. Through the help of inspections and safety programs, he said a lot of potential emergencies have been prevented.

One thing he will miss is the camaraderie in the fire house. Before making his announcement public he told his officers first, who he said were surprised.

"I'm proud of this whole department and will miss the good working relationship that

we've developed," he said looking back. "They're a dedicated group of hardworking people."

He hopes the next chief will continue to help make the department a quality one.

He's unsure about what's next for him. He said he will spend more time with his wife Patricia, whom he met in ninth-grade while going to Northville High, and maybe do some traveling.

"It will be different to not have to get up early each day, but maybe now I will be able to take that long vacation I haven't had in some time."

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When we saw the soccer fields and the kids playing, we thought this is the place for us. This is where we want to raise our family. And it has that great neighbor feel. We just love it," she said of Northville.

Although she's always been politically active, Romney-McDaniel took on a bigger role trying to get her Uncle Mitt elected in 2012. She traveled around speaking with women and trying to convince them to vote Republican. The experience really energized her, and she believes in her new role she can make a difference in the 2014 and 2016 elections.

Her immediate goals are to help energize the Republican base at the grassroots level, and get Gov. Rick Snyder and the rest of the Republican slate re-elected in Michigan.

We caught up with her recently and asked how she plans to achieve these goals.

Northville Record: With your uncle being who he is and your family very political, was politics something you were always interested in?

Romney-McDaniel: "We were always involved. In early childhood, I worked on handing out fliers for the local school board race. My aunt ran for precinct delegate at one point. I handed out fliers at the library. It's just something that's been part of our family, being civic minded. We talked about volunteerism and public service at the dinner table. So I don't think it's surprising that I still have that interest after growing up in such a family.

Northville Record: Was working on your uncle's campaign your first big foray into na-

I think the biggest challenge is always communicating with the voters.

RONNA ROMNEY-MCDANIEL
committee woman representing Michigan with the Republican National Committee

tional politics?

Romney-McDaniel: Working for the Women For Mitt Coalition and traveling around the state, speaking to women during that race prepared me for this position and kind of gave me a taste of what it is like to talk to women about issues facing them. And talk to them about our party's perspectives about ways we can help women. And that kind of led to this national committeewoman's role.

Northville Record: Was this position with the RNC something you were interested in, or did someone approach you about running?

Romney-McDaniel: No, I was not approached. It was something I was interested in. I knew about the position. I knew Terri Lynn-Land very well, and she was running for Senate. So I thought she might have to resign, and it would be something I would be interested in. After she did, we had a little family round table session, and I decided to throw my hat in the ring.

Northville Record: What were some of the lessons you learned out campaigning in the 2012 election?

Romney-McDaniel: I think the main thing is everyone has a story. We are all part of a community together. And I think if you talk and listen, we have a lot in common. I think we have ideas that are on the right track that will make our state better. I think we all want the same things.

Northville Record: Discuss the RNC and its

role?

Romney-McDaniel: The Republican National Committee is kind of the governing body of the Republican Party. They meet three times a year. Our next meeting will be in Memphis in May. There is a national committee man and national committee woman from each state that are members of the RNC – and also the state Republican chair. So we have three members representing Michigan. The meeting in May will be my first meeting.

We'll talk about about resolutions and rules. One of the most recent changes they made is to the primary calendar for the Republican Party. It's going to be significantly different from 2012 in 2016. There will be less debates. The primary order is set in stone. Any state jumping ahead will have a much greater penalty in terms of their delegates, which Michigan has been one of those states in the past. With the new rules, states won't jump ahead. It's going to spread the primary calendar out.

Northville Record: Looking at the 2014 election, what are your goals in this new role?

Romney-McDaniel: My goals are to re-elect Governor Rick Snyder and Attorney General Bill Schuette, and to keep our Republican majorities in the state House and state Senate – and to grow those actually. And our Congressional delegation, the Supreme Court, Ruth Johnson for secretary of state. We've got a big ticket that we're fielding in 2014. It's a team that is working for Michigan. When I moved here in 2007 it was not going so well at that time. We've seen things done by Gov. Snyder and our Republican majorities that have seen our state grow. I want to help get that ticket re-elected.

Northville Record: What do you think are the biggest challenges to do that successfully?

Romney-McDaniel: I

think the biggest challenge is always communicating with the voters. You want to talk with them and make sure they're hearing the right things that are happening.

This is a grassroots, volunteer position. I'll knock on doors. I'll make the calls. That's what I did in 2012. I think a lot of it is working with the country chairs and the local chairs, and just getting our grassroots excited and encouraging them to get out and do the work that it takes to win an election.

Northville Record: You've talked about your role as a female and connecting with female voters. Your colleague Dave Agema has been in the news quite a bit for his colorful views. In your role do you have to combat that a little bit, or are you in line with his views?

Romney-McDaniel: I think my role is to represent the Republican Party, which is a party that is respectful and digni-

fied of all people of all circumstances. If you look at our platform, that's what it says. If you look at the preamble of our rules – that's the language that is used. I don't identify with any language that is derogatory or inflammatory towards any group or person. And the Republicans I know don't agree with that either.

Northville Record: What are the things Snyder has done successfully that you want focus on?

Romney-McDaniel: There's so many things. The population is growing. People are coming back to Michigan. We're starting to see incomes rise again. Our home prices are rising. Doing business in Michigan is a much better opportunity than it was under Granholt. Snyder has made doing business in Michigan an exciting prospect again.

What he's accomplished in the last four years is really remarkable. If you look at the

agenda he set forth and what he's accomplished. It's an amazing number of things he's tackled in his first term and I think he'll continue to do that in a second term.

Northville Record: You have been rumored to be interested in running for different offices. Do you see yourself running for some political office down the road?

Romney-McDaniel: I just got elected to this literally a month ago. This is my focus. I want to do this job well. I want to be a good mom. I want my kids to do well in school. Those are the focuses I have right now. I want to keep the governor in office and keep Michigan on the track that it is on. It's important to me that we continue to thrive, because I remember what it was like when we were really struggling under the Granholm administration.

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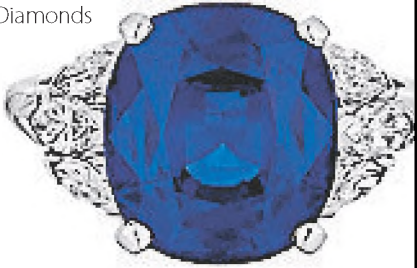
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Three local scouts earn Eagle status

Three local high school students have achieved the highest honor in the Boy Scouts by completing their Eagle projects. The three – **Michael Higgins**, **Hamilton Wilson**, and **Mark Leja** – are members of Troop 755 of Northville.

They were recognized at their Court of Honor March 8 at Mill Race Village.

Wilson, who attends Northville High School, constructed raised gardens for senior citizens that were interested in gardening but could not physically perform all of the responsibilities necessary to maintain and preserve a garden on their own. He built a total of six gardens, all of which are in use at Thayer's Corner. Two of the raised gardens had armrests for individuals who were physically disabled, while the rest were at a height comfortable for an elderly citizen.

Leja, who also attends Northville High School, constructed a brick pathway to a historical building located at Mill Race



Boy Scout Troop 755 members (from left) Michael Higgins, Hamilton Wilson, and Mark Leja recently achieved their Eagle rank. They were recognized at a Court of Honor March 8 at Mill Race Village.

Village in downtown Northville. Most historical buildings on the grounds had a brick pathway leading to its entrance except for one. Mark's project corrected that issue, insuring visitors of all ages and disabilities are able to safely tour the historical building.

To complete the project, the ground had to be raised, leveled, and graded for water drainage before he was able to construct the pathway which is

about 6 feet wide and 28 feet long. With the help of a few hardworking volunteers, he was able to construct a brick walkway that should last for many years.

Higgins, a student at Catholic Central High School, worked with an organization called Soldiers' Angels, a volunteer-led, nonprofit with thousands of volunteers providing aid and comfort to U.S. military personnel, veterans and their families.

His project consisted of putting together care packages of new and unused clothing, DVDs, snacks and toiletries. Michael distributed collection bags in area neighborhoods to solicit donations. The items were then sorted and mailed to a number of locations, including a military hospital in Germany and bases in Kandahar, Afghanistan. He received a tremendous amount of support from Novi and Northville residents, as well numerous families at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Student exhibit

The Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs will present their annual "Children's Exhibit" April 2-16 at Northville Square Mall in downtown Northville. Organizers encourage the public to visit the exhibit, and celebrate the work of the program's students.

The exhibit includes documentation from studies that represent the value of group learning in each of the classes in the Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs. The accompanying documentation is in the form of books, panels, and photos, and helps to tell the story of how the project emerged. Documentation makes visible ideas that are shared, problems that are solved among the children, and ultimately the learning and knowledge gained from the experience.

The exhibit is open to the public during regular mall hours.

'Cabaret for a Cause'

The Northville Sprouts Autism K-5 program invites the community to attend the 2nd Annual "Cabaret for a Cause" that will take place Thursday, April 17 at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Dinner Theater in downtown Northville. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The event will provide art and music funding for Northville Public Schools' Autism K-5 program based at Thornton Creek Elementary School. For the second year, "Encore!" a group of talented vocalists and thespians from Eastern Michigan University will perform after dinner.

For the second year, EMU's CTA Music Director Ryan Lewis is creating a musical, cabaret-style show specifically for Encore! to

perform at this special event, with choreography by Musical Theatre Professor and Broadway veteran, Phil Simmons.

Tickets are \$35 and include a five-course family-style Italian dinner, dessert, coffee and non-alcoholic beverages (cash bar available), and the live show. There will also be a silent auction. To reserve tickets, call Genitti's at 248-349-0522. A cash bar will be available.

To learn how to help the program or for more information, send an email to sproutswatchus-grow@gmail.com.

CMU students help out

Two Central Michigan University students with Northville roots are participating in CMU's Alternative Break program.

Northville junior Jessica Oakley is volunteering in St. Louis, Mo., with Food Outreach, an organization that provides nutritional support and enhances the quality of life of men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS or cancer. Northville junior Eric Ostrowski is volunteering in Omaha, Neb., at Completely KIDS, an education nonprofit.

CMU's Alternative Break program is offered through the Mary Ellen Brandell Volunteer Center. Students can pick a service experience dedicated to various social issues, such as children's health care, historical preservation and food justice. While many of their classmates are taking time off during spring break, these students strive to make a difference.

The Alternative Breaks program is offered through CMU's Mary Ellen Brandell Volunteer Center. Students can pick a service experience dedicated to various social issues, including children's health care, historical preservation, HIV/AIDS and education.

High fives all around



Winchester Elementary School student Anthony Penzato awaits some high-fives from his fellow fifth graders as they take part in a March 14 Fun Run to benefit their school. Kids sought pledges for participating in the hour-long sessions at the school with monies raised going to the school's PTO and other educational extra-school activities. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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It was all a blur as the kids got started in their race Sunday.

Chill can't keep runners from heating Kona paths

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

With temperatures in the teens and coming off an injury-plagued winter, Jeff Bord of Plymouth didn't figure he'd set any speed records in the 10K race sponsored by the Kona Running Company in Plymouth Sunday.

The Kona St. Patrick's Day Run (which replaced the ShamRock n Roll Run), drew some 3,400 runners in a variety of runs/walks celebrating the Irish holiday. Those runners braved temperatures around 15 degrees at start time, and it never got much warmer.

That didn't stop Bord from winning his race.

"It's early in the season, and I was injured most of the winter," Bord said. "I just wanted to get

a couple of races in. I've run a lot better, but it was so cold."

The event featured 10K and 5K runs, a 5K walk and a mile, what organizers billed as a "festive race."

Alan Whitehead, Kona's owner and the race director, said the 3,400 participants was down from last year's event. And while that was true, the runners who did show up, Whitehead said, were simply determined to get outside despite the harsh winter.

"They come out, tolerate the cold for a couple of miles, and then they warm up," Whitehead said. "They're tired of being locked up inside and running on treadmills."

Jean Timlin of Northville came out early with

her 8-year-old son, Christopher. The pair are getting ready to run Ypsilanti's Color Run in June.

"Chris wants to get in shape," Jean Timlin said, and then smiled. "This is our spring tuneup."

Sarah Austin of Livonia got her first taste of competitive walking during a half-marathon she walked last fall. She came out to Sunday's Kona event to scratch that itch and to spend time with her buddy, Rebeka Sroczynski of Garden City.

"I got bit by the competitive walking bug (in October) and this one was a lot closer to home," Austin said. "It's a fun way to spend the morning with my friend."

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Jean Timlin of Northville braved the cold with her 8-year-old son, Christopher, as they prepare for the Color Run in Ypsilanti in June.

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Northville plans to be more ‘bikeable and walkable’

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The City of Northville’s non-motorized plan places an emphasis on regional connections while improving local pathways.

A connection to Maybury State Park and linking downtown to neighborhoods are just two of the improvements proposed in the plan, whose development was initiated last year and was led by a community steering committee made up of government officials and residents. Carlisle Wortman Associates of Ann Arbor also assisted in its devel-

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

As the City of Northville begins to plan future non-motorized trails, where do you think they should focus their efforts? Email your opinions to Editor Kurt Kuban at kku-ban@hometownlife.com.

opment.

The plan was adopted by City Council on March 3 by a 4-1 vote and in contains a list of priority routes with a schedule of short-term and long-term connection

projects. The overall goal is to make Northville a more “bikeable and walkable” community.

“One of the primary focuses of this plan was connectivity to regional trails, allowing people to travel on well-defined and marked paths throughout the city to reach several regional destinations,” said Northville Parks and Recreation Director, Jason Spiller.

Although she likes a lot of the plan, Councilwoman Nancy Darga voted against it because it didn’t put more emphasis on connections to local schools and neigh-

borhoods, especially those just outside of town to the east.

“It’s incomplete,” she said. “The priority should be getting to downtown and the schools.”

Those are priorities of the plan, but they are further down the line and more long-term. The top short-term priority, which is getting from Hines Park to Maybury State Park via Randolph Street, is proposed to be done in the next two to four years.

The plan also emphasizes working with neighboring communities like Novi and Northville Township, which are

implementing similar plans. Northville views itself as great hub for bicyclists, runners and walkers using the regional connections.

“The multi-community plan is important,” said Mayor Chris Johnson.

Northville’s plan allows for the connectivity throughout the city to several regional destinations, including the Metro Trail along the I-275/M-5 corridor.

“This plan is implementation-oriented and recommends both short and long-term improvements. It is intended to serve as a basis for future grant applications

and funding requests,” said Spiller of the next steps.

The first priority from Hines to Maybury is estimated to cost nearly \$1 million and will take some creative thinking as different road segments will need different designs to allow a connection along them. Some segments would have a sidewalk while others would have a paved shoulder or bike lane.

Any official start to the project will need some funding help first.

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Northville man featured in ‘Faces of Recovery’ calendar

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Richard Gibson, 52, of Northville is grateful for his more than 25 years of sobriety. He credits much of his success staying sober to the late Bob Probert, a Detroit Red Wings player who also battled substance abuse.

“When I met Bob, he was very encouraging,” said Gibson, whose family is originally from Garden City.

Gibson had his share of troubles at an early age, beginning with the loss of his father and subsequent difficulty dealing with his grief. He remembers oftentimes acting up in school and getting into trouble.

“I had lost my dad at 7. There was not really much in the way of grief counseling,” Gibson said. “It was unresolved grief, not having a male to guide me. It was just my hurt.”

After years of alcohol abuse, Gibson decided to give up drinking at the age of 27. Meeting Probert really helped his recovery. He recalls reading *Detroit Free Press* columnist Mitch Albom’s work on Probert, who



Richard Gibson of Northville credits former Detroit Red Wing Bob Probert with helping him get sober.

also lost his father at a young age. Gibson actually met Probert twice, the second time on Gibson’s first day on a job at Compuware in Detroit.

Today Gibson celebrates his sobriety and would like to help others, just like Probert helped him.

Gibson is one of 12 people featured in Henry Ford Health System’s “Faces of Recovery” calendar for 2014, his story in February.

“I wanted to be a part of it because I’ve been recovering. There were a few people that were inspirational to me in giving up drinking,” he said.

‘Managed to get through’

Gibson’s journey to a sober life was not always so certain. He remembers the darker days, which included a drunken driving conviction in 1983, bouts with depression that led him to be hospitalized, and two suicide attempts, including a jump from a building.

“Twice I ended up living on the street,” he says.

One of the big turning points was getting medication for his depression, which he said “helped me think more clearly.” He also got a job working as a manager for Little Caesars, which helped him with both interpersonal and job skills. He now works for two different area restaurants.

“I’m kind of reinventing myself at a later age,”

he said.

Gibson, who is single, has 11 nieces and nephews. He now volunteers with Sandcastles to help young children deal with grief. He’s done that about four years.

Gibson also reaches out to substance abusers on Facebook, encouraging them with his experiences.

He joined the First Presbyterian Church of Northville and understands more of his relationship with God. Gibson attends a Wednesday morning Bible study.

“When I quit, I really quit for good,” he said of drinking.

Probert’s influence

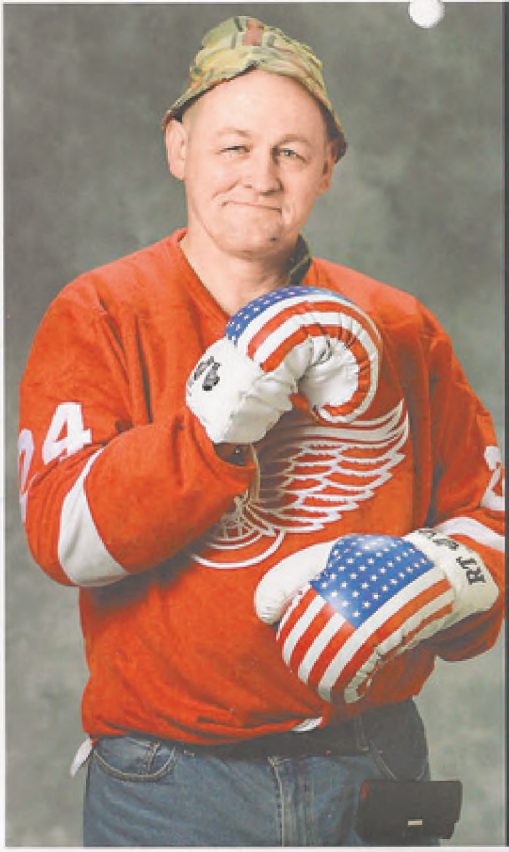
“He wanted good for me. I’m eternally grateful for him taking the time to show me support. When he passed, it just broke my heart,” Gibson said of Probert.

Gibson went to the funeral home to tell Probert’s widow how much he’d helped with sobriety. “She just broke down crying. She thought it was great,” he said.

Gibson wants other opportunities to help young people avoid substance abuse, and is also planning to work with Toastmasters to polish his speaking skills.

“You can eliminate some of the things that go hand in hand with substance abuse. I’d like to help others prevent what I went through,” he said.

His photo was taken by a pro for the Faces of Recovery calendar, and




Richard Gibson of Northville

Richard turned to alcohol at a young age to deal with a tragedy in his life. He found inspiration to do better after meeting the late Red Wings star, Bob Probert, also a recovering alcoholic at the time. Today, Richard says he feels like his life is finally falling into place.

“You miss 100% of the shots you don’t take.”

~ Wayne Gretzky



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Richard Gibson is featured in the February 2014 “Faces of Recovery” calendar of the Henry Ford Health System.

Gibson has copies to give to Probert’s widow and other supporters.

In 2006, CARE of Southeast Michigan and Project Vox, a recovery advocacy group, asked Henry Ford Macomb Hospitals to partner to produce a calendar that would highlight the success of people in recovery.

ery. CARE is a Macomb County-based agency that works to prevent and respond to issues including the misuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

The Faces of Recovery calendar debuted in 2007. It promotes messages of recovery from substance abuse addiction to raise awareness

that recovery is possible. It features residents from around the region offering a personal message of hope and encouragement about their experience with long-term recovery for each month of the year. For more information, visit www.careofsem.com.

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Northville Downs shakes off winter

Track officials excited 2014 will include thoroughbred races

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Challenging weather conditions and an uncertain future are not holding back Northville Downs from doing what it does best and that's host horse racing – both its traditional harness and now thoroughbred races, which will debut this fall.

The Downs started its harness racing season earlier this month despite the cold, snow, and brief warm up that has made getting the track ready a chore. The track had been really muddy due to temperatures getting above 40 degrees over a recent two day stretch, but the Downs maintenance crew got in shape.

"It's been a terrible winter, which everyone knows about and it has made it difficult for us to get ready," said Downs Operations Manager Mike Carlo. "However, we were able to start the season and it's turned out well so far."

The track at Center Street and Seven Mile Road has live harness racing from March 7–April 5, at 6:30 p.m. every Friday and Saturday. It's been hosting this style of racing for 100 years in Northville. It's a tradition they don't plan on stopping anytime soon.

"We aren't ready to hang up just yet," said Carlo, whose family owns and operates the track.

Evidence of that is from the recent decision from the Michigan Gaming Control Board approving thoroughbred racing at the Hazel Park Harness Raceway as



Jockeys warm up their mounts during a March 14 harness racing session at Northville Downs. The Downs began a shortened live harness racing season on March 7 – which will last about a month. The Downs is planning on introducing thoroughbred racing for a month this upcoming fall.



On March 6 the Northville Downs racetrack awaits the start of its limited, one-month harness racing season – which was to begin the next day. The Downs also plans on racing thoroughbreds in the fall.

well as at the Downs, which had previously been rejected for a license because the board needed more details of its plan. The Downs appealed the decision and won.

"We fought tooth and

nail for it," said Carlo of the thoroughbred license. "We think it's a step in the right direction and we're excited about it."

He added they now have a lot of work in front of them to prepare



Gravel is placed along the track at Northville Downs as it prepped earlier this month for its limited one-month race season. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

for it.

Among a variety of changes and additions to come, the track will have to flatten its surface from the current banked raceway as well as add a chute. It will also have to keep the Gaming Board updated on how this is all

going throughout the coming months.

The season is scheduled to run from Oct. 12–Nov. 16.

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All proceeds help the library and its programming. For more information, contact the library at 248-349-3020.

NHS reunion/golf outing

A Northville High School reunion for classes in the 1960s and 1970s will take place Aug. 9. Organizers are looking for alumni from those decades to attend and be involved.

For more information, contact Howie Ambinder at 248-463-0907 howieambinder@gmail.com

In addition, Northville High School alumni will be hosting a golf outing on Aug. 9 for any graduate or faculty member. The outing is a fundraiser for a scholarship in the memory of Robert Regenhart, Class of 1966.

For more information about the golf outing contact Rick Talbot at rtalbot19@yahoo.com or go to Northville High School Alumni Golf Outing.co

If you have any questions please call 248-463-0907 howieambinder@gmail.com

Northville Woman's Club

The Northville Woman's Club will hold its annual membership meeting and Salads & Sweets Luncheon at 1 p.m., March 21 at the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Northville. The event will include a free lunch raffle. The group's social committee will provide the place settings.

Members are encouraged to bring a guest. This will be the group's last meeting until the fall.

For more information, contact Virginia Martin at vmartin_realestateone@yahoo.com.

Samurai: Beyond the Sword

The Northville District Library is hosting a special program "Samurai: Beyond the Sword" on Monday, March 24 at 2 p.m. and again on Monday, March 31 at 7 p.m. in the library's main Carlo Meeting Room.

Come and 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. Broadening the stereotype of the warrior, explore the role of the military arts and the importance of Samurai engagement in the cultural, spiritual, and art worlds of their time.

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

Civic Concern help

Northville Civic Concern, a local food bank that helps local families, is in need of non-expired food for their bi-weekly distributions. They especially need canned fruit, side dishes (instant potatoes, rice or pasta dishes), breakfast cereals, canned meat products (tuna, chicken and stews), cans of pasta products (Spaghetti O's) and boxed macaroni and cheese.

These and other food items can be dropped off at Northville Civic Con-

cern, 43261 West Seven Mile Road in the Highland Lakes Plaza between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. During other times, food may be left at Cassel's Restaurant or Worldwide Alterations in the Highland Lakes Plaza, as well as at The UPS Store or The Great Harvest Bread Company in downtown Northville. Donations are also accepted at Northville City Hall.

Northville Civic Concern also accepts gas cards, or monetary donations. For more information about how you can help, call 248-344-1033.

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 Mach 29.

"Sustained Patterns" interprets human biology as a common theme. Wilt of Ann Arbor, who is in her 90s, has examined 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 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26, and May 3); and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays (March 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 week-day school shows are available at reduced ticket prices.

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

Spring bug hunt

Friends of the Rouge needs volunteers to help look for stoneflies, mayflies and other aquatic insects at the annual Spring Bug Hunt on April 12. Interested volunteers must pre-register by March 28. Children are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult.

The event begins at 9 a.m. at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Environmental Interpretive Center. Volunteers are assigned to teams of 4-8 people that each travel to two sites where they look for living things in samples collected from the river under the direction of a trained team leader. The number and type of bugs found is used to assess each site and data are submitted to the state and Rouge communities.

The Spring Bug Hunt is part of a long-term monitoring program that was created in 1998 to train local residents to collect information about the health of Rouge streams. It is coordinated by Friends of the Rouge and supported by the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project.

For more information or to sign up, visit www.therouge.org.

Republican to challenge Kowall in summer primary

Three seek 44th House district seat

By Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

The number of candidates seeking to represent local residents in Lansing is growing.

Republican Mike Kowall faces at least one primary challenger, and three people have so far filed the necessary paperwork to run for the Huron Valley's state House of Representatives seat, District 44. The primary election is Aug. 5 and the general election is Nov. 4.

Republican Ron Molnar of White Lake filed last week for the 15th Senate District seat. Kowall is finishing up his first term in the position. He previously announced his plans seeking re-election.

The district includes the Oakland County portion of Northville.

Molnar has not held political office in the past, although he has run several times. He ran for the 27th District state Senate seat four years ago while living in Genesee County. He also faced Mike Rogers for the U.S. Congress two years ago. He recently moved to White Lake, he

said. The 15th District represents western Oakland County in Lansing.

"We could use some fresh leadership," Molnar said. "I've seen what Gov. (Rick) Snyder has done with the business approach. We can use that. I think I can serve the district well. We have a long ways to go."

Molnar, a self-described "Ron Paul Republican" when he ran against Rogers, said too often politics have gotten in the way of doing what's best for Michigan. He likes Snyder's approach, he said, much better.

"As far as getting things done and getting people to work together, it's a good way of doing it," he said. "The political way is not a good way to do things. We all need to grow a little bit and improve."

Milford resident Mike Maddock issued a press release last month stating he was considering a run as a Republican for Kowall's Senate seat. Responding to an email last week, Maddock didn't indicate if he's made any further plans on the race.

Candidates must file no later than April 22 to run on the partisan ballot. Locally, the winner of the August primary election typically wins the general election in November, as well.

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Molnar

Going red for women



Northville resident Jo Bourjaily (left) and St. Clair Shores resident Renee Peck proudly wore the color red at the recent American Heart Association's Detroit Go Red For Women Luncheon at the MGM Grand Detroit that raised more than \$600,000 for the AHA's Go Red for Women Campaign. Comedienne Rosie O'Donnell was the keynote speaker and spoke firsthand about heart disease – the leading cause of death among women. She had a massive heart attack in 2012. JULIE YOLLES

City of Northville

Final Statement of Objectives

2014 Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Funds

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Women’s baseball of 1940s, 1950s brought to life at Novi library

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Betty Ruth Yahr, who died in 2010 at age 87, played right field for the Rockford Peaches in 1946, part of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League.

Yahr was interviewed for Canton’s Township local access cable channel in the 1990s by historian Virginia Bailey Parker, a Canton resident.

“She was just delightful,” Parker said. Parker had earlier been at the home of Terry Bennett, Canton Township clerk, and discovered Yahr was Bennett’s aunt.

“I got all excited because that was one of the teams featured in *A League of Their Own*,” Parker said.

Parker will share Yahr’s story at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, in a Novi Public Library program, “Summer at the Ball Park: The Story of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League.”

Yahr grew up in Ann Arbor and played amateur ball there. Her sports career began on the sandlots of Ann Arbor and through high school as a member of the Girls Athletic Club. She graduated from high



AAGPBL player Faye Dancer slides into a base. COURTESY OF CAROL SHELDON COLLECTION

school in 1941.

Her scouting report, contract, pay stubs, baseball glove and team hat, along with other memorabilia, were donated to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. These items are in the museum and library there.

After professional ball, she played for a local semi-pro team, Dad’s Root Beer, and continued coaching and playing recreational ball.

Parker’s presentation at the Novi library will cover the AAGPBL and the history of women’s baseball in general. “Then I’m going to share some of Betty’s stories,”

she said.

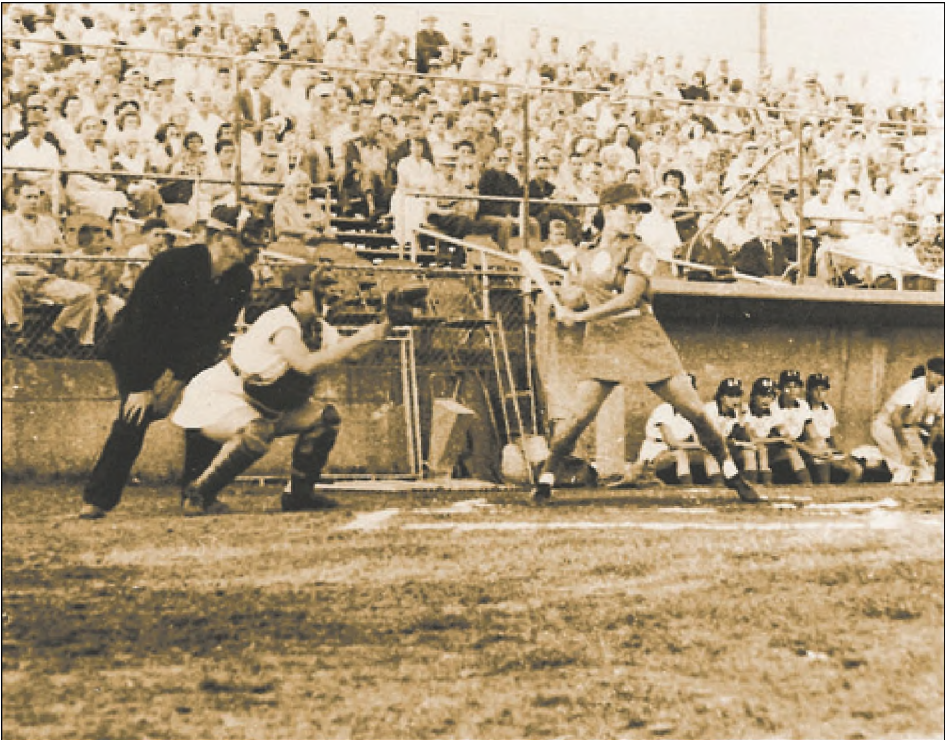
Parker will share oral history suggestions for listeners’ own families.

“I did a lot of studying about the baseball league,” she said, adding that became easier with Internet advances, including a website for the league.

“These women were pioneers. They carved out a place for women in sports history,” Parker said.

The league ran 1943-54 and was strong in the Midwest, with teams in Grand Rapids, Muskegon and Kalamazoo.

Parker is an award-winning author, oral historian, speaker and



This photo shows a Grand Rapids home game. COURTESY OF CAROL SHELDON COLLECTION

writing coach. She has written three books, has been a columnist, newsletter editor for professional organizations and a freelance writer. She served on the Michigan Oral History Association Board of Directors for 10 years.

Call 248-349-0720 or visit the library website at www.novilibrary.org for reservations.

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These young women were members of the 1945 Grand Rapids Chicks. COURTESY OF CAROL SHELDON COLLECTION

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Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
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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 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. Cafe is open from 9:15-11 a.m. Refreshments at 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service
Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Women of the Word) studying 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 hollycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org
Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. worship service
Alzheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month.

Hope Lutheran Church

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

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Livonia Church of Christ

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

Legacy Church

(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.org

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

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile
Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister, 248-348-7757, visit mbccc.org or email to office@mbccc.org.
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 Avrohom 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. 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

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

Praise Baptist Church

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

St. James Catholic Church

Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-347-7778
Pastor: Monsignor John Kasza
Mass Schedule: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday
Easter Celebration in Music Resurrection
Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, April 6
Details: Friends of the Opera of Michigan present soloists Amy Blevins, soprano; Quinto Milito, baritone; and Jeanne Marie LaFramboise, piano. Free admission; donations are welcome.
Contact: 313-582-0997 or foto-mi@mi.rr.com

St. John Lutheran Church

Location: 23225 Gill Road,

Farmington Hills
Contact: 248-474-0584 or visit stjoh-nlutheran.com
Saturday Worship: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship: 9, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Location: 201 Elm St., Northville
Contact: 248-349-3140

Unity of Farmington Hills

Location: 32500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington
Contact: 248-737-9191; AdministrativeDirector@unityfh.com

Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington

Location: 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills
Contact: www.uufarmington.org
Youth Interfaith Journey: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays
Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. Classes are grouped into grades K-five, six-eight and nine-12 with age-specific education materials for all.
Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248-478-7272 or dre@uufarmington.org
Lifelong Learning Forum: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays
Details: Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation is suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington.
Contact: 248-478-7272 or uufarmington.org/uucf/re-lifespan
Multigenerational Services: 6:45 p.m. Fridays
Details: Family members of all ages can gather for drumming, chanting, and meditation followed by a brief participatory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing. A religious education activity will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The evening will close with a light snack and a short time to socialize, ending at 8:30 p.m.

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville (behind the shopping center at the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty)
Web: www.wardchurch.org
Contact: 248-374-7400
Sunday Worship: 8 a.m. Liturgical in the Chapel; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary in the Sanctuary; 11 a.m. Traditional in the Sanctuary; 11a.m. Post-Contemporary in Knox Hall
Sunday Groups and Classes: Nursery, Children's and Middle School programs available on Sunday mornings. High School Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. Sunday Morning Adult Life Classes also available.
FX: A Family Experience: An interactive family production where participants ignite conversations in the home on important topics to help kids and their parents follow God together. First Sunday of the month at 9:30 a.m. In Knox Hall, September-May.
Service Broadcasts: Live at http://live.wardchurch.org at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays for live interactive video web-streaming. Also, the Traditional Service is broadcast every week on WRDT-AM 560 at 11 a.m.

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DOWNEY PATRICK MICHAEL

March 17, 2014,
St. Patrick's Day, age 78.
Beloved husband of Gloria for 42 years. Loving father of Kathryn (David) Butler, Matthew (Diane) Downey and Kenneth (Dawn) Hendrick. Dear grandfather of Crystal, Jeremy, Jack, Elizabeth, Melissa, Luke and great-grandfather of Mya. Brother of Isobel, John, and the late Joe, Ed, Fran, Clo, Christine and Walt. Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Patrick will be missed by numerous cherished friends. Memorial gathering this Saturday, 11 a.m. until time of service at 12 Noon at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi (248) 348-1800. Please, no flowers. A celebration of Patrick's life will be held on Saturday June 7th. More details to follow at a later date. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

HANDLEY, EDWARD
January 10, 1924-March 5, 2014
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KRAUS, FLORENCE VIRGINIA
Passed through the gates of heaven on March 10, 2014. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

KUSCHEL, KEITH GERARD

Age 54 and a long time resident of Milford and Highland, and member of Pipefitter's Union 636, passed unexpectedly on March 12, 2014 from pneumonia after a two year battle with lung cancer. He leaves his daughters, Sandra (Jason Pruneau) Kuschel and Marsha (Tedd) Cresmen; grandchildren, McKenzie, Jacob, and Jayden; his mother, Leona Kuschel; sister, Michele (David) Stachel; aunt, Yvonne Trotter; many nieces and nephews; his former spouse, Diane; and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Glenn G. Kuschel; and brothers, Glenn A. "Skip" (Linda) Kuschel and Steve (Shari) Kuschel. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on Saturday, March 15, 2014. Memorials may be made in his name to the American Cancer Society. For further information please phone, 248-684-6645 or visit, www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

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LANZETTA, RUDOLPH
March 20, 1927 - March 9, 2014
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McMULLEN, RAYMOND JOSEPH
Age 74, former long time resident of Lake Sherwood in Milford, March 14, 2014. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary's Parish, Milford, on Wednesday, March 19, 2014. Condolences at LynchFuneralDirectors.com

McNAMARA, THOMAS
Sept. 18, 1932-March 7, 2014.
obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

NAGY, LESLIE
Age 86, passed away February 26, 2014 in Sun City, AZ. He was born in Northville, parents Louis and Esther Nagy, and graduated from Northville High in 1946. Les is survived by his beloved wife Mary, son Tom Nagy, daughter Leslie Ann (Nagy) Hartlauer and brother Michael Nagy. Memorial may be viewed at: www.dignitymemorial.com/unland-memorial-park-mortuary

NAPOLITANO, MARIO
May 2, 1930 - March 8, 2014
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MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street near Ford Field in downtown Northville.
DETAILS: Office open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday-Friday. Archives open Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Village buildings open 1-4 p.m., Sundays, from mid-June to mid-October.
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WEEKLY EVENTS: (*Grounds closed to public)
Thursday: Archives temporarily Closed; 6-11

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Will it ever end?



Bundled up against the cold and snow, and nearly hidden from view by a fur collar, Melissa DeJong trudges across Northville's Center Street on March 12 during the latest blizzard conditions to hit the area. The snowstorm that day dumped a bit more than six inches of snow and closed both Northville and Novi schools. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

POLICE BRIEFS

Larceny at OLV

An unknown man is suspected in the theft of three votive candle donation boxes from Our Lady of Victory church.

The incident occurred on the evening of March 16. A church volunteer found the boxed pried open and an unknown amount of money missing. The case is still open as police look for more information on the suspect.

Weapons charges

A traffic stop led to dangerous weapons charges against a 26-year-old Farmington Hills man shortly after

midnight on March 10.

According to police reports, a Northville Township officer was patrolling on northbound Haggerty near Eight Mile when he got behind the man's 2002 Ford Explorer. A LEIN check showed the vehicle's registered owner had a suspended driver's license. The officer pulled the man over, who in fact was driving on a suspended license. He was placed under arrest.

The officer then searched the vehicle, and found several illegal weapons, including a multi-color six-pointed Chinese throwing star, and two multi-bladed

throwing knives. When asked about the weapons, the man allegedly told police that they were "just toys."

The man was transported to the Northville Township Police Department where he was booked and charged with possession of dangerous weapons and driving on a suspended license. He posted the \$300 bond and was released. He is set to appear in 35th District Court on March 26.

Drunken driving

A 38-year-old Livonia woman was arrested for drunken driving after Northville City Police

stopped her for having a headlight out.

The traffic stop occurred on March 15 at Baseline Road and Oakland Avenue. Police reported smelling alcohol inside the vehicle, but the driver denied having a drink while her passenger said it was he that was drinking. The woman, reportedly an employee of the Wagon Wheel, later told police she had a shift beer at work.

The woman blew a .127 percent on her preliminary Breathalyzer test. The owner of the Wagon Wheel later informed police that the woman was not at the Northville establishment the night

of the arrest and did not have a drink there.

Beauty product

bandit

A 25-year-old Northville woman was busted for trying to steal a purse full of beauty products from the local Kohl's store on March 6.

According to Northville Township police reports, the woman entered the store around 5:30 p.m. with the large purse. She proceeded to shop, putting many items in a cart before making her way into one of the fitting rooms. According to store loss prevention employees who were watching the woman, she

exited the fitting room and the purse was full. She exited the store without paying, and was then confronted by store employees who found multiple items in the purse, including cucumber eye pads, aloe moisture socks, lip gloss, body scrubs, nail polish, a bra, and several sweaters.

It total, the items re-tailed for \$302.99.

The woman was arrested, and transported to the Northville Township Police Department where she was booked and charged with retail fraud. She posted the \$250 bond and was released.

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OUR VIEWS

See the light

Local case points to need for open government

How fitting it is that National Sunshine Week, March 16-22, is celebrated at this time of year. Just last Sunday, we followed the “spring forward” dictum in setting our clocks ahead one hour – an annual change that allows us to take advantage of the growing hours of sunlight and save energy in the process.

Now with Sunshine Week, we all have an opportunity again to “spring forward” with efforts that will spread the light of day on government operations. That’s what the week is dedicated to: pressing forward insistence that the state’s Freedom of Information and Open Meetings acts be preserved and enhanced. They are measures that make certain that state and local governments remain “of the people, by the people and for the people.”

“Open government is not a natural phenomenon. It’s the law,” says the National Freedom of Information Coalition, a non-partisan alliance.

And it needs to be cultivated, not pruned.

Just last week, the state House, in a package of bills coming from Republican legislators, approved a move that would turn into law a 1999 decision of the Michigan Supreme Court that would exempt the status of gun records from the Freedom of Information Act. All firearm records, including records of concealed-carry permits, would be exempt under the measures that amend the Michigan Handgun Act. The package of bills now moves on to the state Senate, which must approve it before it becomes law.

Let’s be clear that the access to gun records in no way impacted the right to bear arms – it just lets the public know who is packing.

The issue of privacy is one that pervades items held open to the government and, just last week, it became clear that it can invade the need to know of local residents in Oakland County, including those who have ever stepped foot in a shopping mall.

The Oakland County Medical Examiner’s office last week revealed its findings in the death of a 25-year-old Ferndale man, McKenzie Cochran, who died following an altercation with security officers at Northland Center. Cochran’s death has provoked outrage in the wider community and prompted several legislators, including state Rep. Rudy Hobbs, D-Southfield, to initiate legislation that would require the training of security guards.

The M.E. ruled that the death was accidental in nature and resulted from the position and “compression” of Cochran, who was lying face down on the floor. That’s an interesting choice of words, given that cellphone recordings show security guards sitting on Cochran. The ruling begs questions about what fact finding and what information lead to that conclusion by the M.E.

But the so-called finding does not comprise the entire autopsy report, which the chief medical examiner said last week was not yet available. So the public just waits, right? Well, not so fast. The M.E. told the *Eccentric* that the autopsy report would not be made available unless a Freedom of Information Act request was filed. And then, it might not complete.

Using privacy as an excuse, the M.E. said that certain items may be redacted – that means blacked out.

“The report, when it is available, will be available to the next of kin and to the police department,” said Dr. Ljubisa Dragovic. “It may be obtained by a Freedom of Information (Act request) only if it is all complete.”

The privacy exemption under the act would allow items to be blacked out, unable to be seen by the public, he added.

But a 1991 court decision involving the Wayne County Medical Examiner challenges that privacy concept. In that case, the court held, in part, that “In making a determination whether a disclosure of requested information would constitute an invasion of privacy one looks to constitutional law and common-law as well as customs, mores, or ordinary views of the community. The release of autopsy reports and toxicology test results are not unwarranted infringements on the right to privacy of either the deceased or the deceased’s family. The autopsy reports and toxicology test results are not within the doctor-patient privilege.”

As stated at the beginning, open government is the law, not an environmental phenomenon. The public at-large, not just the media, must resolve to continue to take the temperature of those who govern and ensure that what they do sees the light of day.

“Open government is not a natural phenomenon. It’s the law.”

NATIONAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COALITION

COMMUNITY VOICE

With all of the off season changes, do you think the Detroit Tigers will be better in 2014?

This question was asked in downtown Northville.



“I think they will be better all around this year. They have a better defense, so that should help our pitchers.”

Tom Welch
Novi



“Yes they will. I think they made some good changes. I loved Jim Leyland and will miss him, but I’m also excited about our new manager (Brad Ausmus) and the new additions to the team.”

Peggy Cameron
Northville Township



“I hope so. I’m always optimistic and sometimes a change is good.”

Dan West
Northville



“They have the potential, if they stay healthy.”

Chris Lowes
Northville Township

LETTERS

Colbeck votes against new taxes

James Huddleston recently penned a letter in the March 10 *Hometownlife.com* in which he falsely claimed that Senator Pat Colbeck was responsible \$73.3 million in supplemental spending. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Senator Colbeck voted against section 2001 of Obamacare (also known as Medicaid Expansion) and he voted against the bill to use state funds to support section 2001 of Obamacare. I welcome all interested persons to view his voting record on the website listed below.

As long as we are setting the record straight, I would like to thank Senator Colbeck for consistently voting to oppose increases in taxes most notably for saying “no” to: 1. Taxes on senior’s pensions; 2. decreases to the Homestead Property Tax Credit; and 3. the Health Insurance Claims Assessment Tax and the yet to be determined future taxes needed to pay for future Medicaid Expansion obligations. I am also thankful for his saying “YES” to the repeal of the stifling Michigan Business Tax and Personal Property Tax.

I would also like to thank the Senator for preparing a workable alternative to Obamacare/Medicaid expansion with the patient-centered care solution which would actually lower costs while improving care. Perhaps one of the biggest thanks to Senator Colbeck concerns the subject of transparency. Not only has he opened up his entire voting record on his www.fixingmichigan.com website, he introduced a bill (SB-802-2012), now enacted, which will require all state departments to publicly disclose how they are spending our money. The spending plans for each department in state government are now posted online for all citizens of Michigan to review and analyze at www.tenmillionaccountants.com.

Mr. Huddleston I ask that you respect the readers of this newspaper by restricting your observations to the facts.

Bob Cushman
Northville

The Burger King philosophy

In March 2012, Institute for Justice attorneys Elizabeth Foley and Steve Simpson argued that Obamacare’s individual mandate was incompatible with centuries of contract law since a compulsory contract is an oxymoron. Citing South Carolina’s highest court in 1799, they argued that a contract in order to be binding must be voluntary and made without “fear to their persons.” Obamacare was described as a law “from which there is no escape.” Nancy Pelosi, who argued that it must be passed in order to discover what is in it, received a letter in July 2013 about its contents. Obama’s loyal union supporters led by James Hoffa not only discovered they have “fear,” but join with Sen. Max Baucus, a Democrat who helped design the law, in describing it as a “train wreck.” Seeking “to escape” its provisions union president Kinsey Robinson called for the repeal of Obamacare if necessary since it will “destroy the foundation of the 40-hour work week.”

I can only hope that the Democratic politicians that are now re-examining their commitment to Obamacare look to the common sense approach described by Dr. Ben Carson at last February’s prayer breakfast. He’s a native Detroitier who actually understands both health care and poverty, having been raised in Detroit’s housing projects and led the department of neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

The president’s response to the resistance and backlash to Obamacare further reveals his addiction to “executive orders” and selective enforcement of the Constitution which he has sworn to uphold and defend. He dislikes DOMA, border protection laws, and workfare so he overrules the existing law of the land and imposes his will. Now we see unions and businesses favorable to Obama are being granted exemptions and waivers from its provisions. With elections looming, timelines with painful consequences are revised in hopes of not adding to already 6.2 million people who have had their insurance policies canceled. This eviscerates the tripartite system of government on which this nation was founded. The president is sworn in to enforce the laws of the nation as written not per his whim and fancy or to further build a constituency.

Additionally, the concept of equal protection under the law is undermined by a president who chooses to selectively enforce a law or uses executive orders to nullify the enforcement of existing laws. I’m willing to believe that at some point President Barack Obama walked into Burger King, where you get to have it “your way.” I’m not willing to believe that the American people are going to accept the Burger King philosophy taking up residence at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Michael C. Boucher
Novi

Minimum wage hike would mean fewer jobs

I read with amusement letter after letter pushing for President Obama’s increase in minimum wage. The people working in the federal government who would benefit from this increase are around 1 percent of the total work force as most people get increases in wages after a short time.

This is just a ploy by unions to get increases pushed through that would force increases for all workers and will cause employers to let people with low skills go.

Minimum wage jobs are to learn work skills and become a dependable employee, not to become a career minimum wage earner. I would like to know how many of those letter writers calling for increases own their own business and pay employees. The economy needs more jobs not less.

David Mackey
Livonia

Stop bullying

Today bullying is an issue in almost every school, even at some Catholic schools where they have a no-bullying policy. If we just ignore the issue, nothing is going to change. This issue will not get any better unless we do something about it. We have

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to stop pretending that this never happens and start to make changes for the better.

Emery Maher
Livonia

Employ Michigan residents

I was surprised to learn about Michigan requesting visas to lure immigrants to Detroit. I thought this idea to lure immigrants to Detroit can help our struggling economy and create more jobs was interesting. However, I could not help but ask myself, “Why not employ Michigan residents?”

Currently, we have numerous unemployed individuals here in the state and Gov. Snyder wants to bring immigrants in to take the work opportunities away from them? It is disheartening to me that the companies that lay off all of these qualified employees contradict themselves by claiming that they do not have enough “skilled workers”?

Clearly, there are plenty of qualified workers, many of whom are overqualified, that reside in Michigan. Nevertheless, companies are not willing to pay such qualified individuals a fair wage. I can see the advantages of welcoming immigrants into this depressed economy that are already established business owners who want to relocate or open branch facilities here. Yes, this can create more job opportunities for those who are unemployed. Nonetheless, I believe that we should make it our No. 1 priority to assist and employ Michiganders.

Lindsey Compo
Novi

Freedom to practice religion

As one who relies upon God to meet my every need, including health, I find the Affordable Care Act a very difficult pill to swallow. It infringes upon our constitutional right of freedom to practice our religion without interference and coercion by forcing us to buy health insurance or pay tax penalties to support medical services, which we do not use.

The entire health care system is built upon a belief that health is a commodity outside of ourselves that needs to be purchased, rather than being God-given and God-maintained, which Christ Jesus so clearly taught and proved through all his healing work.

It is my hope that all those who conscientiously object to the ACA as not in accord with the practice of their religion be allowed an exemption.

Debra Brandell
Milford

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GIRLS

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rebounds and steals were all single-season school records for the young program, as was her single-game performance of 28 points.

"Gabi is a great all-around player," East coach Rob Leadley said. "She has a strong post presence, but is also comfortable handling the ball and shooting from the perimeter. Gabi is extremely consistent in game situations. She had 14 double-doubles this season, despite being closely guarded every night. She works hard on her game and sets the tone for our team's work ethic."

Elise Gustafson, C Milford junior

Averaging both 12 points and 12 rebounds per game, Gustafson was one of the toughest players to guard in the KLAA, earning her all-conference honors.

"Elise's presence on-court earned the respect

of the opposing team," Milford coach Jennifer VanGoethem said. "Of-tentimes, she was double- or triple-teamed, but that never phased her. Elise's inside presence is dominant and she keeps improving each year. Freshman year she averaged three points, five rebounds a game. Sophomore year, she averaged 10 points, 10 rebounds a game. This year, she averaged 12 points and 12 rebounds a game. Those stats speak loudly as to her work ethic and determination to become the best player possible."

Heather Randall, F Northville senior

On a balanced squad, Randall led the team with 10.8 points and averaged 4.0 rebounds, 1.6 assists and 1.7 steals per game while shooting 43 percent from the field and earning all-conference honors. She has committed to play with Hope College next year.

"(She's the) best shooter on the team," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "Led (the) team in scoring. A gym rat who is

consistently working on her game."

Taylor Pavlika, G Novi senior

Although opponents had to be wary of McMahan, Pavlika was the glue and picked up the slack when McMahan had an off-night. With averages of 8.0 points, 2.5 assists, 3.5 rebounds and 2.5 steals per game, Pavlika earned all-conference honors. She'll attend Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne where, alongside her older sister, she will play soccer.

"Truly great competitor," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "Leads team with 23 3-pointers. Natural leadership abilities and one of the hardest working kids."

Dominique Zigo, G Lakeland senior

Averaging 14.2 points per game, Zigo kept the Eagles as a threat to the two Waterford powerhouses in the KLAA North Division. She also averaged 2.1 rebounds and 1.0 steals, shot 72.7 percent from the line and 32.5 percent from the field and tallied 26 3-

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at Northville, the Mustangs have won the KLAA Central Division four times (2010-13) and won the 2013 KLAA league title, all with Schumacher on the staff.

"I really love what is happening with the program," Schumacher said. "They're real good. Matt really knows what he's doing and is pushing the team in the right direction."

And Schumacher's coaching days aren't over yet. Spring training and summer conditioning are right around the corner and the season starts in just five months.

"Unless Matt fires me, I'm going to be ready to go when he says it's time to get to work," he said.

Schumacher will be joined by 13 other Michigan high school football

coaches who have collected 200 wins or have been coaching for 20 or more years.

Also being inducted into the hall of fame are: Rick Bailey of Reading (212-93), Tim Baker of Constantine (228-79), Danny Barnes of Montague (270-105-4), Robert Dexter Jr. of Whittemore Prescott (171-113-1), Denny Keck of Gull Lake (169-171-1), Randy Lark of Alma (141-115-2), Jack Luettkie of Ottawa Lake-Whiteford (191-155-1), Jim Meerman of Coopersville (218-99), Greg Oshnock of Lakeview (111-103), Don Roscoe of Vermontville (157-58), Jay Stielstra of Ann Arbor High and Ann Arbor Huron (83-73-2), Dave Taylor of Muskegon (195-99-1) and Drake Wilkins Sr. of Madison Heights Madison (146-111).

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GIRLS BASKETBALL ALL-AREA TEAM

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Kerri McMahan, Novi

FIRST TEAM

Gabi Bird, South Lyon East
Elise Gustafson, Milford
Heather Randall, Northville
Taylor Pavlika, Novi
Dominique Zigo, Lakeland

SECOND TEAM

Jessica Mehr, South Lyon
Gabby Mencotti, Northville
Kristen Schubring, Novi
Sydney Jones, South Lyon East
Emily Maresh, Northville

HONORABLE MENTION

Milford – Maddy Kurtz (Sr. G), Brenna Lovera (Jr. G)
Lakeland – Lena Tiedeman (Jr. G), Molly Stec (So. G), Alana Weyer (Jr. F), Kari Jurewicz (Sr. G)
Northville – Jessica Moorman (Fr. G)
Novi – Alexandra Felice (Jr. G/F)
South Lyon – Emily Heinrich (Jr. G/F), Breanna Bias (Sr. G)
South Lyon East – Rachel Janowiak (Sr. G)

pointers.

"Dom is a scoring guard who can score from the arc or at the rim off the dribble," Lakeland coach Michael Head said. "She's carried the burden of being the team's primary scorer game in and game out. She is a competitor to the bone."

Second team
Jessica Mehr, G South Lyon senior

Although her season ended a few weeks early due to shoulder surgery and her Lions couldn't buy a win in the tough KLAA Central Division, Mehr made a strong argument for All-Area honors while averaging 12.6 points, 5.5 rebounds and 2.2 steals through the

first 14 games. She also shot 82.2 percent from the free-throw line, a single-season school record, which led to the corresponding career school record at 72.5 percent. She will play softball at Virginia Tech.

Gabby Mencotti, G Northville senior

A speedy threat that meshed well with her teammates' abilities, Mencotti averaged 8.0 points, 5.3 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 4.2 steals per game. An all-conference honorable mention pick who was dubbed the "best athlete on the team" by coach Todd Gudith, Mencotti's speed broke down defensive presses. She will play soccer at Grand Valley State Uni-

versity.

Kristen Schubring, F Novi senior

A defensive force on a team often heralded for its offense, Novi coach Bill Kelp said Schubring is one of the best help-side defenders the Wildcats have ever had and referred to her as "the backbone of the team." The all-conference stand-out averaged 5.0 points, 5.0 rebounds and 2.0 steals per game.

Sydney Jones, G South Lyon East senior

A four-year starter for the Cougars, Jones is a big reason for her program's upward trend in recent years. She averaged 10.2 points, 3.6 rebounds, 1.7 assists and 1.6 steals and shot 31 percent from beyond the arc.

Emily Maresh, C Northville junior

As a physical presence in the paint, Maresh averaged 6.5 points, 5.7 rebounds, 1.8 assists and 1.9 steals per game while often battling taller opponents. She was the team leader in rebounds, third in scoring and will join Mencotti at Grand Valley to play soccer this fall.

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Northville Township Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 17, 2014 in the Community Room at the Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, to consider an Application for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate from Aisin World Corporation of America and Aisin Technical Center of America, Inc., under Act 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, as amended. The subject property is located at 15300 Centennial Drive. The meeting begins at 7:30 P.M.

The location of said premises to be considered as an Industrial Development District are described as:

Parcel ID#8277-064-99-002-701

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Any owner, resident, taxpayer or legislative body of any taxing unit, which levies ad valorem property taxes on the property in which this facility is located, may appear at said hearing and give testimony. A copy of the Industrial Development District Application is available for review at the Township Clerk's office, Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
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Northville's Joseph's Coney Island is celebrating 20 years in business. From left are part of its crew including Ramona Berisaj, owners Nick and Vicky Berisaj, and grill-master Manny Dedaj. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

All in the family

Joseph's Coney Island keeps close-knit feel for 20 years

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Nick and Vicky Berisaj, owners of Joseph's Coney Island, feel honored to be part of the Northville community.

After two decades of providing great food and service, the husband and wife team look back and ahead on the business they love so much.

"This is a family restaurant, and that includes all of our friends and longtime customers," said Vicky as to what their biggest enjoyment is in running the diner, which they took over from her uncle, Joseph, in 1994.

Their story in Northville began when they came to the United States from Montenegro, which used to be part of the former Yugoslavia. Like a lot of immigrants to this country, they came for the opportunity.

"This is the best country in the world and we never take our opportunities for granted," said Nick. "When you get the chance for something good, you go for it and we did."

They started out at Joseph's as a waitress and cook, as well as working in the back. But it was the chance to own



Northville's Joseph's Coney Island is located in downtown Northville.

the popular restaurant that led them to the next level.

"We came here to work, but fell in love with it," said Vicky. "After awhile we thought it would be great to own it someday."

That happened in March, 20 years ago. They've grown the restaurant by renovating the inside while continually serving well-received food.

Breakfast is a big part of the menu with popular items like omelets, pancakes and bacon filling the diner's air each day. However, lunch and dinner are just as good. Coney dogs, fries and a soda are must have, but they are just one dish that makes a trip to Joseph's worth-

while.

"Great, quality food is what we aim for," they both said.

Each day, Nick and his crew of cooks try to make the food they serve the best it can be while the wait staff led by his sister and cousin serves each customer as if they are the only one's in the place. This tradition of hard work will continue for what they hope is another 20 years.

They feel blessed and say they owe a lot to their customers and are thankful for the support.

"This is a beautiful town. The people are great to us here," said Nick.

Joseph's is located at 113 W. Main Street.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Jimmy Johns coming

Jimmy Johns is the first tenant to sign a lease in the first phase of the yet to be built Northville Park Place development at the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville Township.

Jimmy Johns will fill a 1,920 square foot space in the mixed use development being built by Schostak Brothers & Company. Schostak officials have said the first phase of the development should be completed sometime in 2014 to coincide with the opening of the University of Michigan medical facility on the same property. Site preparation has already begun.

The lease was announced last week. Jimmy Johns was represented by Adam Goodman and Tony Schmitt of Mid-America Real Estate-Michigan Inc. The landlord, Schostak Brothers & Company, represented themselves.

ports around 400 seniors.

Previously, Lightner spent 11 years in hospital administration with the Oakwood Healthcare System. Lightner holds a master's degree in health care administration with a bachelor's degree in dietetics. She is past chairman of the board for the Michigan Center for Assisted Living. She is on the board of directors of the Health Care Association of Michigan, and chairs the Quality and Education Committee. In 2008, Lightner achieved Fellow status in the American College of Health Care Administrators. In 2012, she was awarded the Facility Leadership Award by American College of Health Care Administrators.

The American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) is the sponsor of Long Term Care Administrator's Week. For suggestions on honoring and recognizing an administrator, visit www.achca.org.

Botsford administrator honored

Northville resident Margaret K. Lightner, the administrator of the Botsford Commons Senior Community, was honored during Long Term Care Administrator's Week, March 9-15.



Lightner has worked for Botsford Continuing Care Corporation since 1998, and serves as president and CEO. The senior community located in Farmington Hills is comprised of skilled nursing, assisted living, apartments, and independently owned condominiums, and sup-

Easter Bunny at Twelve Oaks

The Easter Bunny will be at Twelve Oaks Mall beginning March 24. He will be stationed in Bunnyville, a three-dimensional bunny town featuring RUUM American Kid's Wear, Sanders and the 24 Carrot Bank. The last stop in Bunnyville is a professional photo with the Easter Bunny in front of his Bunny House.

Customers will receive a certificate for a free 11 oz. photo mug from Snapfish with the purchase of any photo package (\$22-\$44), and all children receive a small gift from the Bunny just for visiting.

For details on all the springtime happenings visit www.shoptwelveoaks.com.

Business coach helps new entrepreneurs thrive

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Suppose you love flowers and decide to open a florist's shop. You really aren't sure about financing, accounting or marketing, but you're certain the love and dedication to your idea will make you a winner.

What are the chances of success?

Somewhat slim, Farmington Hills business coach and consultant Andrea Lee said.

"They haven't done the research," said Lee, a founder of MI Biz Forward, LLC. "A lot of new business owners fail to have a plan; a marketing plan; a business plan; a target market."

To help the new entrepreneur, Lee will offer a free seminar at 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, at Shield's restaurant, 1476 W. Maple Road in Troy. Networking will begin at 6 p.m.

The seminar for new business owners or those considering a business will include a panel dis-

cussion of experts from a number of sectors, including accounting and marketing. Discussion will focus on the need for a business plan, how to



Andrea Lee

incorporate, how to get a business off the ground and publicity and marketing.

Attendees will also have time to ask questions.

"Statistics show that as many as 85 percent of all new business start-ups close in their first year, and the reasons range from lack of experience to poor location, lack of managerial experience to having insufficient funds, and most importantly, lack of a solid understanding of business principles," said Lee, who also founded Authentic Integrity Coaching.

Lee will present a second seminar for owners whose businesses have been open for two or more years. Again, a

panel of experts will present practical ideas for growth-minded professionals who want to build their current business.

The second seminar is set for 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, also at Shield's in Troy. Unlike the first seminar, the second presentation costs \$12 per person.

Lee has also changed the focus of her business. She began as a consultant, would draw up business, marketing and other plans for clients and leave them with business owners to follow. "I left it with them and said, 'now it's your responsibility.'"

Perhaps easier said than done.

Now as a coach, Lee said she works with business owners to create the necessary results. "My focus has changed a little bit."

To register for the Michigan Biz Forward workshops or for more information, contact Lee at 248-880-8336 or visit www.mibizforward.net.



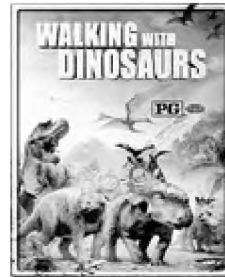
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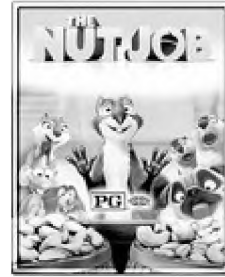
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‘FIRE-SAFE’ CIGARETTES A FACTOR IN REDUCED FIRE DEATHS

According to a recent report released by the National Fire Protection Association, 540 civilian deaths in the United States were attributed to smoking material fires in 2011, a 30-year low that is well down from 1980 levels. In 2011, there were an estimated 90,000 smoking material fires resulting in \$621 million in direct property damage.

The decline in smoking, the effect of standards and regulations that have made mattresses and upholstered furniture more resistant to cigarette ignition, and more recently, adoption of fire-safe cigarette requirements throughout the country, are factors the report credits with the decrease in smoking material fire deaths over the past 31 years. The long-term trend in smoking material fires is down by 73 percent from 1980 to 2011.

“Fire-safe,” or reduced ignition strength cigarettes, as determined by ASTM test standards and state laws on acceptable performance, appear to be the only factor contributing to the decline in smoking material fire deaths that had not leveled off or phased out before 2003 – the last year before the fire-safe cigarette law was effective in any state.

2012 was the first year all 50 state laws were effective and all inventories of pre-standard cigarettes should have sold out. A projection linking the percentage decline in fires or fire deaths to the percentage of smokers covered suggested that when the law was fully effective across the entire country in late 2011, the reduction in fire deaths should reach 30 percent, relative to levels in 2003, and as predicted by the projection in the previous NFPA report, estimated fire deaths were 30 percent lower than in 2003.

“It is good news to see this 30 year low and fewer people dying in smoking-material



Standards that have made mattresses more resistant to cigarette ignition and the adoption of fire-safe cigarettes are credited in reducing the number of smoking material fires. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

fires,” said Lorraine Carli, NFPA’s vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. “Lives were saved and will continue to be saved as a direct result of efforts of the Coalition for Fire-Safe Cigarettes, a group of safety advocates, the fire service and others, who in the past decade joined together to see that fire-safe cigarettes become the standard.”

Other key findings in the report show:

» One out of four fatal victims of smoking-material fires is not the smoker whose cigarette started the fire.

» Older adults are at highest risk of death or injury from home smoking material fires, even though they are less likely to smoke than younger adults.

NFPA has developed safety information, including safety tips focusing on safe behavior, storage, and disposal of smoking materials:

» Use a deep, sturdy ash-tray. Place it away from anything that can burn.

» Before going to bed, check under furniture cushions and around places where people smoke for cigarette butts that may have fallen out of sight.

» Keep cigarettes, lighters, matches, and other smoking materials up high out of the reach of children, in a locked cabinet.

» Never smoke where medical oxygen is used. Medical oxygen can cause materials to ignite more easily and make fires burn at a faster rate than

normal and can make an existing fire burn faster and hotter.

About the National Fire Protection Association

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. NFPA develops more than 300 codes and standards to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other hazards. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed at no cost at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess

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

32235 Bell Vine Trl	\$345,000
15687 Buckingham Ave	\$108,000
20279 Douglas Ct	\$450,000
31725 Eastlady Dr	\$244,000

BIRMINGHAM

2090 Bradford Rd	\$253,000
2788 Buckingham Ave	\$225,000
553 Coolidge Rd	\$183,000
125 E 14 Mile Rd # 14	\$80,000
1983 Graefield Rd	\$124,000
1807 Henrietta St	\$386,000
1140 Hillside Dr	\$200,000
1241 Lakeside Dr	\$740,000
982 N Adams Rd Unit 2	\$106,000
315 N Eton St # B	\$86,000
759 N Old Woodward Ave	\$190,000
2941 Acorn Rd	\$174,000
1635 Mark Hopkins Rd	\$340,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

3326 Quarton Rd	\$530,000
1561 S Hill Blvd	\$135,000
2707 Turtle Lake Dr	\$1,135,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

1795 Alexander Dr	\$475,000
2312 Bedford Rd	\$230,000
6000 Braemoor Rd	\$289,000
1803 Golf Ridge Dr	\$230,000
2316 Greenlawn Ave	\$105,000
6020 Indianwood Trl	\$550,000

5480 Lahser Rd	\$310,000
1950 Maplewood Ave	\$625,000
3639 Middlebury Ln	\$340,000
4445 S Willoway Estates Ct	\$450,000
6579 Spruce Dr	\$274,000
5170 Tootmoor Rd	\$755,000
850 Trailwood Path	\$140,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

2010 Bass Lake Rd	\$128,000
1900 Cedar Bend Dr	\$35,000
2302 Ivy Hill Dr	\$430,000
5163 Joe Dr	\$65,000
2291 Palmetto	\$237,000
2497 Solace Dr	\$62,000
2740 Tall Pines Way	\$145,000
1627 Trace Hollow Dr	\$279,000
4037 Vanstone Dr	\$290,000
8155 Willow Rd	\$64,000

FARMINGTON

22716 Floral St	\$150,000
33254 Kirby St	\$141,000
22906 Power Rd	\$139,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

23120 Albion Ave	\$67,000
28474 Alycekey St	\$204,000
27220 Cambridge Ln	\$395,000
38353 Churchill Ln	\$179,000
21192 Flanders St	\$164,000
31125 Harmony Ln	\$50,000
26852 Holly Hill Dr	\$340,000
29912 Kimberly Dr	\$45,000
25584 Lynford St	\$230,000
24648 Millcreek Dr	\$225,000
23604 N Stockton Ave	\$98,000
21501 Orchard Lake Rd	\$140,000
30617 Pear Ridge Rd	\$240,000
21142 Prestwick	\$485,000

34370 Ramble Hills Dr	\$280,000
29625 Ravenscroft St	\$225,000
29772 Sierra Point Cir	\$190,000
26450 Springfield Dr	\$240,000
29880 W 12 Mile Rd # 812	\$53,000
36221 W Lyman Rd	\$245,000
27259 Winterset Cir	\$268,000

FRANKLIN

30795 Adair Ct	\$355,000
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LATHRUP VILLAGE

18707 Glenwood Blvd	\$135,000
28601 Southfield Rd	\$550,000

MILFORD

316 E Liberty St	\$265,000
890 Nortoon	\$235,000
902 Panorama Dr	\$95,000
4432 Pommere	\$73,000
2977 S Hickory Ridge Rd	\$253,000
1151 Stone Barn	\$300,000

NORTHVILLE

51212 Park Place Dr	\$448,000
37724 Rhonswood Dr	\$246,000
48857 Veneto Dr	\$150,000
48923 Veneto Dr	\$195,000

NOVI

23085 Balcombe	\$225,000
27319 Benjamins Way	\$251,000
22759 Cortes St	\$90,000
23819 Forest Park Dr E	\$175,000
50680 Glades Ct E	\$100,000
24205 Jamestowne Rd	\$231,000
44589 Ludlow Dr	\$398,000
26174 Mandalay Cir	\$210,000
51121 Mayfair Ter	\$286,000
23562 N Rockledge	\$62,000
22011 Picadilly Cir	\$565,000
25516 Portico Ln	\$160,000
24304 Scarlet Ct	\$249,000

25764 Strath Haven Dr	\$154,000
39742 Village Wood Cir	\$76,000
29378 Weston Dr	\$227,000
29398 Weston Dr	\$187,000

SOUTH LYON

59251 Bavernhaus Ct	\$76,000
26105 Cornell Dr	\$307,000
166 Easton Dr	\$270,000
328 Hampton Ct	\$75,000
754 Hidden Creek Dr	\$278,000
25630 Johns Rd	\$210,000
815 N Hagadorn St	\$119,000
393 University Ave	\$143,000
54595 Villagewood Dr	\$350,000

SOUTHFIELD

29390 Bermuda Ln	\$133,000
28409 Everett St	\$43,000
23369 Grayson Dr	\$60,000
20310 Lacrosse Ave	\$68,000
28149 Lahser Rd	\$140,000
23060 Laurel Valley St	\$159,000
20799 Mada Ave	\$70,000
19375 Magnolia Pkwy	\$80,000
16920 Morrison St	\$140,000
30281 Park Ln	\$96,000
17216 Robert St	\$42,000
20344 Rodeo Ct	\$75,000
5000 Town Ctr # 608	\$91,000
5000 Town Ctr # 807	\$30,000
22564 W 11 Mile Rd	\$125,000
26731 W Carnegie Park Dr	\$37,000
21221 Winchester St	\$165,000

WHITE LAKE

649 Hilltop Dr	\$350,000
10250 Mary Lee	\$140,000
634 Rumson Ct	\$360,000
8890 Twin Lakes Dr	\$230,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 18-22, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

2293 Brookhaven Rd	\$197,000
7562 Charrington Dr	\$230,000
2205 Cranbrook Rd	\$195,000
1984 Crowndale Ln	\$375,000
800 Kings Way	\$185,000
1502 Rand Rd	\$177,000
1863 Rector Ct	\$172,000
5974 Runnymede Dr	\$179,000
1683 Steeplechase Rd	\$86,000
7429 Sussex Dr	\$185,000
7790 Wheaton Dr	\$205,000
5782 Willow Creek Dr	\$215,000

GARDEN CITY

29097 Alvin St	\$69,000
1845 Arcola St	\$65,000
30761 Beechwood St	\$113,000
6927 Dover St	\$93,000
31705 Florence St	\$71,000
30730 Hennepin St	\$83,000
28508 Marquette St	\$15,000
27629 Windsor St	\$80,000

LIVONIA

31545 Arizona St	\$130,000
9901 Bassett St	\$142,000
15899 Deering St	\$142,000
31325 Dorais St	\$145,000
14735 Gary Ln	\$160,000
18945 Harrison Ave	\$203,000
8975 Henry Ruff Rd	\$155,000
11022 Hillcrest St	\$106,000
18311 Irving St	\$150,000
19757 Maplewood St	\$75,000
15991 Merriman Rd	\$118,000
30389 Minton St	\$135,000
37151 Munger Dr	\$240,000
14423 Nola St	\$157,000
29529 Nottingham Ct	\$96,000
15450 Oak Dr	\$112,000
30180 Orangelawn St	\$103,000
14986 Paderewski St	\$126,000
14768 Park St	\$165,000
36740 Richland St	\$118,000
14574 Ronnie Ln	\$178,000
35601 Vargo St	\$240,000
14129 Woodside St	\$74,000

NORTHVILLE

19600 Beck Rd	\$445,000
18504 Blue Heron Dr W	\$350,000
20247 Clement Rd	\$450,000
425 Covington Ct	\$275,000
17151 Hilltop View Dr	\$425,000
20200 Longwood Ct	\$140,000
725 Randolph St	\$86,000

39441 Springwater Dr	\$162,000
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PLYMOUTH

341 Ann St	\$405,000
360 Burroughs St	\$180,000
770 Deer St	\$110,000
49655 Draper Cir	\$155,000
41461 E Ann Arbor Rd	\$90,000
40909 Greenbriar Ln	\$215,000
42269 Hammill Ln	\$155,000
1128 Hartsough St	\$205,000
496 Irvin St	\$252,000
1143 Maple St	\$195,000
9030 Morrison Ave	\$135,000
9070 N Canton Center Rd	\$223,000
420 Parkview Dr	\$145,000
45885 Rockledge Dr	\$300,000
1105 Ross St	\$180,000
41108 Russet Ln	\$205,000
804 William St	\$280,000
545 Wing St	\$125,000

REDFORD

9536 Beech Daly Rd	\$73,000
13520 Berwyn	\$60,000
20040 Delaware Ave	\$31,000
18819 Denby	\$63,000
19958 Denby	\$56,000
15575 Fox	\$82,000
25742 Jennifer	\$74,000
25157 Keeler	\$52,000
14214 Mercedes	\$59,000
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Robert Meisner

License doesn't always mean scruples

Q: I am wondering if there is any obligation on the part of a community association manager to be licensed in Michigan.

A: No, unfortunately, there is not. In that regard, manager licensing advocates say it elevates professionalism, gives homeowners greater assurance and improves the industry's image. All of these things would be true and it might carve out some of the bad apples that sometimes join the management industry. In a sense, the idea that people should be able to handle hundreds of thousands or millions of dollars and make decisions that affect the value of homes without being licensed is, in many people's minds, troublesome. It should be considered by the legislature, in my opinion, although, the fact that someone is licensed does not necessarily mean that they are honest or ethical.

Q: I have heard of a technique to get around timeshare limitations which has been used out West, but I am not sure of the details. Can you give me some insight?

A: Apparently, some unit owners have started to enter into transactions where they grant a tenant a 1 percent recorded interest in the property and claim that the tenant is an owner and not a tenant (and trying to disprove that the 1 percent owner is paying rent to the 99 percent owner.) Therefore, they are also getting around any prohibition on timeshares. Of course, there are risks with such tactics, but the question of whether an ownership arrangement is a sham to avoid the application of law or the governing documents or is an arrangement with a legitimate purpose (and co-owners sharing the ability to occupy at different times is likely a legitimate purpose) would be the deciding factor in a case brought to question the action. In short, the association must be conscientious in enforcing its rights and rules with respect to ownership transfers in order to avoid the timeshare issue coming up.

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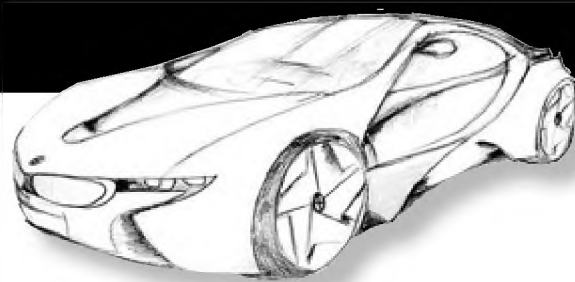
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Car Report

Family-Friendly Vehicles Still Matter In American Car Market



By Dale Buss

In assessing automobiles, it's easy for evaluators to focus on top-line characteristics such as styling, performance and handling, and fuel economy. And each of these is an important criterion for what vehicle you should buy.

Besides, the "soft" criteria are much harder to evaluate. Each vehicle may or may not meet the wants and needs of an individual buyer in myriad ways.

But it's still worth attempting to evaluate how well vehicles fit the actual day-in, day-out lives of one important slice of the market: the American family. That's why it's a worthy effort each year by one of the top assessors of new vehicles, U.S. News & World Report, to evaluate each nameplate through the lens of a family of two or more people.

And as the magazine said in its new 2014 awards for the "Best Cars for Families," family cars "don't need to be dowdy or boring."

Often, the best cars for families also are the best – best-looking, best-performing, most fuel-efficient – overall.

The magazine's award methodology combines professional automotive reviews, safety and reliability ratings, seating and cargo volume and the availability of family-friendly features. Within each of the 19 automotive categories, U.S. News & World Report named the vehicle with the highest composite score as Best Car for Families in that category.

Here's what the magazine came up with, along with some of my commentary on many of the nameplates:

Compact cars: **Mazda Mazda3.** U.S. News noted that the model delivers "performance that car reviewers love" in addition to available high-tech safety features such as forward collision warning and lane-departure

warning "as well as [a] spacious [cabin] that most car critics agree" feels upscale. It's also notable that Mazda3 was a finalist for the North American Car of the Year Award for 2014.

Upscale small cars: **Buick Verano.**

Hatchbacks: **Mazda Mazda3.** **Midsize cars:** **Mazda Mazda6.** The magazine echoed its comments for the Mazda3 when it came to hailing this new version of the Mazda sedan, which was completely overhauled last year.

Upscale Midsize Cars: **Cadillac ATS.** This nameplate was the North American Car of the Year for 2013 and is the brand's most worthy entrant ever in the midsize segment.

Large Cars: **Chevrolet Impala.** Once mainly aimed at rental fleets, the new Impala is a completely transformed machine in its new version as Chevy has succeeded in selling them to rank-and-file retail customers who appreciate the huge upgrade in styling, performance, fuel economy and amenities – including families.

Luxury Large Cars: **Cadillac CTS.** The magazine noted the car's appeal "for luxury-minded families who don't want an SUV" and that reviewers said "it provides plenty of driving excitement for mom or dad, as well as plenty of entertainment options for the kids." This also was a

finalist for the North American Car of the Year Award for 2014.

Hybrid Cars: **Ford Fusion Hybrid.**

Wagons: **Subaru Outback.** **Compact SUVs:** **Mazda CX-5.**

Luxury Compact SUVs: **Audi Q5.**

2-Row Midsize SUVs: **Jeep Grand Cherokee.** Jeep needed to score a hit with this vehicle that came out in a substantially overhauled model last year, and it has. Grand Cherokee was one of the original SUVs rendered in mainstream form a quarter-century ago, and it was wise for Chrysler to keep on top of the segment it helped create with a worthy new version.

3-Row Midsize SUVs: **Buick Enclave.**

Luxury 2-Row Midsize SUVs: **Lexus RX 350.** Nearly two decades after it hit the U.S. market in 1998 and redefined luxury with the first worthy SUV aimed at upscale buyers, RX 350 still sets the standard for both luxurious desirably, smooth performance and reliable, family-friendly amenities, even though just about every other premium make has been crowding into this segment since then.

Luxury 3-Row Midsize SUVs: **Acura MDX.** The awards "also recognize luxury cars that work for families," the magazine pointed out. MDX "has seating for up to seven and an engine

that reviewers say delivers ample power, plus an upscale and modern interior.

Large SUVs: **Chevrolet Tahoe.** Notably, Chevy also is investing heavily in this once-dwindling segment with new versions of Tahoe and Suburban hitting the market this spring. The brand highlighted the appeal of the new models with a TV ad during the Sochi Olympics. Big SUVs are coming back as gasoline prices moderate.

Luxury Large SUVs: **Toyota Land Cruiser.**

Hybrid SUVs: **Lexus RX Hybrid.**

Minivans: **Honda Odyssey.**



The Lexus RX 350 continues to appeal to upscale families.

Best Minivan for Families for the fourth consecutive year, this vehicle "stands out in a class where every model is family-friendly," U.S. News said. "Though almost all minivans offer the space and safety features families are looking for, the Odyssey sets itself apart by offering features that go the extra mile, like a widescreen rear entertainment system and a built-in vacuum."



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 8 Disputed Asian region
 15 Arrive, as the night
 20 Before
 21 Embrace, as a cause
 22 Alkaline compound
 23 Starbuck's menu item
 25 Starbucks menu item
 26 Store safely
 27 Support group
 28 Day, to Jesse
 29 Venetian vocabulary
 30 Capital in the Andes
 32 "Oh, woe is me!"
 35 De adjacent to
 39 African outings
 41 1998-2007 House speaker
 42 Atlantic Pacto linkup
 44 Fed. loan agency for mom-and-pops

3 Pub quantity
 4 Arty NYC area
 5 Dragged fishing net
 6 Mel of the old Giants
 7 D.C.'s river
 8 Car of the Daily Plane
 9 Invite
 10 Healthy resort
 11 Accords and Civic
 12 Part of MTV
 13 Singer Chris
 14 Apartment, e.g., Abbr.
 15 Soups' go-withs
 16 Radiates
 17 Ideas
 18 Crying
 19 Can't help but
 24 Yasir of the PLO
 29 Stranded cell stuff
 31 Bible book after Song of Solomon
 32 Saudis say
 33 Purple bloomers
 34 "I've got it!"
 35 On-target poop
 37 Price per pound, e.g.

38 Certain plant anchor
 40 Dolia County, New Mexico
 43 Travis Tritt's "Hell Was Dreaming"
 44 Onions
 45 Sodium (cleanser)
 49 Bygone Italian ruler
 50 It's between fa and la
 51 "Space is a premium!"
 53 Decompose
 55 Frank of satirical rock
 56 17th-century Lancan theatre
 57 Pealed
 58 Hill builders
 59 Toddlers' cries
 60 Jai
 62 Any country in Europe
 63 Alpine event
 65 Stuff dozing down a trunk
 67 Durkha
 69 Blizzard fall
 73 Street guide
 74 Live-in nanny
 76 Postwar pact to 1 anti-Messing

82 Neighbor of Ill. and Mich.
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Looking for a job isn't easy. It takes time, patience and a lot of work. If you're starting a job search, it may be tempting to jump right in, but if you don't take some time to reflect on what you want and how you want to get there, you may end up taking your job search in the wrong direction.

Before you begin looking for a job, ask yourself some questions that will help you get a clearer picture of what you're looking for, what skills you can contribute to a company and what kind of job can help you achieve your career goals.

Not sure what to ask? Here are some questions to consider:

Why am I starting a job search?

This should be the first question you ask yourself. While you may think it's an easy one, getting to the root of why you're looking for a job can help you determine whether you're job searching for the right reasons. "If you are fresh out of school or unemployed, it's not an issue. But what if you are employed and just unhappy with what you are doing?" says Bruce A. Hurwitz, President and CEO of Hurwitz Strategic Staffing. "I have had a number of career counseling clients come to me thinking they wanted a new job but left realizing all they wanted were new responsibilities. They all stayed on the job, got new responsibilities, and they, and their bosses, were quite happy."

What unique value do I bring to potential employers?

Kimberly Robb Baker, certified résumé writer and job-search strategist, says that if you stick to only showing how you meet the basic requirements of a job, you'll be treated like a commodity. Instead, you need to think about what it is that

The questions to ask yourself



BEFORE... starting a new job search

makes you unique and attractive to prospective employers. "Whether your background in physical education informs your HR candidacy with a unique perspective on employee wellness programs or your coding knowledge makes you an IT manager who can speak engineers' language, you have something to offer that goes beyond the basics. Find it and express it."

What type of corporate culture do I want to work within?

"Corporate culture is an important factor one must take into consideration when not only contemplating a job offer but also when applying for jobs," says Jesse Siegal, senior managing director and recruiting expert of recruitment firm Execu-Search. "Therefore, before applying to jobs, you need to take some time to reflect on what you are looking for in a workplace. Some valid questions to ask yourself include: 'Do I need an employer who

will permit me to work a flexible schedule? Am I okay with having to work long hours in a competitive environment? Do I prefer to work on more collaborative teams or do I prefer working independently?' Once you have these answers, when applying and interviewing for jobs, you'll have a better idea of what to look out for and what questions to ask the employer to learn more about an organization's corporate culture."

On what, if anything, can I be flexible?

While it's good to think about what you'd want in an ideal job, it's more realistic to consider what are "nice to haves" versus "need to haves," since no job will be perfect. "What is a must-have? This will help you decide if a job offer is worth taking or passing on," says Laurie Berenson, career strategist, certified master résumé writer and president of Sterling Career Concepts LLC. "Location? Industry? Job function? Hours? Salary? Perhaps you're willing to take a low salary to break into your desired industry. Prioritize what's important to you."

Where do I ultimately want to be in my career, and what steps do I have to take to get there?

"Most people need several 'stepping stone' positions to reach their ultimate goal," Berenson says. "This is especially true of younger job seekers. The job you accept tomorrow may not be your dream job, but if it's getting you into your desired field or industry or is with a reputable employer, consider it a stepping stone to where you ultimately want to land. You can't expect to get there overnight."

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