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Tickets for the event are \$35. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Genitti's at 248-349-0522.

Proceeds will benefit the Northville Public Schools Sprouts Autism K-5 Program at Thornton Creek Elementary.

Farm is now open

Maybury Farm has opened for a new season. Located at 50165 Eight Mile Road just west of Beck Road in Northville Township, the farm is open from noon to 4 p.m. Tues-

day through Sunday.
Admission to the Farm is \$2.50 per person. Children 2 and under are free. For more information, visit www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org.

Longtime firefighter named new Northville fire chief

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Longtime City of Northville firefighter Steve Ott has been named the new fire chief and will take over for the outgoing James Allen on July 1.

"I am pleased to announce that Captain Steve Ott has been selected to be the next Chief of the Northville Fire Department," Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan said on Monday.

Allen is retiring after 50 vears with the department. He was the first full-time chief in Northville. Allen leaves behind a department that is as big as it has ever been and which also provides coverage

for the city of Plymouth. Ott has been

with the Northville Fire Department since 1986, shortly after moving with his family to their Ott home on Randolph Street. He lives in Northville with his wife, Mary Starring, owner of Starring the Gallery in downtown Northville.

'I'm honored and humbled to succeed a man like Chief Jim

Allen," Ott said. "He's meant a lot to this department."

Ott, who will make a starting base salary of \$51,000, brings with him a lot of experience and

Working his way through the ranks, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1993, Lieutenant in 1998 and Captain in 2011. Sullivan said he is currently the senior Captain on the department, and serves as the Department's Training Officer.

He also assists as the Department representative to the Health Emergency Medical Service Inc., Medical Control

Authority Quality Improvement program, maintains the Department's EMS Agency licensing and has served as the principal drafter of the General Orders governing Department opera-

"We look forward to working with Steve to continue the proud tradition of service long held by the Northville Fire Department and shepherding it into a new era," Sullivan said.

His firefighter education includes Fire Fighter I and II training in Walled Lake, Com-

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Colorful, sweet and fresh

Yogurt Palooza opens up shop in downtown Northville

By Lonnie Huhman

Yogurt Palooza has brought some new energy and flavors to downtown Northville.

Located at the southwest corner of Center and Main streets, co-owners Craig Turk and Chris Tomei said they couldn't be happier with their new spot.

"We've always wanted to be in downtown Northville and when this location became available we jumped at it," said Tomei.

The two Westland John Glenn graduates opened their first store in downtown Plymouth three years ago, but they have always had their eye on Northville.

The corner location underwent a complete renovation over this past winter. They expect to add some further details as the months go on. Customers can expect to see some televisions in the near future and community board for posting different announcements.

Yogurt Palooza is a selfserve yogurt store with 100 flavors to choose from. They serve 12 fresh flavors daily, including non-fat, low-fat, Tart, no sugar added, and

even Activia brand flavors. "Our goal is to offer the finest premium yogurt, fresh-

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Owners Craig Turk (left) and Chris Tomei have brought their premier self-serve yogurt shop to downtown Northville.

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Students show off projects at science fair

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The annual science fair at Silver Springs Elementary School is a special one for students, no matter what place they finish.

"I feel pretty good just to get a ribbon," said third-grader An Ligenza, whose third-place project involved growing rock candy crystals.

The fair was held on April 3 and it was a huge success with double the participants as last year. There were 90 projects on display with over students participating.

The variety of student undertakings and work was im-

Students Lauren and Charlotte Atkinson used the book and movie Hunger Games: Catching Fire as inspiration for their project. It involved seeing how different elements and compounds might affect the color of a flame. They concluded a flame can change colors when different elements are added.

Parent Essam Khraizat, who

has three kids at the school and is also a doctor, said he was quite impressed with the science fair overall.

There are some very good projects here tonight," he said. "It's good to see the students at such an early age take an interest in science."

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Learning from the professionals

DSO shares musical knowledge with Meads Mill students

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The Meads Mill Middle School band recently experienced another level of learning with the help of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DŠO).

"My DSO clinician helped and improved my group's sound, tone, and overall technique in a fun and educating way," said seventh-grader Nick Cemalovic, who plays flute, of the clinic work DSO members conducted at the Northville middle school last month.

In addition to its clinic work, the DSO also put on a performance for Meads Mill.

According to Meads Mill band teacher Robin Taylor, these two events were "part of our collaboration with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra that began at the beginning of this school year.

She said, "The DSO felt Northville schools would be a great school system to collaborate with and with the move to International Baccalaureate felt this was an excellent opportunity for a partnership with Northville and the DSO."

'This is very inspirational for the students,' said Taylor. "There has been a lot of excitement for these visits."

DSO members came into the school at the end of March and worked with each instrumental group. The professional musicians worked with each instrument in small groups throughout the day. They worked on things like tone, seating and posture, and breath-

"Posture is really important and how you sit in



Meads Mill Middle School students listen to a small ensemble of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in their gymnasium during an April 7 assembly. The orchestra, which played some Bach, Vivaldi and Brahms, returned to the school after recently hosting a series of small-group instructional sessions for Meads Mill's band students. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAF PHOTOGRAPHER

the chair plays a big part in how you will sound,' said DSO flutist Sharon Sparrow to the students.

After the tutorials they got to see and hear the professionals in action.

On April 7, the school hosted a school-wide assembly featuring a 19-Piece Chamber Ensemble from the DSO. Again it was fun and learning experience for the band students.

"The people that came in inspired many new ways for us to improve in our instrumental learning," said eight-grader Annie Xiong, who plays flute.

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Detroit Symphony Orchestra trombone player John Rutherford works with a small group of Meads Mill students on March 28 as he and other DSO musicians shared their musical knowledge with the kids.

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merce and Northville, and Fire Officer I training in Novi. He received an Emergency Medical Technician license in 1989 and has attended numerous Fire Fighter training programs throughout the state, including Haz Mat Operations, Incident Safety Officer and FEMA training on the National Incident Management System.

Ott said one of his goals will be to strengthen the relationship Northville has with Plymouth.

"It's a unique operation we have with the them and it's one both benefit from," he said. In addition, he said

strengthening the partnership with all of their mutual aid partners will be a primary goal. Since 1981 he has

worked as an attorney for the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. where he is a senior principal and former managing director. He will remain with the firm, but in a new role as he takes on the duties of full-time chief.

He has bachelor's degree with high honors from Michigan State University (James Madison College) and a law degree, cum laude, from Wayne State University.

He and his wife have two grown children.

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get your photo taken. Adults, teens, children and families are invited to participate.



Dress up in your zaniest, brightest, most traditional or goofiest Christmas outfit then come 2-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, to the Observer & Eccentric Media Spring Expo to get your photo taken. GETTY IMAGES | ISTOCKPHOTO

The winner will be selected in part by readers voting at facebook.com/OE Hometown and by O&E Media staff. Voting on Facebook begins May 2 and ends May 23. Staff selection will follow May 27.

The winning adult,

teen, child or family will be featured on the cover of the O&E Media Christmas in July publication beginning July 24 and receive a \$100 gift card.

Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, in Livonia. Enter the VisTaTech Center and follow the "Christmas in July Cover Contest" signs.

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Even though it's only been open two weeks, business has taken off. They attribute the good start to the quality product they offer. Nothing but fresh items are used and high quality is the standard, they say.

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like Sander's hot fudge. The non-fat flavors range from French Vanilla to Outrageous Orange. There are many more categories and flavors.

Frozen yogurt is also a snack with good nutritional value because it uses milk rather than heavy cream making it lower in fat than ice cream. Turk said they use real yogurt and not powders.

Prices are dictated by how much one gets. Cups of yogurt are priced at .49 cents per ounce.

Both men hope to become more connected with the community

through sponsoring local sports teams and donating to different causes. Expect to see them become big supporters of Northville.

To learn more about this new business, visit http://yogurt-palooza.com/ or check them out on Facebook and Twitter.

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Northville Educational Foundation seeks new chief

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

The Northville Educational Foundation is searching for a new executive director to succeed Jennifer Pearson, who left with her husband Clay, former Novi city man-

"She's still helping us out part time while she relocates to Texas," said Eric Barritt, volunteer president for the NEF Board of Trustees and a resident of the "No-ville" area of Novi with a Northville address.

The board has chosen to increase the position from four days a week to full time, said Barritt, also vice president of Development, Alumni & Community Engagement for Oakland University.

"I think she's done a terrific job," Barritt said of Pearson. "It's been growing every year. We're sad to see her leave. It now gives us the opportunity and momentum to build."

The foundation has given more than \$2 million to Northville schools over the last 12 years, along with raising awareness.

Barritt and the others looking for a successor hope to have someone on board in 30-60 days. The executive director handles fundraising, coordinates the Night for Northville event with volunteers and board support,

assists with budget preparation and handles other duties.

"I think there's a nice base of support. We want to continue that," said Barritt, who has two daughters, in third and sixth grades, in NPS. "We've already gotten a good response so far. I think we'll have a nice response."

Barritt anticipates Pearson will be available to aid the newcomer in the transition.

The board's executive committee with three local people is involved in the search. The Southfield-based Nonprofit Personnel Network is being used, with the job link: www.nppn.co/job-post ings/job-position-description /?positionid=253.

A bachelor's degree is needed, with a master's degree preferred.

"A hard work ethic, a good understanding of the non-profit world and philanthropy" are needed, Barritt said.

The salary will be commensurate with experience and "competitive." Health insurance will likely not be included, he said, although if that's a deal-breaker those hiring could consider making a contribution toward health

Someone with strong Northville community ties would be ideal, he said.

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Northville High School student Dilan Varghese helps out at Silver Springs Elementary during its April 3 science fair as he demonstrates how some solids can be hydrophobic. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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The co-chairs of the science fair Patricia Brandon and Kristen Goodman thanked everyone involved, from the school staff to parents, and especially the students.

The student scientists, whose curiosity led them to new discoveries, thank you for your participation and hard work. Without you, there would be no Science Fair," they said.

The judges included local residents with science expertise and the Northville High School National Honor Society. They were all "impressed."

The overall winners were:

Kindergarten

First Place: Caroline Cummings Second Place: Emma Luo Third Place: Srikar Rayappureddy

First Grade

First Place: Simran Magnan Second Place: Victor



Steven Valice sets up his experiment on surface tension during the April 3 science fair at Silver Springs Elementary. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ligenza Third Place: Kendall Krautner

Second Grade

First Place: John Woolfolk Second Place: Will Clark, Shriya Nevneetha Third Place: Andrew Cum-

Lower Elementary Grand Prize Winner: Simran Magnan

Third Grade

First Place: Jamila Nayarwala Second Place: Markus Budweg, Biana Done`, ivin Yalamanchili Third Place: Peter Goodman

Fourth Grade

First Place: Ayden Ash and Ruhani Singh, Alyssa Budweg, and Chethan Magnan Second Place: Miranda Esser, Helena Stinson, **Aneerooth Thathachari** and Claire Zahra

Fifth Grade

First Place: Pranavi Kante, **Kiera Murphy** Second Place: Lauren Atkinson and Charlotte **Atkinson** Third Place: Dana Clafton, Hannah Senawi Upper Elementary Grand Prize Winner: Alyssa Budweg

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Earth Day groceries project

Students from Ridge Wood Elementary School will be participating in the 21st annual Earth Day Groceries Pro-

The students at Ridge Wood have decorated 600 paper grocery bags with environmental messages. On

Earth Day, Tuesday, April 22, these bags will be passed out (full of groceries) to shoppers at Hiller's Market in downtown Northville. Each bag will also display artwork as well as environmental mes-

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Local man's music and radio career spans decades, cultures

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Narendra Sheth's career in music and radio has taken him from 78rpm records and reel-toreel tapes to digital mini discs and computer hard drives.

Sheth, of Plymouth
Township, is an expert on
the popular music of
India who last month
marked 40 years of hosting a weekly radio show –
Geetmala, meaning "garland of melodies" – that's
focused on Indian music,
but also includes interviews, news and information

Born in India and educated at the University of Bombay (now Mumbai) and the University of Michigan, Sheth worked as an engineer and statistician for more than 30 years, co-authored a college textbook on applying statistics to engineering, produces concerts, is on the board of the Michigan Philharmonic and on several other boards, has been active in the area's Indian community for decades, plays keyboards and harmonica and recently learned computer

video production.

A corner of his basement studio is crowded with accolades and memorabilia, plus he has an extensive collection of Indian music, especially the music of Bollywood, the Hindi-language film industry based in Mumbai

Always learning

"It's the satisfaction of doing things, passion for doing things and, most important, always learning new things," Sheth, who is in his mid-70s, said last week. "One should never stop being a student."

Geetmala is heard from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday on WCXI-AM (1160) and also online at www.wpon.com. It grew out of a friend's suggestion that he put together a radio show and has become an exploration of Indian folk, classical and movie music and the way the music of India and the music of the West have influenced each other.

Sheth boasts broad musical tastes.

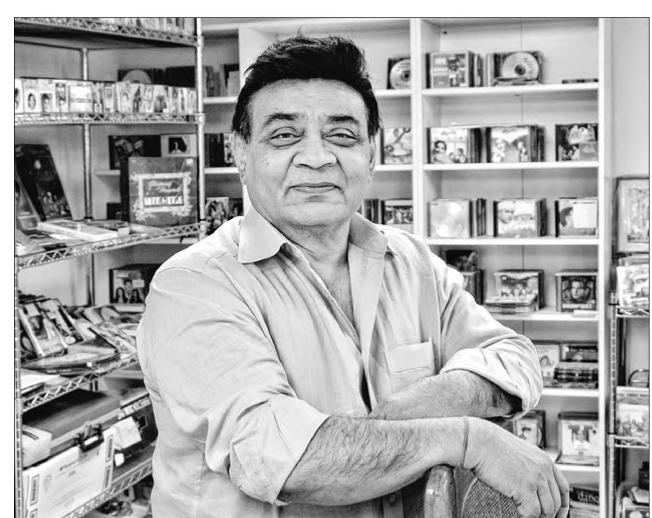
"People who are old like old music. People who are young like new music. I like all music," he said.

He researches, gathers the music for and organizes his shows at home, then goes to the radio station every Saturday to broadcast live. Each musical show has a theme and 99 percent of the music aired, Sheth said, comes from his own collection.

Old, new technology

Sheth's music library has thousands of recordings - old records, cassette and reel tapes, compact discs and mini discs. About 80 percent of his collection, he said, is cataloged on his computer, so he can easily retrieve a specific recording when needed. While he often brings the music for Geetmala to WCXI in a digital format, he also brings in tapes and vinyl records. "Fortunately, there's still one record player" at the station, he

Sheth takes a particular interest in musical cross-currents; he'll show, for example, how a popular American song has influenced an Indian musician. "I'll play a



Narendra Sheth of Plymouth Township, an expert on Bollywood music and an activist in the local Indian community, in his music library, which houses thousands of recordings. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

little bit of that American song and then the Indian song "he said

song," he said.

Last July, Sheth produced a concert at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi that fused traditional Indian music with Western classical and included 60-some musicians, including Michigan Philharmonic members. It took six months to plan, he said

"People came from all over the country and this is the first time they had seen this kind of show. They were just amazed," Sheth said.

Sheth retired in 2002

as the chief engineering statistician at Ford Motor Co.; he had been with Ford for 34 years. Before that, he had a research fellowship at U-M, where he had earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering. He had studied mathematics and statistics at the University of Bombay, receiving both a bachelor's and a master's

Sheth and his wife Suhas have a daughter Neha, a son Neel and three grandchildren.

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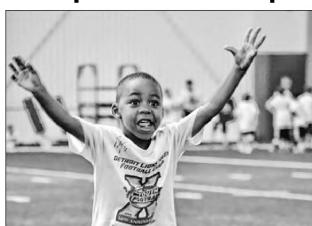
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The Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on a variance request by an agent with authority from the property owner of 357 S. Rogers Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167. The applicant is seeking a use variance to renovate part of an existing vehicle repair building to be used as a convenience store on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, parcel number 48-003-01-0339-000. The City's Building Official has determined that a use variance is required, as Sections 3.02 and 3.03 of the Northville Zoning Ordinance do not list retail sales as a permitted or special use in the R-1B

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

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Thayer's Corner work day

The annual spring clean-up at the Thaver's Corner Nature Area, located on Napier Road just north of Six Mile in Northville Township, will take place from 9 a.m-12:30 p.m., Saturday, April 26.

'We need some people to help us clean up after that hard winter that we've had and get us ready for regular operations this spring," said event organizer and Northville Township

Trustee Mary Ganns Lunch will be served to all volunteers.

For more information, contact Ganns at 734-751-1567.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross will be hosting two upcoming local blood drives. The first will take place from 7 a.m.-12:45 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 777 West Eight Mile. The second will take place from 1:30-7:45 p.m., Tuesday, April 29 at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile in Northville Township.

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Prescription drug drop-off

The Drug Enforcement Administration and Northville Township Police have scheduled the 8th National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26 at the Northville Township Police Department located at 41600 Six Mile Road.

This is an opportunity for people who have accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs to safely dispose of those medications to law enforcement.

Art House show

The work of Tom Thewes, Detroit cultural icon and acknowledged airbrush master, is showcased in the newest exhibit at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street. "Detritus" runs through Saturday, April 26 during regular Art House hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

Thewes is a partner of SUUMO Street Art Reproductions as well as the executive director at Contra Projects, a select group of respected, established artists who have gained global recognition by using the street as their canvas. He is also CEO of the world-renowned ©POP Gallery, which forever changed the vibe of Midtown's Woodward corridor, and helped launched careers of some of the world's most influential and important visual artists of the last 20 years.

For more information, call the Northville Art House at 248-344-0497. Admission is free.

Ramsey program

New York Times best-selling author and nationally syndicated radio show host, Dave Ramsey is introducing a new program, The Legacy Journey - a sevenweek course taught on DVD by Ramsey that shows families and individuals what to do once they have control of their finances, and helps them navigate their way through building wealth so they are able to leave a lasting legacy. The Legacy Journey is a follow-up class to Ramsey's course, Financial Peace University (FPU).

Locally, The Legacy Journey will be held at Northville Christian Assembly of God, located at 41355 Six Mile Road in Northville. The classes will begin Wednesday, May 7 at 7

p.m. For more information or to register, contact Arvind Poobalan at 248-348-9030. For more information about The Legacy Journey, visit www.daveramsey.com.

Girl Scout flamingos

Starting in late April, flamingos will be showing up on lawns throughout the Northville community. Girl Scout Troop 40844 will be putting the flamingos out in the middle of the night for unsuspecting homeowners as part of a fundraiser to help them go on a 10-day educational trip to Europe.

If you would like to flock" someone, for a small donation of \$25, the girls will place the birds in their lawn for 24 hours. Of course if anyone wants the birds removed sooner than 24 hours they will be glad to remove them. If you get flocked, please have a sense of humor.

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'Five Wishes' planning

Arbor Hospice will present "Five Wishes Advance Directives: Making Your Wishes Known" from 10:30 a.m. to noon, May 15 at the Northville Senior Center, 303 W. Main Street, Northville.

The seminar will concentrate on adults completing a Five Wishes document to make medical, personal, emotional and spiritual wishes known. It is never too early to talk with family, friends and doctor about how you want to be treated if you become seriously ill.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Jaclyn Klein at jklein@arborhospice.org or 734-794-5394.

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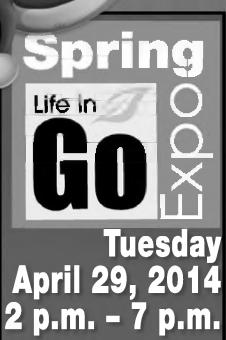
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Reaching out to raise brain tumor awareness

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Larry and Lynn Berg of Novi are glad their 16-year-old daughter Kaitlyn is in improving health. Their concern for their daughter continues, but the picture is a lot brighter.

Kaitlyn, a junior at Novi High School, began to have headaches in eighth grade. An MRI revealed a non-malignant brain tumor that required two surgeries. The teen also had radiation that ended more recently, also with good news.

'She's doing a lot better," Larry Berg said, noting Kaitlyn's been weaned off anti-seizure medications. She's been on a couple of college tours recently and hopes to study accounting or finance after high school graduation.

Last year, the Bergs organized with others a benefit for the Chicagobased American Brain Tumor Association, held at Eastern Michigan University. The 2013 event raised some \$147,000, well over its

Upcoming event

The Bergs are hard at work on this year's ABTA benefit, a 5K Breakthrough for Brain Tumors Race, set for Saturday, May 10, at Providence Park Hospital, Beck and Grand River, in Novi.

That day, the program will begin 8:30 a.m., the run at 9 a.m., followed by a walk. Berg is chairman of the event and the family team is "United Against Brain Tumors." For more information, visit www.bt5k.org.

Their family also includes sister Kara, 18, a freshman at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., pursuing journalism studies. Larry Berg is



The Berg family of Novi (from left) includes Larry, Kara, Kaitlyn and Lynn. This year's benefit race is set for Saturday, May 10, at Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

vice president and general manager for Valassis Solutions.

He and Kate Butler, advancement manager, marketing and communications for the ABTA, recently shared their story.

"Ľarry has been a great advocate for our organization," Butler said by phone from Chicago. "Our goal is to raise money to support brain tumor research.

The ABTA also supports services for patients and their families. Butler said there are seven races around the country involving some 7,000 people, including an estimated 1,100 for the upcoming race in Novi.

Supporters

Organizers here are pleased with business and community support, including the city of Novi and its police and fire departments. "They've really embraced our coming to Novi," Berg said. "We're very excited about a long-term relationship with the Novi community."

Norvthville resident and WDIV-TV (Channel 4) personality Chuck Gaidica, a meterologist who will soon become pastor of world outreach of Novi's Oak Pointe Church, will be the master of ceremonies. This

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raising goal of \$180,000. Butler said about 700,000 U.S. residents are now living with a brain tumor and nearly 70,000 new cases will be diagnosed this year. It's the second leading cause of cancer deaths among children, she said.

Wayne County celebrates 30th anniversary of Marshmallow Drop

On Friday, April 18, marshmallows will fall from the sky.

Join Wayne County Parks that day as it celebrates the 30th anniversary of Marshmallow Drop. Marshmallows will be dropped at two Wayne County Parks locations: Elizabeth Park in Trenton at 9 a.m. and the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park in Westland at 11 a.m.

More than 20,000 marshmallows will be dropped from the Easter Bunny's helicopter to children who scramble to collect these goodies and trade them in for a prize. Children will be divided into age groups 4 years old and younger, 5-7 years old and

8-12 years old - to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to fully participate.

There will be one colored marshmallow to be found for each of the age groups. The finder of the colored marshmallow will receive an extra special prize, commemorating the 30th anniversary of Marshmallow Drop.

"I am happy we can provide the opportunity for families to create special memories in our Wayne County Parks," Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said. "It is a fun, friendly and free event for our residents and visitors."

Nankin Mills is at Hines Drive and Ann

Arbor Trail in Westland. The Marshmallow Drop is the first of many warm-weather events planned by Wayne County Parks for 2014. For more information on Marshmallow Drop or any other Wayne County Parks event, call 734-261-1990 or visit www.parks.waynecounty.com

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Aisin names Kato new president

Aisin Seiki, a leading tier one automotive components manufacturer, has named Yoshiaki "Yoshi" Kato president of Aisin Technical Center of America (ATC-A), which is currently based in Plymouth Township, but will soon move to North-

ville Township. The 59-year-old Kato assumed the new position on April 1. He joined Aisin in 2006 and most recently was senior managing officer of the company's Research & Development Sector in Japan. Previously, he spent more than 25 years in a variety of engineering and product development positions with Toyota Motors Company including several years in senior management at the Toyota Technical Center in Ann Arbor. Kato, who earned a bachelor of science degree in electronics engineering from Nagoya Kogyo University, replaces Takashi "Jay" Aoyama, who remains with ATC-A as senior technical adviser.

ATC-A was founded in 2008 to lead the company's engineering and product development expansion in the U.S. marketplace. As its capabilities continue to grow, ATC-A works closely with customers in strategic product development – taking on more local engineering,



Kato

design and technical initiatives and responsi-

In December, Northville Township officials agreed to grant Aisin a tax abatement to allow the company to move its headquarters from their current location off of Beck Road in Plymouth Township to a 172,000 square foot facility on Centennial Drive at Five Mile. Sometime later this year, Aisin and its 245 employees are expected to move into the new corporate headquarters. The company, which formed in 1965 in Japan, will invest nearly \$8 million in the facility, including both "brick and mortar" improvements to the building itself and the addition of personal property, largely in the form of high-tech equipment used for research and development.

Kato says managing the complete product life cycle makes ATC-A a more agile operation

and serve local customer needs, while building trust and exceeding expectations.

'Our ambitious goals include developing products that respond specifically to the needs of our customers in markets in the Americas today and in the future, says Kato. "This enormous pursuit is only possible through a global team and a harmonious effort. ATC-A receives support from our Japanese counterparts, but more importantly, we have assembled here a deep knowledge and skills base, and our team members represent a strong, local foundation."

In addition to rapidly expanding engineering and design capabilities, ATC-A has state-of-theart lab facilities that allow various evaluation tests and procedures to assure quality of its products in performance; environmental; strength and durability; electronics; and NVH.

Kato is also responsible for FT Techno of America (FTTA), the 950-acre test track and proving ground in Fowlerville. The facility supports Vehicle Performance Evaluations for major OEMs, suppliers, and government and academic institutions.

For more information about the company, visit www.aisinworld.com.



Education Award to Scott LaRiche (left) as Lou LaRiche, founder of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet,

Northwood presents LaRiche with Dealer Education Award

When Northwood University honored 10 automobile dealers from across the United States and the Netherlands with its annual Dealer Education Awards in January down in New Orleans, awardee and Northville resident Scott LaRiche was unable to attend the ceremony because he was busy at the North American International Auto Show.

So, Northwood President and CEO Keith A. Pretty stopped by LaRiche's dealership, Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth Township, last week to give him the honor, which recognizes dealers for their individual contributions and efforts to improve education at all levels.

Scott LaRiche is executive manager and vice president of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, which is located at 40875 Plymouth

A third generation dealer, LaRiche draws on a lifetime of knowledge and experience in successfully managing the Lou LaRiche Chevrolet dealership. As the firm's vice president, his accomplishments can be seen in variety of ways, perhaps most notably in the automotive retailer's consistent ranking as one of the "Top 250 Chevrolet Dealers" in total volume nationwide. LaRiche serves as vice chairman and executive committee member of the 2014 North American International Auto Show (NA-

In addition to his service to the NAIAS, he has served on the board of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association for six years, holding positions as treasurer, secretary and vice president before being name president in 2013. As DADA President, LaRiche took a leading role in the Courageous Persuaders program whose mission is to reduce underage drinking and driving and the tragic accidents they cause. Partnering with local high schools, he worked with the DADA to establish competitions incentivizing high school students to produce public service announcement videos about the dangers of drinking and driving. Winning prizes include scholarship money, classes and other amenities.

In addition to his work through the DADA, LaRiche is involved with the Plymouth-Canton Literacy Council whose mission is to finance tutoring for adult proficiency in reading, writing and speaking the English language. An active member of the Plymouth-Canton and Northville communities, he is a member of the Plymouth Rotary Club and, together with his father Lou, helped develop the Plymouth community's Miracle League Baseball

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ACO begins second wave of hardware store transitions

ACO Hardware has begun its second phase of store transitions to Great Lakes Ace Hardware, a hardware cooperative.

ACO, a Michiganbased independent home and hardware store chain located throughout the Detroit market and beyond, began its initial transition in January, converting 26 of its 52 stores, all of which are

located in Michigan. The second phase of the transition to Ace will begin immediately with a Total Inventory Blowout Sale in the remaining 26 stores in several cities in metropolitan Detroit, including the Novi

store at 41800 W. 10 Mile. Once the transition is complete, all will reopen as Ace Hardware branded stores and provide consumers with Ace's nationally-recognized brands such as Craftsman®, Valspar® as well as exclusive lines such as Clark+Kensington and more than 10,000 Acebranded products.

'Our customers are enjoying seeing the expansion of our product offerings to include more world-class brand names," ACO Inc. President Mark VandenBerg said. "As we near the completion of Phase I and begin Phase II of our transition to Great Lakes Ace Hardware, our customers have provided a lot of positive feedback. We welcome everyone to not only take advantage of the sales going on now, but also come back when the stores reopen

to renew their relationships with many of the same staff they have gotten to know over the years.'

To become fully aligned with the Ace Hardware brand and merchandise selection, the ACO stores will offer incredible savings on current inventory, including seasonal lawn and garden products, as they sell down to clear the stores. SB Capital Group, LLC, has been retained to operate transitional sale events in the ACO store locations.

ACO, headquartered in Farmington Hills and originally founded in 1946 as Traskos Brothers Hardware Depot in Dearborn, currently employs approximately 850 associates.

Local leaders take wait and see approach with county deficit plan

By Kurt Kuban Staff Writer

Municipal leaders from western Wayne County are taking a rather tepid view of Bob Ficano's latest deficit reduc-

tion plan. Mark Abbo, Wayne County's top finance official, shared the plan Friday at the Conference of Western Wayne general meeting at the Sumpter Township municipal building. Ficano recently hired Abbo, the former Northville Township supervisor, to help craft the plan, which the administration says will eliminate the county's \$175 million accrued deficit as well as the estimated \$61 million deficit for the next two budget years ending Sept. 30, 2015.

If implemented, Abbo said the plan will have a "dramatic effect" on the county's fiscal health.

"With this plan in full effect, the county will have an estimated \$1.7 million surplus by Sept. 30, 2015," he said.

The two major components of the plan include:

» Moving the Delinquent Tax Revolving **Fund (DTRF) unrestrict**ed fund balance into the general fund. This county fund was set up to help local units of government purchase tax delinquent properties within their communities. The DTRF money comes from re-

volving fund notes (issued in anticipation of delinquent tax collections). At the end of the last fiscal year, there was a \$175 million fund balance in the DTRF.

Ficano would like to use the surplus to reduce the county's overall deficit, which Abbo said can be done with-



out impacting the county's ability to purchase the tax delinquent properties. However, the county commission would have to give the green light on the change.

» Reorganizing the county-owned wastewater treatment facilities. Ficano would like the county to get out of the wastewater business. His plan is to sell the Downriver Wastewater Treatment Facility, and other wastewater infrastructure, to an authority that would be operated by the municipalities and users in Wayne County. Abbo estimated the "sale price" to such an authority would in itself eliminate most if not all the

county's accrued deficit. Other parts of the plan include moving a majority of Wayne County's retirees from countyprovided health care and onto the national health care system popularly

known as "Obamacare," leasing out some of the county-owned Guardian Building in downtown Detroit, reducing the number of circuit court judges, and making changes to the health care provided to circuit court judges.

After his presentation, Abbo admitted parts of the plan are going to be tough for some people to swallow, but he said the county has a legal obligation to balance its budget.

"Most of the low-hanging fruit have already been taken. Now it's going to take something more serious to get our fiscal house in order. We realize everybody's going to be impacted including all of the local units of government," Abbo said.
"People don't like change. Everyone has some concerns about some aspect of this plan. But I'm encouraged that the people I've spoken to recognize something needs to be done.

Lots of questions

Most of leaders said they were taking a wait and see approach to the plan. There were lots of figures thrown around and not many details. The proposal to sell the wastewater facilities to the local municipalities had a few scratching their heads, however.

"You're trying to sell back to the people of Wayne County what is

already owned by the taxpayers of Wayne County," said Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer, echoing a sentiment shared by many of his colleagues.

Northville City Manager Pat Sullivan said he is open to proposals that would create efficiencies and help the county tighten it's belt - fiscally speaking. However, he said the county shouldn't do that at the expense of the local municipalities.

"I'm all for authorities and creating efficiencies, but we really have to see more of the details before we could support the plan," Sullivan said. "The part of this plan that is really going to have a major impact on all of our communities is the wastewater authority. We need much more information about that before it could move ahead.'

Westland Mayor Bill Wild, who is currently campaigning to succeed Ficano as the county executive, was less positive. Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara and State Rep. Phil Cavanagh, the other two candidates that are officially campaigning for county executive (Ficano hasn't made an announcement) were also at the meeting.

"It's got a lot of holes in it," Wild said of the plan. "I think this plan has zero percent of pass-

Wild said he has spoken to some of the county union leaders, as well as employees in the circuit court and sheriff's office, and even some of the Downriver public officials. And what he's heard has not been positive. He is very doubtful that there will be enough support from any of the communities to form an authority to take over the waste water treatment plant.

Wild said he is most skeptical of the plan because there are no cuts to the executive's office.

"I looked through this whole plan, and there is nothing in there that looks at the executive budget. When we developed a deficit plan in Westland, the first thing I did was start in my office," Wild said. "It may be symbolic, but if you want to get everyone on board with this plan, you have to show them you are willing to start at the top."

The Conference of Western Wayne serves 18 communities in western Wayne County, including Canton Township, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, Wayne and West-

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Jury deadlocked in sex case

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

A hung jury led to a mistrial Friday in a Plymouth Township criminal sexual conduct case, but prosecutors plan to try the case again.

A jury of nine women and three men, after deliberating since

Wednesday afternoon, came back deadlocked Friday in the case of Robert Messer, 37, who faced five criminal sexual conduct charges and one charge of soliciting a minor for immoral purposes. Wayne County Circuit Judge Qiana D. Lillard declared a mistri-

Messer and the girl had planned to run away together and had left notes declaring their love for each other when they disappeared Oct. 27 of last year. They were found two days later in Washtenaw County; the girl, 15, has since given birth to a boy fathered by Messer.

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the late Martin & Agnes Lutzenkirchen. Ruth will be re-

membered as a strong woman who loved the Lord, and felt it

was her mission to share Him

and His words with everyone she

met. She spent her time caring

for her husband, children, and

home. At church she loved work-

ing in the nursery, and at home taking in foster children. Later

she with her friend Mary, started

the "God's Good Apple Club" a

club for the neighborhood chil-

sionary church groups and the Child Study group of South

Lyon in the sixty and seventies.

Later she volunteered in many

Women Aglow groups. In the

nineties, on Tuesdays she started a prayer group in her own home.

Ruth enjoyed collecting things

and giving them where needed,

Women's shelters, homeless, Sa-

grandchildren, Project Hope, as

far away as Dorr, MI. She was

the happiest when she was look-

ing for things to give to someone

else. You could call her anytime

to pray for you. She will be missed. She is survived by her

loving children: Janet (Claude)

Cobb, David Briggs, Belinda

(Steve) Hillis, Jackie (Lori)

Briggs, Peter (Tracie) Briggs, and Paul (Valerie) Briggs; 14

grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great

grandchildren. Ruth is also sur-

vived by her brothers: Martin

(Pat) Lutzenkirchen and Freder-

ick Kindy and her sister-in-law,

Patricia Roberts . She was pre-ceded in death by her husband Jack Briggs on December 6,

2011. A funeral service was held

on Tuesday, April 15, at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL

HOME, South Lyon. The family

received friends on Monday,

April 14, from 3:00 p.m.-

9:00p.m. at the funeral home.

www.phillipsfuneral.com

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ELKO, ELEANOR R.

Age 75, passed away April 10, 2014. She was born on Septem-

ber 19, 1938 in Detroit, daughter

of the late John and Grace

Eckardt. Eleanor had a strong

and abiding faith and was an ac-

tive member of Our Savior

Apostolic Lutheran Church in

Northville. She will always be

remembered as being a loving

and devoted wife, mother and

grandmother. She is survived by

her loving children: James Elko

and Ruth (Steven) Miazga, her

grandchildren: Stacey and Julia

and her brother Jack (Millie)

Eckardt. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Sr.

in 2005 and her brothers: Paul

and Robert. A memorial service

will be held on Saturday, April 19 at 11:00 a.m. at Our Savior

Apostolic Lutheran Church,

54899 Eight Mile Rd., Northville, MI 48167. Online

www.phillipsfuneral.com

guestbook at

Online guestbook at

maritan's purse

shoeboxes.

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ren Ruth worked in many

1927, in Detroit, daughter of

BRIGGS, RUTH G.

AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays **Holy Week Schedule**

7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17 --Mass; exposition until midnight.

Friday, April 18 - 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer; noon Ecumenical Service, 1:30 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion; 3 p.m. Divine Mercv

Saturday, April 19 -- noon Blessing of Easter Foods; 3 p.m. Divine Mercy; 8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 20 - Masses at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.; 3 p.m. Divine Mercy, 6:30 p.m.

Spanish Mass (Español) **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

Sunday worship: 11 a.m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for

meadows.org.

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,

Contact: DestinyW3C@ Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

Passages

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

1-800-579-7355 • fax 313-496-4968 • htwobits@hometownlife.com

Deadline: Tuesday 9:45 a.m. for Thursday

FRENCH, DONALD R.

Age 82, of South Lyon, passed away April 13, 2014. Full obit

www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

MATTHEWS.

THOMAS

Age 60, passed away April 13,

2014. Arrangements entrusted to

O'CONNOR

JOYCE L.

Age 58, passed away April 10,

2014. She was born on September 27, 1955, in Vero Beach,

Florida, daughter of Richard & Margaret Weisenberger. Mrs. O'Connor worked at the Univer-

sity of Michigan School of Nurs-

ing as the Laboratory Coordina-

tor from 1989 to 2014. During

her tenure she earned recognition

for her dedicated service to the School. In 1999 she received the

Michael J. Koteles Staff Appre-

ciation Award. In 2000, she was

recognized by the students and

received the Staff of the Year,

Students' Choice award. In 2001,

she was recognized as a "Super

Employee" by the UM Health

System. Joyce was also nominat-

ed to chair the Staff Council in

2003 and served on the commit-

tee for two years. She also pro-

vided assistance on numerous

School projects including a reno-

vation of their Nursing Skills lab

area and the classrooms, and

several Audio Visual upgrades in

the School. Joyce cherished her

time with her family. There was

nothing better than watching

Billy and Lauren as they partici-

pated in sports and extracurricu-

lar activities. She loved to travel;

the Atlantic Ocean was her fa-

vorite vacation destination. She

spent much time camping with

her family and brothers and sis-

Pistons/Tigers, games, reading,

photography and video editing. She was a #1 Detroit Tigers fan.

Beloved wife of Bill. Loving

mother to Bill and Lauren. Lov-

ing twin to Jan (Mark) Kreucher.

Sister of Dori (Geof) Wegehaupt, Maggi (Doug) Pope,

Susan Weisenberger, Richard (Charlene) Weisenberger, Joan

(Alan) Diekman. She is also sur-

vived by many nieces, nephews

and loving friends. Visitation

will be held on Sunday, April 13 from 2:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. with a scripture service at 7:00 p.m. at

PHĪLLIPS FUNERAL ĤOME,

122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated

on Monday, April 14 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic

Church, 830 S. Lafayette. Online

www.phillipsfuneral.com.

PALMER, PAUL

87, died Apr 10. Friday 4-8 and

Funeral 11 a.m. Saturday Rupp

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and online condolences at

Phillips Funeral Home

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 Holy Week worship:

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7

Good Friday, April 18, 7 p.m. Easter Sunday April 20, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Contact: 248-349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

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

First Church of the Nazarene

Saturday of every month

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org

www.hometownlife.com

SONKE,

MARIAN JOYCE

Passed away peacefully in Mid-

land, Michigan on April 8, 2014

at age 93. She was born in Flint,

Michigan December 27, 1920.

Memorial Services for Marian will take place at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 12, 2014 from the

Home, 1200 W. Wheeler St. Pas-

tor Brad VanderWaal will offici-

ate. Marian's family will receive

friends at the funeral home from

3:00 p.m. until time of service.

Those planning an expression of

sympathy are asked to consider

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TYLER, ROGER

October 2, 1936 - April 2, 2014

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WILKINSON

DONALD F. JR.

Of Walled Lake, passed away

April 4, 2014 at the age of 67. Lynch and Sons Funeral

Lynch and Sons Funera Directors of Walled Lake, MI,

WISNIEWSKI,

DAVID A.

Age 53. April 9, 2014. Visitation
April 10 at PHILLIPS FUNER-

AL HOME. Funeral April 11 at St. Joseph Church, South Lyon.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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

Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m.

9:15-11 a.m. Refreshments at 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service Good Friday: noon service with

Communion **Easter Sunday Sunrise Ser**vice: 7 a.m. in the Atrium

Easter Sunday Services: 9:30 and 11 a.m. 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

Annual Community Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 19. As in the past, pre-registration is required at dfcnazarene.org and closes when organizers reach 600 children (for safety reasons) or on April 16, whichever comes first; 248-354-1915.

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

Contact: 248-437-2875

First Presbyterian

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

(Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 and 10 a.m. Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday Worship

(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,

Contact: 248-349-0565 Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible study; 10 a.m. worship

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Contact: 248-427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org

Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10

Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. worship service Alzheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m. second Saturday of

Hope Lutheran Church

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

Lakes Baptist

Church Location: 309 Decker Road,

Livonia Church of Christ

Walled Lake

Location: 15431 Merriman, 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,

Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665 or visit www.legacychurch.us

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

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook

Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile

Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister, 248-348-7757, visit mbccc.org or email to office@mbccc.org.

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Church School: 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. **Merry Widows Luncheon:**

11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of

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 aman-

da.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; 1015 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes, junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

Details: Events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.

Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom and Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

Novi United Methodist Church

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Contact: 248-349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-

Methodist-Church/59782031433 Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m. **Healing Service and Holy** Communion: 9:45 a.m. first

Sunday of every month Peace Vigil: noon, first Sunday of every month in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile,

Contact: 248-912-0043 Web: www.oakpointe. org/lifegroups

Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

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

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Contact: 248-926-6584:

www.orchardgrove.org

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Road, Plymouth Township Contact: 734-453-0326, Ext. 221

Location: 47650 N. Territorial

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Location: 770 Thayer, Northville

Contact: 248-349-2621 or olvnorthville.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

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

Our Savior Apostolic

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

Lutheran Church

45175 W. 10 Mile Contact: 248-697-8158 or visit

www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org Plymouth St. John's

Contact: 734-453-0190, Ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth-

Praise Baptist Church

Location: 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

Prince of Peace

Location: 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills **Phone:** 248-553-3380

April 17 - Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion at

April 18 - Good Friday service of darkness at 7:30 p.m.

April 20 - Easter Sunday festive

St. James Catholic Church Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi

Contact: 248-347-7778 Pastor: Monsignor John Kasza Mass Schedule: 8, 9:30 and

St. John Lutheran

Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills Contact: 248-474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com

Saturday Worship: 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship: 9, 11:15 a.m. Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

Unitarian **Universalist Church**

Location: 25301 Halsted, Far-

Contact: www.uufarming-

Youth Interfaith Journey: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays **Details:** This religious education program is open to the public

nine-12 with age-specific education materials for all. Contact: Jennifer Teed at

mington.org

7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays **Details:** Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No \$5 donation is suggested. Drop in and pick the class that in-

Contact: 248-478-7272 or uufarmington.org/uucf/re-

Multigenerational Services:

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 sharity will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The evening will close with a light snack and a short

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Contact: 248-374-7400

Contemporary in the Sanctuary; 11 a.m. Traditional in the Sanctuary; 11a.m. Post-Contemporary in Knox Hall

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Pentecostals of Novi Location: Novi Civic Center,

Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth

Contact: 734-748-3898

Lutheran Church

Holy Week

celebration with Holy Communion 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

Church

of Farmington

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and currently enrolling new students. Classes are grouped into grades K-five, six-eight and

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Universalist Church of Farming-

lifespan 6:45 p.m. Fridays

ing. A religious education activtime to socialize, ending at 8:30

Presbyterian Church Location: 40000 Six Mile, North-

center at the corner of Six Mile Web: www.wardchurch.org

Sunday Worship: 8 a.m. Liturgical in the Chapel; 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Groups and Classes:

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.

Hopeful Crossey files for county commission seat

Bv Julie Brown Staff Writer

Colleen Crossev is a Democratic Party candidate for District 9 of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, representing Novi and the Oakland County part of Northville.

She's a graduate of Eastern Michigan University's School of Social Work, where she earned a bachelor's degree in that field. Crossey has worked at Wayne County's nonprofit domestic violence shelter First Step, as well as Saline Hospital's Alcohol Recovery Program and as a Michigan Human Services counselor for people with severe disabil-

ities, including developmental disabilities and children at risk. Crossey

graduated from the University of Michigan School of Social Work with a certificate in labor and industrial relations, earning her master's in social work from U-M.

The mother of two had partial scholarships for her studies, but still

had student loans. She got a factory job at the Johnson Controls plant in Whitmore Lake, a union shop that gave her a wage to pay off the student loans. She'd found work in her field earlier, but its pay made getting by difficult.

She's also worked with Washtenaw County Jail's Inmate Services as a graduate student intern and has led a Livingston County research project with EMU. Her background includes work with Monroe County's Mental Health Authority, serving people with major mental illness, as well as teaching

psychology and child welfare classes at Monroe County Community College.

Crossey recently talked to a cable installer whose wages are low. "His family faces a really uncertain future," she said. "His story is not really unique.

Restaurant and retail workers also often "have to draw food stamps just to get by," said Crossey, who favors a progressive raise in the federal minimum wage. She said the job-killer concept of that 'hasn't played out," and cited a Bloomberg News report of a positive impact of a 1998 wage hike

in Washington state.

Crossey is seeking public office for the first time. "I think it's very urgent," she said. "One thing is to protect our lakes, our water sources, from outside sources that don't care if they pollute."

She added: "Americans have got ingenuity," citing U.S. Navy gasoline extraction from seawater, along with other scientists making jet fuel from algae, as well as solar power.

Small business backer

Crossey is a supporter of small, local business-

es. "Those are the people that are the pillars of the community, the small businesses," she said. "They don't have enough visibility.

She'd like to see website visitors for local municipalities have the option of a link to a list of local businesses. "People like to shop online, but they also see the wisdom of shopping locally," Crossey said. "It brings prosperity to our neighbors.

Crossey's website is www.ColleenCros sey.com. She's on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ crossev8.

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Northville, Michiga

rship Times: September - May 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Memorial Day - Labor Day 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

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46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Msgr John Kasza, Pastor Parish Office: 347-7778

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OUR VIEWS

Latest roadwork plan could go further

\$500 million not close to what is needed

Desperate people are often conditioned to have low expectations, which is perhaps why the House Republicans' new plan for state roads received such a warm reception in Lansing earlier this month. Voters may be placated for a while, too, but it won't last.

The nearly \$500 million infusion of annual spending in the plan that Speaker Jase Bolger announced might sound significant, but it's not close to what's necessary to fix state's roads. He anticipated as much in announcing the proposal.

"There will be plenty who say it's not enough," Bolger said, "to which I will say, '20 years of all-ornothing has gotten pretty much nothing.'

The GOP majority deserves credit for putting something on the table, but the better-than-nothing argument shouldn't appease anybody. Michigan roads are worse than bad; they're atrocious, dangerous and costly to state motorists, and they'll continue to worsen if this is the best our Legislature can do.

The brutal winter just ended was indeed exceptional, but the freeze-thaw cycles that wreak havoc with Michigan's roads is anything but. Bonejarring potholes are an annual rite as predictable as the return of the sandhill cranes to the Lower Peninsula.

There's a reason, however, that this spring is worse than any in memory, and it has less to do with the weather than with decades of neglect.

Recall that census data released last year revealed that no state spends less on roads per capita than Michigan: just \$154 per person annually on its infrastructure in fiscal year 2009-10, far less than even neighboring states with similarly diffi-

The transportation fund is at its lowest funding level in decades, having fallen to a level first reached in 1967 and last seen in the early 1980s.

Increasing funding by \$1.2 million, as Snyder had asked, would simply end the skid. The Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association estimates we need to allocate an additional \$2 billion a year to address the issue, about four times what's in the GOP proposal.

Recent polling shows voters understand the need to invest in their roads and are willing to pay the price, preferring, for example, to use a \$1 billion surplus on roads rather than receiving a modest tax cut. Even if they weren't, this isn't a prob lem without making some tough decisions.

If we want better roads, we'll need to pay for

The lion's share of the money in the GOP plan would come from taxes that are already in place, meaning that some as-yet-unnamed line item is going to take a hit.

Bolger would also replace the current per-gallon taxes on gasoline and diesel with a 6 percent wholesale tax on both. He says the change would be "revenue-neutral" for gas but would raise about \$50 million dollars from diesel sales. The plan includes higher fees for overweight vehicles, a sensible proposal given the impact such vehi-

But these are modest responses to a major problem. Our Legislature's aversion to raising additional revenue is simply shifting costs in ways that are unfair to motorists and damaging to our state economy.

The Anderson Economic Group published a study that estimates that in 2007, about \$542 million in car repairs and \$383 million in medical costs were attributable to crashes caused by poor road infrastructure in Michigan. Further, deteriorating roads cost jobs in the form of unrealized economic development and opportunity.

Gov. Rick Snyder, some industry groups and even some Democrats called the GOP plan a good beginning, but that's only true if it prompts a serious inquiry into real solutions.

Our suspicion is that this plan is crafted to avoid such an inquiry. Election year or not, such a detour would be unacceptable.

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Kurt Kuban, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor

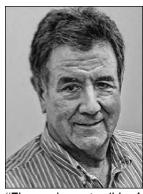
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COMMUNITY VOICE

The annual State of the Community event was this week. What's your view of the state of Northville?

This question was asked in downtown Northville.



"The roads are terrible. A lot of areas need repaving."

Bill Lawler Northville



"It's a good community. I like it here a lot and have no complaints."

Margaret Sabuda Northville Township



"It's the same as it has always been.'

Don Straith

Northville



"It's a great place to raise a family. The Parks and Recreation department is phenomenal. We're happy here."

Mary Jo Johnson

LETTERS

Misguided criticism of Barra

I am from Michigan, but I have never worked for the American auto industry, so I don't have an ax to grind. The recent hearings on General Motors recall for faulty ignition switches was a complete travesty of misplaced

The American senators battering and accusing the new GM CEO Mary Barra, of ignoring the ignition faults and incompetence was absolutely misplaced. Indeed there was and is a serious problem that must be resolved. Ms. Barra had already vowed to correct the issue and hold those responsible accountable.

These headline grabbing politicians who incidentally love to bash our auto industry, neglected to point out that during most of the time of the faulty products. The General Motors Company was in the control of the government bankruptcy courts and the government appointed GM leadership after the previous leader-ship was fired by our own government. (The first time ever that an American CEO was allowed to be dismissed and a successor appointed by our esteemed elected leaders).

Mary Barra is a corporate pioneer and an American icon for becoming the first female CEO of an American automobile compa-

Instead of the appalling lecturing, ridicule and embarrassment of Mary Barra, should not these grand standing senators take the blame for our government's own egregious errors?

Why do we stand for this? These partisan and incompetent senators are simply trying to take the nation's eye off of the farce in Benghazi, The IRS scandal, or our Justice Department refusal to enforce our laws.

We can begin the remedy by voting against anyone on that senate panel that treated Mary Barra with contempt.

Patrick Paquette Northville

Nothing to be giddy about

I read with interest Kurt Kuban's opinion column "Cleaner, more secure future depends on breaking our oil addiction", and would like to offer some com-

Regarding conservatives being "almost giddy," I am sure that was your perception, but I myself don't know any conservatives who are celebrating. Any waste of government/our money is a waste. What many people do say is that the marketplace is profit driven, and will find solutions when the market is ready and will support them - and no, the world doesn't have to end before "those rich people" start changing their ways. My background is a business analyst and strategist. I am concerned with profits and losses. I deal in facts. And I am also a Christian, and I am concerned with doing what is right, to the degree I am able. I deal in faith.

Your references to the Iraq war (a Bush war) as a counter to the conservative "giddiness" made no sense to me. Apples and oranges. Separate decisions. A Democrat had us join WWII; it's a little late to debate the pros and cons of that now. It's history. Relative to the climate change debate, I admit I am influenced by my youth days, when the newspapers and scientists at that time were "sure" that a new ice age was coming, and depictions drawn of which glaciers would come flowing down from Canada in my lifetime.

My own analysis of the climate debate focuses on two things: What are the options (and costs) and how effective would they be (considering, say, all the coal being used in China), and what are the true costs (and possible benefits) if we do nothing at least for now. Some of the early debates about ending addiction to oil focused on the limited resources available - now we realize there is much more than we ever imagined. Some of the direst impacts of global warming have now been dramatically reduced.

Bottom line, I am neither a believer nor denier. I read with interest stories on both sides of the debate - climatedebatedaily-.com is a great website to see links to the latest articles. The website now shows links to both sides of the debate. It's interesting. Looking at the data on the issue, few things make me giddy.

Tom Salapatek

Compelling column

Kurt Kuban's recent column regarding fossil fuels and the harm they are doing to the environment was compelling and challenging. Oh, did I mention enlightening and educational. Thanks for your hard work.

Gene Bobic Milford

Respect the planet

Thank you Mr. Kuban for your insights and courage to explore the costly hazards of fossil fuels. Fossil fuels are a danger to human health, the animals and contribute to the destruction of the

earth itself. We depend upon the earth for our food and clean waters for our

Strip mining for coal has obliterated mountains, poisoned waters. The people are left without hope of growing vegetables, having drinkable water and are dying of cancer due to the pesticides left behind while corporations move on to another mountain to destroy.

You mentioned numerous calamities caused by corporate greed without regard to humans or our environment,

Here in Michigan "racking"occurs in our local parks. Millions of gallons of fresh water are utilized, while corporations refuse to reveal what poisonous chemicals they are inserting into our ground water. I cringe when I see those slick TV ads regarding "natural" gas that defile our

Renewable energy from solar and wind produced 60-percent of German electricity. German solar power plants produced a world record 22 gigawatts of electricity per hour, equal to 20 nuclear power stations at full capacity. Do we not marvel while standing on the shorelines of our wonderful Great Lakes, what beauty, power and capability they possess. God has given them to us to use, but not pollute or desecrate them. Let us respect and be grateful for them.

Delphine Palkowski South Lyon

Nothing to celebrate

Obamacare sign ups hit seven million ... so. When people are told to buy something or risk IRS scrutiny what do think would happen? Seven million people signing up because they were hot for the product would be worth celebrating.

Jack Belisle South Lyon

Limit influence of corporations

The signers of our U.S. Constitution did not intend corporations to be treated as living persons, the way the Constitution is interpreted now. Corporations are now unlimited in the amount of money they can spend on candidates and lawmakers to influence legislation only to their own benefit. Senate Resolution 18 and House Resolution 21 would rectify this unfairness. Please urge both our Senators Levin and Stabenow and your Representative in the House to co-sponsor and support this legislation.

Sally Peck

Colbeck's accomplishments

Sen. Patrick Colbeck has been one of the primary drivers to bring about a responsible balanced budget, while not voting for any tax increases or imposing unfunded liabilities on future generations. In the three years he has held office, state education funding has increased from a low of \$10,705,300,000, in 2009-10 to \$12,169,000,000 in 2014-15 (with the FY 2013-14 amount a projection, and the FY 2014-15 amount, the governor's recommendation).

He also was instrumental in creating an environment that is conducive to improving the state's job prospects, culminating in the increase of 250,000 jobs, creating hope for young people just entering the work force, and reversing the outflow of people from the state to increasing the state's population.

Senator Colbeck became the 7th District's senator in January 2011. The state had just gone through a serious decline in Michigan's automobile industry, with a job loss of 217,000 auto workers (primarily union jobs), and a loss of 400,000 manufacturing jobs (including many union members). The state's revenues declined as the state's economy faltered. Besides Chrysler and General Motors going through bankruptcy, there was a substantial increase in small business bankruptcies, there also was an increase in personal bankruptcies and home foreclosures.

There are people who want us to forget history. Gov. Jennifer Granholm was in office from Jan. 1, 2003 through Jan. 1, 2011. In the 10 years – 1999-2000 to 2009-2010 - the state increased spending by \$761,650,923, while state revenues declined due to job losses in the state. The state used up its "rainy day fund," incurred debt, while not balancing its budgets.

Gov. Granholm increased the State Income Tax from 3.90 to 4.35 percent, and increased the gasoline tax; and there were three straight years when education funding was cut. There was a reduction of 8,244 state government workers, 13 percent of the state's workforce (primarily union workers), while spending on state employees increased 37.7 percent (an increase of \$1,305,851,500), a total cost increase per employee of 58.2 percent. These figures reflect an increase of 21.3 percent in State Employee Base Payroll outlays, a 134.9 percent increase in Retirement Contributions, and an increase of 65.3 percent in Insurance Costs.

One wonders if the union members in the automobile and the related supplier industries, state and other workers who lost their jobs or experienced a reduction in pay feel that there has been a shared sacrifice.

Michael Hansel Canton

9/11 Memorial powerful reminder of a nation's pain

lot has changed in 13 years. The last time I was in New York was October 2001, three weeks after terrorists flew two jets into the World Trade Center, killing thousands and forever altering life as we know it.

I remember that visit as if it were yesterday. I made the trip with my brother, and as we walked in the streets near Ground Zero, the ground was still covered in debris, our feet crunching on the detritus of disaster. Shop windows were still blown out, inventory covered in dust and soot as shopkeepers waited for insurance companies to render decisions before they could deal with the dam-

The streets leading down into Ground Zero at the time were blocked off by wooden saw horses and crime scene tape. And at those barriers hordes of people, New Yorkers and visitors alike, simply stood, staring at the devastation wrought by the attacks. The few who talked conversed in hushed tones. Many cried.

There was no purpose to their standing there, other than what had to have been an unsuccessful attempt to understand. How do you understand the kind of lunacy and zealotry that collapsed the World Trade Center and, howev-



er briefly, brought a nation to its knees?

I remember being amazed by the resilience exhibited by New Yorkers then. I could remember the mayor in Ghostbusters famously saying "It's every New Yorker's God-given right to be miserable," and thought that would be the reaction I'd see. But it wasn't. People were caring and supportive, holding hands and hugging, getting through it together.

I wasn't sure what I expected last week, making my first visit to New York since 9/11. On vacation with my two youngest sons, the 9/11 Memorial was the very first sight we visited after arriving. As on my first visit, I wasn't sure what to expect. Time has a way of healing wounds, they say, but the 9/11 attacks left a deep scar, from which I don't know whether we've ever completely healed.

If we haven't, though, the 9/11 Memorial surely is a way to make that happen. Where once the rubble lay now sits a pair of reflecting pools, each nearly an acre in size, sitting in the footprints where the Twin Towers once stood. We got there around 10 in the morning, and there were already

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hundreds of people in line, waiting to pass security to get a glimpse of history.

The reflecting pools are, obviously, the first things you notice upon entering. As beautiful as they are, though, they are not the most striking part of the memorial. That distinction belongs to the bronze panels edging the pools, where the names of the thousands of people who died not only in that attack, but in the 1993 bombing, are inscribed.

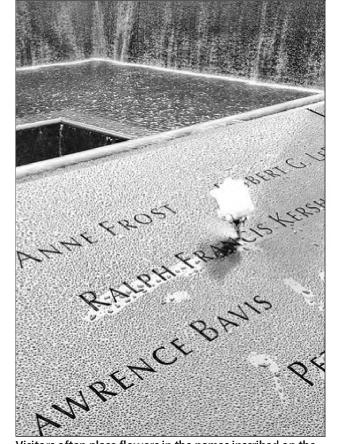
The power of those names hits with the force of memory, with the pain of loss. I didn't know anyone who died in the attacks, so my loss was more existential. That didn't make the memorial less powerful for me. When you see row after row of names laid out like that, the loss is palpable.

I stood next to a gen-

tleman Tuesday at one of the panels. He had wiped the condensation away from a particular name and stood for the longest time staring at it, his expression pained, his eyes unwavering. There were no tears, no hearttorn expressions, but it was clear that was the name he'd come to see.

I have no idea who he was; he may have just been a guy in from Passaic, N.J., to see the memorial. The reporter in me wanted to ask him, but I couldn't intrude on even the possibility of his grief.

The other amazing story of the memorial is told by the 30-foot callery pear tree that stands as a testament to perseverance. The charred trunk of the tree was found in the rubble after the 9/11 attacks, and it's been nursed back to health as one of the cornerstones of the memorial.



Visitors often place flowers in the names inscribed on the panels that edge the twin reflecting pools of the 9/11 Memorial in New York.

They call the tree the "Survivor Tree," and it's a well-earned nickname. It's also a pretty good metaphor for what this country has endured, and stands as a powerful reminder not only of the pain, but of the strength, of a nation.

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More bridges see closure dates along I-96 for construction

Several more bridges over I-96 will see more work and be closed in the coming days, according to a recent release by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

MDOT announced last week the Brookfield bridge over the freeway

in Livonia would be closed starting this past Saturday and would last until sometime in late

The U-turn bridge east and west of Farmington will remain closed and reopen in late

These bridges are the most recent to have a closure date and estimated reopening time. The agency announced earlier this spring the schedule of 13 other bridges along the route that would be closed.

Traffic on these bridges will be detoured to the next available bridge along Schoolcraft.

A total of 37 bridges will see work this construction season over the freeway in Redford and Livonia, including two complete bridge replacements: Breakfast Drive in Redford and Inkster Road on the Redford/ Livonia border.

The freeway, which closed completely last weekend, is expected to reopen sometime in Oc-



Short on Words looking for aspiring writers

"The Roman numerals on the clock read 8:15. The morning dew left behind a reminder of a steamy overnight on the window of my tiny flat. No matter how hard I try, I can't seem to keep those darn drapery tassels in line. Fog hovers in the distance. I am happy..."

ifty-one words I hope leave you wanting for more. Or – maybe they ignite your imagination. The third Short on Words competition is accepting poems and short stories (1,500 words or less) – but the deadline is coming up Friday, April 25.

Short on Words is the literature arm of the annual Arts & Acts Festival in Northville. This year the festival takes place June 20-22 in downtown Northville. Artists' works will be on display throughout the weekend. Tipping Point Theatre will produce the Sandbox Play Festival. Reel Michigan will feature Michigan filmmakers.

The writing contest is open to all aspiring Michigan authors. There are two age categories: young authors 17 years of age and under, adult authors 18 years of age and older. Each group has a selection of photos to inspire a story, or a poem. The photos are on display at Preservation



Denise Jenkins GUEST COLUMN

Dental (corner of Griswold and Main, downtown Northville), at the Northville Art House (on Cady just west of Wing in downtown Northville) and online at preservationdental.com (click on the "Contest" tab).

The entries are coming in. Dr. William Demray is the photographer (and the sponsor). He has the eye to capture interesting photos and he continues to be intrigued by the eye of the author. Storytellers catch all the little details and they build on them.

Writing is a wonderful exercise for your imagination. Skip the abs workout and the treadmill - pick up a pencil and a piece of paper. You'll be surprised by how much weight will be lifted once you tell the story. There is a distinguished panel of judges that include: published author, Michele Fecht; Linda Liedel from Northville Art House; an avid writer and storyteller from Preservation Dental, Pat Feldt; Gail Gotthelf from HOUR Detroit Magazine; National Distinguished Principal Ellen Demray and Kurt Kuban from the

Northville Record. I appreciate the time and dedication each of these generous folks put forth in judging – and in offering our authors the benefits of their expersise.

Short on Words is my baby. I've been a caregiver for most of my adult life. The one thing I've found in caring for children, a husband, an aging parent, my grandma is that there are stories to be told. How many times have you read a bedtime story to a little one and thought - I could a write a kid's book? How many times have you shared a story with a loved one and thought - We should write this down, before we lose it? Well, now is the time to get a jumpstart on that promise you've made to your self - "one day I'll write that

Tell us a story about one of the pictures. Perhaps one of the pictures speaks to something in your family history. Maybe there is a fantasy, or a silly sonnet you see in one or more of the photos ... send them all. Did I mention you could win \$100 for that story? First place in both age categories is worth \$100. Second place is \$50, and third place is \$25. Authors will be recognized at an author reception on Friday, June 20. Awards will be presented at that



"The Window"

time and this year we will be inviting several of the authors to read their story, or have it read. The evening is already an exciting night; the readings will be a delightful

addition. I'm looking forward to the reception. The event is open to the public. Writers, please enter – readers, please join us. We couldn't be one without the other.

Penise Jenkins works at Preservation Dental and organizes the annual Short on Words writing contest. She can be reached at denisemjenkins@aol.com.

Egg Hunt set for April 19 at Nazarene church

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Sharon Zalewski of Farmington Hills is a pro at organizing the annual Community Egg Hunt of First Church of the Naza-

"I think this is my 14th hunt," said Zalewski, a church member and volunteer. "It's a lot of fun." The Community Egg Hunt will take place at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 19, at First Church of the Nazarene, on Haggerty north of Eight Mile.

Last year, about 1,200 people attended, Zalewski said. Preregistration is required at dfcnazarene.org and will close when the limit of 600 children is reached, due to safety concerns, or

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April 16, whichever comes first.

"It's actually grown significantly since I started," she said, with attendance her first year at the helm around 100. "So we have grown quite a bit over those years."

It began more with the congregation members and expanded as a community outreach. "I think word of mouth has actu-



At the 2013 event at the First Church of the Nazarene, kids had a great time. This year's event is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 19.

ally made our attendance grow significantly," said Zalewski, who with other volunteers also use cable TV and newspaper notices, as well as a church

sign.
The hunt draws heavily from Northville, Novi, Farmington Hills and Livonia. "It's a great event for the kids, but we also try to make it fun for the adults," she said. She and the other volunteers like that it's free to par-

ticipants.
"We try to make it
more than just picking
up eggs," she said. The
day will feature "Eggcellent Eggsperiments" with
Madam Scientist, music

and prize giveaways.

More than 15,000 eggs will be there that day for hunting, divided into these age groups: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-11.

There will be pictures with the Easter Bunny, games and a gift for bringing your friend (as well as a gift for the friend). Hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks will be served.

Attendees should bring their Easter bas-

kets.
Planning for the
church hunt starts three
or four months out and
many church members,
including teens, volunteer. The volunteers stuff

the eggs and pack the prize bags "so we can make sure our guests have an enjoyable day," Zalewski said.

"Hopefully, we'll have another really great day," she said. Weather has been good generally, although it's a rain or shine event. Organizers are pleased this Easter is

"We manage to pull it off one way or another," Zalewski said.

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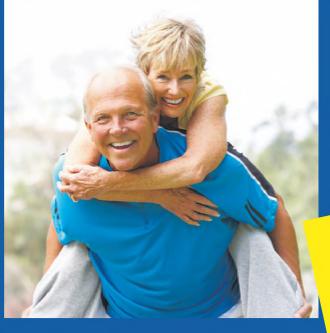
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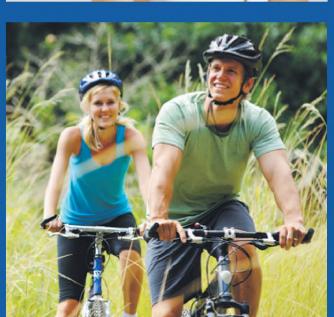




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Baseball squad all shook up



Northville's Steven Grosz had an RBI against Salem. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Team blows late lead, but also rallies for three victories

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Looks like the strange weather has the Northville baseball team a little confused - traditionally, a team typically wins the games in which they are leading and loses the games in which they are trailing in the late innings.

Northville decided to reverse that trend last week. falling, 4-3, against Plymouth after leading into the fifth inning and then coming from behind to defeat Farmington, 3-2, and twice against Plymouth Salem, 8-7 and 10-8.

We really struggled defensively, but were able to come back late in both games to win," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said after the Salem games. "It was great to see the team respond to the adversity we were faced with in three comeback wins this week.'

In the opening game of the doubleheader, the Mustangs climbed out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning before falling behind, 5-2, by the end of the fourth. The team stayed the course, however, scoring one in the fifth, three in the sixth and one each in the seventh and eighth to earn the extrainnings win.

Eric Fox, Jake Cheslik and Zach Wilds each had two hits,

while Connor Walters added one. Picking up RBIs in the win were Fox, Steve Grosz, Cheslik (two) and Wilds (two).

The Mustangs relied on their deep bullpen to get the win, with Evan Flohr, Tim Eis, Henry Chang and Sam Houston all throwing in the opening game. Flohr went three innings, allowing four hits and four runs while striking out seven and walking two. Eis allowed five hits, giving up three runs while striking out one and walking one. Chang, who only threw a partial inning, allowed one hit and struck one out, while Houston's two innings found him giving up two hits while striking out four and walking one.

In the nightcap, Northville took a 5-3 lead after two innings, but the Rocks tied it. Northville responded in kind in the fourth, scoring two runs and keeping Salem from crossing the plate, before both teams scored three in the fifth and went scoreless in the fol-

lowing two innings. Cheslik and Evan Wieland had two hits each, with Cheslik driving in three runs and Weiland two. Connor Walters and Taylor Turner had a RBI each.

Northville used a three pitchers to get the job done, with Chang, Houston and Matt Wheatley sharing time on the mound. Wheatley allowed four hits and six runs, while Houston gave up two of each and

Chang allowed just one hit. Northville also had to come back April 8 against Farmington. The pitching of Ein Borthwick helped keep the Mustangs in contention until they found the gaps and scored the runs to defeat the Raiders.

Borthwick threw a complete game, allowing two runs off of five hits while striking out seven.

The Mustangs gathered just two hits in the contest, but it proved to be enough. Flohr and Cheslik each had one hit.

But a comeback victory was not to be against Plymouth, a game that was shortened due to rain.

Northville held a 3-0 lead heading into the fifth inning, but some errors allowed the Wildcats to surge ahead and take the win. Plymouth scored three in the fifth and one in the sixth off of six hits and two errors to earn the win.

"Our defense fell apart in the fifth and sixth as we committed multiple fielding errors that led to the Plymouth comeback win," Kostrzewa said. "Credit Plymouth for putting together some quality at-bats to get the winning run home."

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Anthony Sourges takes the baton from Dan Sims in the 1,600 relay. Northville took first place with a time of 3:31. LYNN MOSTELLER

Boys track earns solid triumph over Country Day

Distance runners, high jumpers dominate foes

> By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

When the Northville boys track team started its dual meet against Detroit Country Day last week, the sun was out and warm weather greeted the teams. By the time it was done, however, Michigan's spring had played another cruel trick and freezing rain was pelting the athletes.

Northville did what it could to stay warm, outpacing Detroit Country Day in several events as the Mustangs continued their hot streak on the way to a 74-43 victory.

Leading the way were the mile runners and the high jumpers as the Mustangs

Northville will be back in action at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, at Novi.

swept the top spots in both

events.
"The long distance runners continue to improve upon their unrivaled dominance," Northville coach Brandon Langston said. "It's fun to watch Sims, Ferrante, Noles, Naughton and McCullough work together and push each other.

'The field events had one of their best outings, as the kids keep putting forth new personal records. I could get used to seeing the high jumpers laugh when they tell me they swept the event. The sprinters are showing they want to come join the party,

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Abbott shatters 31-year-old school record in 200 dash

Mustangs beat Detroit Country Day, win Crestwood invite

> By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

It was a good week to be a member of the girls track and field team over at Northville High School.

In a week that most thought would be a quiet one due to most of Oakland County's school districts being on spring break, the Mustangs went out and made plenty of noise. In dual-meet action, Northville upended Detroit Country Day, 97-31, and then earned a first-place finish in the Crestwood Charger In-

vitational. "We took our first big step forward on Saturday as a team," Northville coach Tim Dalton said of the Crestwood meet. "The weather was as nice as we have seen this season and the kids started to see their dedication and hard work pay off.'

Making the most noise? Sophomore Chloe Abbott, who made it clear she has the talent and the drive to be an athlete for the Northville High School history books.

She began making her mark last week when she raced to a first-place finish in the 200-meter dash in a time of 25.66 seconds. The run not only earned her a first-place medal, but also the Northville record, previously held by



With both feet temporarily off the ground, Northville's Erin Zimmer flies around the track April 1 in the 3,200 relay. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Cindy Panowicz with a time of 25.70 seconds set in 1983.

Panowicz was recognized two years later as the high school's most valuable athlete and went on to run track at the University of Kansas.

Chloe is just starting to realize her potential as an athlete," Dalton said. "She has played a huge role for us this year and it was great to see the excitement on her face

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Underclassmen propel Mustangs softball team

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

For a young team like the Northville softball squad, having a game shortened due to inclement weather can be the difference between a win and a

Young teams tend to find their bats and their defense in the later innings, but Northville didn't get that chance last week Monday when it took on Plymouth and suffered a 6-2 loss in a six-inning game shortened by rain.

The squad didn't let the weather keep it down too long, however, bouncing back just two days later to earn two wins over Salem, 8-1 and 11-4.

"We played very well today," Northville coach Jim Ritz said after the wins over Salem. "It was good to see our young team rebound after a disappointing outing against Plymouth. There is certainly room for us to improve and the season is very young, but I really like the resilience of our younger players.'

Northville picked up 14 hits in the opening game, including a 4for-4 performance from freshman Mackenzie Kamm. She blasted a three-run home run in the first inning, helping her along on a five-RBI performance.

Sophomore Allison Zwarka picked up the win on the mound, allowing two hits and giving up one run.

In the nightcap, Zwarka picked up three hits, including a double, and had three RBI in the contest.

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out to a lead in the fifth inning as it collected five runs before adding three more in the

In total, the Mustangs ended up with 16 hits in the game. Senior Micaela Petrucci, juniors Alison Hige, Ashley Schiffer and Melissa Swart and freshmen Megan Swart and Kamm all collected two hits.

Earning the win on the mound was senior Kirsten Jones, who struck out five and walked one while allowing seven hits over five innings. Zwarka came in as relief in the final two innings.

Against Plymouth, Northville picked up their two runs in the sixth inning, but didn't get a chance to see if it could score any more as the game was called

The pitching of Plymouth's Micayla Marciniak kept Northville off-balance, allowing just two hits throughout the game. Northville did have the bases loaded with the gametying batter at the plate, but Marciniak's pitching proved to just be too much and she retired the Mustangs to preserve the win.

Scoring runs for Northville were sophomore Brianna Nayh and senior Allie Chape-

Zwarka took the

Northville is 5-1 on the season.

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Soccer team stays undefeated with fifth win

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

The Northville girls soccer team came into the season with some very high expectations and so far it is rolling, unscathed, toward all of its goals.

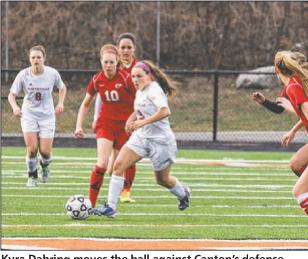
The team, coached by Eric Brucker, is on a fivegame winning streak, staying undefeated with three wins last week as the Mustangs defeated Livonia Stevenson, 2-0, Plymouth, 1-0, and Canton, 5-0.

Against Stevenson, the Mustangs came out and controlled the tempo of the game from the start despite playing its third game in four days. They put in the first goal just five minutes into the game off a pass from Megan Buckingham that Jenna Baughman fired home from the top of the penalty area.

The Mustangs kept the ball in Stevenson's end of the field for the rest of the half, but it took until just before halftime before they hit pay dirt again. This time, Northville scored with 2:12 remaining in the half off a shot by Gabby Mencotti, assisted by Alana Dorfstatter.

The 2-0 lead would be all the scoring Northville would muster, as the multiple games over the short time frame took its toll, and the team lost a lot of steam.

"We didn't play very inspired today - not our best effort," Brucker said. "We found a way to win and (goalie) Emily Maresh and defense played very sound in the back to get the shutout."



Kyra Dahring moves the ball against Canton's defense with Tara Pawloski (No. 8) in the background. JOHN PAWLOSKI

Maresh stopped eight shots to preserve the shutout, her fourth of the year.

Northville climbed to 5-0 with the win, while Stevenson fell to 4-2-2.

Northville 1, Plymouth 0

The Wildcats were less than obliging hosts last week when they forced the Mustangs to squeeze out a one-goal victory.

After a scoreless first half, the Mustangs found the back of the net 12 minutes into the second when Buckingham stole a Plymouth pass and lofted to Jamie Cheslik. She collected it, firing it home from six yards out for the 1-0 lead and the final goal of the game.

The two teams fought for control in the beginning of the game, and Northville came close to scoring with 22 minutes to play in the first half off a shot by Cheslik. Cheslik worked around the keeper and fired the shot, but a Plymouth defender was there to deflect it away. Seven minutes later, Cheslik had another shot, but was thwarted, twice, by the Wildcats goalie.

With three minutes left in the game, Plymouth pushed all but three players forward, but Northville's defense was up for the challenge and kept them out of the goal to preserve the win.

Maresh recorded 10 saves for her third shutout of the season.

Plymouth fell to 1-3 on the year.

Northville 5, Canton 0

The two squads fought to a stalemate through most of the first half until the Mustangs were able to capitalize six minutes before halftime. Cheslik and Buckingham played a give-and-go pass on the left hand side of Canton's penalty area and the Chiefs goalie came out off her line to make the save. Buckingham fired the ball past her.

In the second half, it

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was all Northville. Cheslik scored two minutes into the second for the 2-0 advantage, a lead that was added to just over a minute later when Kyra Dahring took a run through the defense and then fed a pass to Buckingham, who was wide open.

With just over 18 minutes left in the game, Buckingham passed the ball to a racing Cheslik, who fired it home to the inside post for the 4-0 lead. A minute later, Cheslik would make it a hat trick, taking a pass from Buckingham off a steal and then shooting it home from 18 yards out for the 5-0 finale.

"The second half of tonight's game was our best so far," Brucker said. "We controlled the tempo of the game, stayed organized in the back and took advantage of our scoring changes.

"Our midfield did a great job of controlling the game and supporting both offensively and defensively.

Northville's defense junior Sarah Castellano, Morgan Gozdor, Tara Pawloski and Erica Gumkowski and seniors Karen Lovelace, Ashley Peper and Jenny Willerer - were all credited with the win by Brucker.

Canton fell to 2-2-1 with the loss.

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Northville captures Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

The Northville girls tennis team was not thrilled with the fact that it took a loss last week, even if it was against the No. 1-ranked team in the state.

So what did the Mustangs do about it? They went and dominated Saturday's Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational by taking home five first-place finishes and three secondplace finishes to collect the victory over Holly, Detroit Country Day and Ann Arbor Pioneer.

At No. 1 doubles, the team of Anika Mulkherji and Danielle Romano had their hands full in the championship round with Pioneer's two-time state champions Evie Vandewege and Alyssa Roopas. Nothrville lost the first set, 7-5, but rallied back to win the second, 6-4, and the third, 6-3.

What a sweet victory it was," Northville coach Linda Jones said.

No. 3 singles player Joanne Gao won her flight with a win over Ann Arbor Pioneer's Emily Roopas, 7-5, 6-3, after defeating Holly's Sydney Renehan and Detroit Country Day's Lun Ying.

The No. 2 doubles team of Claudia Ma and Paige Baal rolled through their foes, defeating Pioneer



The girls tennis team accepts its first-place trophy after competing Saturday at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational.

(6-1, 6-2), Holly (6-0, 6-0) and Country Day (6-0,

Jordan Hermiz and Alex Jeannotte took first at No. 3 doubles with a victory over Pioneer, 6-4, 6-2. They also defeated Holly, 6-0, 6-1, and Country Day, 6-1, 6-1.

The No. 4 doubles team of Libby Quinn and Chloe Page earned first with wins of 6-0, 6-0 over Country Day, 6-0, 6-1 over Holly and 6-1, 6-2 over Pio-

In exhibition play, the doubles team of Malika Sachdev and Molly Bis defeated Holly, 6-0, 6-0, Country Day, 6-0, 6-0, and Pioneer, 7-5, 6-0, in a flight that would have found them finishing first.

Finishing second were Reeshma Kumar (No. 1 singles), Emma Worley (No. 2 singles) and Amelia Albanelli (No. 4 singles).

Kumar lost to Country Day's Sasha Hartje, 6-0, 7-5, in the finals and defeated Ann Arbor Pioneer's Kara Dickinson

and Holly's Natalie Clink. Worley fell to Madelyn arob of Country Day. 6-2, 6-0, in the finals, but defeated Pioneer's Sanika Kulkarni and Holly's

Haley Crimmins. Albanelli fel to Pioneer's Surena Sood, 6-1. 6-3, in the finals, but beat County Day's Selina Mohutney and Holly's Michelle Major.

Northville's dual meet record is 4-1 and 2-0 in the KLAA.

Grosse Pointe South 5, Northville 3

Northville just couldn't get the best of the No. 1-ranked team in the state last week.

Worley won No. 2 singles over Madie Flournoy, 6-2, 6-3, and Gao won at No. 3 singles when she defeated senior brooke Willard, 3-6, 7-6 (7-1) and 6-0. Northville's other win came from Hermiz and Jeannotte at No. 3 doubles, 6-0, 6-4.

Northville's No. 2 doubles team of Ma and Baal

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pushed their match to three sets, but fell, 4-6, 6-3, 3-6.

The No. 1 flight was not played with South's player being absent from competition.

Northville 7, Stevenson 1

Northville didn't have much trouble against Stevenson with just one loss, which came at No. 1 singles when Kumar fell to Aimee Moccia, 6-1, 6-2.

Northville picked up wins from Worley (No. 2 singles, 6-1, 6-2), Gao (No. 3 singles, 6-1, 6-0), Albanelli (No. 4 singles, 6-1, 6-1), Mulkherji and Romano (No. 1 doubles, 6-1, 6-0), Ma and Baal (No. 2 doubles, 6-0, 6-0), Hermiz and Jeannotte (No. 3 doubles, 6-0, 6-0), Libby Quinn and Molly Bis (No. 4 doubles, 6-1, 6-0) and Malika Sachdev and Chloe Page (No. 5 doubles, 6-0, 6-0)

The No. 6 doubles team of Brittany Macaddino and Alekya Vinta won their exhibition match, 6-2, 6-3. It was Vinta's first varsity match after being called up from JV.

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too. Nick Milewski and Adam Ghabra ran great races against Detroit Country Day's best com-

In the 1,600, Northville

captured the top four spots as Dan Sims, Jason Ferrante, Nick Noles and Conor Naughton outran the competition. The high jump found Matt Priebe taking first, followed by Andrew Hopkins, John Hamilton and Redding Haines, respectively.

In the 3,200, North-

ville took first and second with Noles running 10:35 and Ben Cracraft finishing in 10:45

Also finishing first was the 3,200 relay team of Jacob Kamm, Sims, Ferrante and Naughton. Alex Kerns won the pole vault for the Mustangs.

Finishing second for

Northville was Kamm in the 400-meter dash, running 54.69 while Ghabra finished third in the 100 and Milewski finished third in the 200.

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when she found out she has broken it." Boys head coach Brandon Langston, who was

rumored to be quite the speedster back in the day, works with Abbott on a daily basis.

Breaking a 30-year-old record requires more than just talent. It requires determination in the offseason and commitment in-season," Langston said. "Everybody is going to see her talent on the track, but

to see how truly special she is one would have to come see her work hard day in and day out. I think one of the best parts about her breaking that record is that now she's going to have to make a new goal for herself and she won't rest until it's accomplished."

Abbott wasn't the only record-setter, though creating new marks in the 1,600 is beginning to be old hat for Rachel Coleman. The senior again created a new school record with 4:53.74.

Rachel had a goal Saturday and went out and

accomplished that goal," Dalton said.

Two other huge highlights from the Crestwood invite were Morgan Robertson's time of 14.67 seconds in the 100 hurdles, which was just shy of the 14.52 school record, and Cayla Eckenroth winning the 3,200 in 11:20, under the state-qualifying time.

Northville also won the 3,200, 800 and 1,600 relays.

In the meet against Country Day, Northville simply dominated from start to finish. The team took first in the 100 and 300 hurdles, the 100, 200 and 400 dashes, the 800

and 1,600 runs, as well as the 400, 800, 1,600 and 3,200 relays and the high jump.

Julia Slatin, a junior, broke the six-minute mark in the 1,600 for the first time during the meet against Country Day. She ran 5:58.

"It was a big moment for her," Dalton said. "She has put in a lot of miles and dedication to break the six minute barrier and she finally did it."

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ALL-AREA BOYS SWIMMING

Lakeland's **Walker swims** to top spot

By Jeff Theisen

Lakeland senior swimmer Will Walker qualified for the Division 2 state finals for the final time in his career. He left with an individual title and a runner-up finish, as well as competing on a pair of relays for the Eagles.

Those accomplishments elevated him to 2014 All-Area Swimmer of the Year.

Walker captured the championship in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 20.83 seconds. He also finished second in the 100 butterfly in 50.11.

Will's performance in the 50 free is the result of years and years of hard work and hours spent in the pool," coach Chris Follick said. "His progress from freshman year is truly remarkable. He is a testament to what vou can achieve when you put your mind to something.

First team **Tanner Vincent**

The senior earned all-state in a pair of events by taking fourth in the 200 individual medley (1:51.97) and seventh in the 100 butterfly (51.98). He also helped the 400 freestyle relay team to an 11th-place finish. Vincent set new school records in the 100 fly and 100 back and also earned KLAA titles in the same events.

'Tanner's time in the 200 IM was faster than the All-American consideration time," coach Brent Pohlonski said. "Last time I checked, his time was 46th in the nation. Tanner was also named the MHSAA scholarathlete. According to Mr. Gordon, (he) is the first athlete from Novi to ever win this award.'

Max Wilkinson South Lyon

The senior had three all-state swims at the Division 1 finals. He was on the 200 IM relay and 200 free relay, both of which finished eighth. Individually, Wilkinson was eighth in the 100 free and finished the meet as part of the 400 free relay which

'Max set a new varsity record in the 100 freestyle this vear" coach John Burch sai 'He really was willing to work hard to change some of his bad habits and this allowed him to have a great state meet. He was a very important member of all of our relays at the state meet and his decision to swim all three relays allowed us to have our best state meet ever." Joel Bischoff

South Lyon

The senior competed in all three relays, while also making all-state as an individual. Bischoff was eighth in the 100 fly, as were the 200 medley and 200 free relays.

Joel was much improved this year. He set a new varsity record in the 200 IM, but chose not to swim it at the state meet so that he could help the team more by swimming in all three relays," Burch said. "He had his best swim ever in the prelims of the state meet in the 100 fly, earning his first individual all-state honors by finishing in the top eight.

Nick VanDyke South Lyon

The junior came away from the Division 1 state finals with plenty of medals. VanDyke earned all-state in the two relays (medley and 200 free), as well as earning points in the 100 backstroke and 400 free relay.

'Nick also made the team commitment to swimming in all three relays at the state meet,' Burch said. "This did not give him much time to rest before the 100 backstroke, yet he still went his personal best time by over a second and nearly finished in the top eight. Even though he was in (the consolation heat), this was the first time he scored individually at the

state meet." **Mikhail Wisman South Lyon**

The junior competed in all three relays at the state meet, earning all-state honors in the 200 medley and 200 free, as well as scoring points in the 400 free.

Mikhail was a key member of all of our relays at the state meet," Burch said. "His improvement in his freestyle is what allowed our freestyle relays to finish as high as they did in the state. This is the first time Mikhail has scored at the state meet."

Matt Meadows South Lyon

The sophomore diver finished the year in stellar fashion with a sixth-place state finish for all-state honors.

'Matt was much improved," Burch said. "He went from not making the state meet last season to finishing in the top eight this season and earning all-state honors. He is still learning and will be even better next year."

Ethan Schmidt South Lyon

The junior diver capped off his season with a 12th-place finish at the state finals.

"Ethan was our best diver all



Lakeland's Will Walker is the 2014 All-Area Swimmer of the Year. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

year, even though he got beat out at the state meet by Matt,' Burch said. "Ethan had an outstanding year and scored at the state meet for the first time.'

Andrew Westphal Northville

The senior sprinter earned nearly half of Northville's 64 team points with a pair of allstate swims. He finished fourth in the 100 freestyle (46.23) and fifth in the 50 free (21.23) for a combined 29 points. Westphal was also on two relays, helping the 400 free relay team to an eighth-place finish and another all-state honor and a 12th-place finish with the 200 free relay.

"Andrew leaves here as the best sprint freestyler in the history of our school. That is all that really needs to be said,' coach Rich Bennetts said. "I was proud of all he accomplished, because he did it with good, old-fashioned hard work. He didn't cut corners. He showed up every day and worked as hard as he could for four years. Very impressive.'

Josh Liu Northville

The senior was part of the eighth-place 400 relay team, as well as finishing 16th in the 100 breaststroke.

"For Josh to have a great swim at the state meet his senior year of high school and to make it back to finals on Saturday, I was very happy for him," Bennetts said. "He is able to leave here now knowing that he left his mark at Northville." James Xue

The sophomore competed in four events at states, including the all-state 400 free relay and the 200 free relay. Individually, Xue finished 20th in the 100 butterfly and 21st in the 200

"Jimmy was great on the relays all year and he swam very well for us at the state meet," Bennetts said. "He will be a force in our conference and at the state level for the next two years.'

Mark Kaminski Northville

The junior swam on the 200 free and 400 free relays, earning all-state honors. He also placed 29th individually in the 200 free.

Chris Geng Northville

The sophomore added a couple of points for Northville with a 15th-place finish in the breaststroke.

"Chris has a lot of talent," Bennetts said. "I was glad to see him take the next step and score at the state meet this year. We are looking for big things from him next year."

Brian Simonich Milford

The junior diver finished 12th at the Division 2 state finals with 342.15 points. It's the third time he's reached the finals and second time he placed.

"Brian is a very determined athlete that truly earns his success with hard work," coach Chris Smith said. "Along with dive coach Marc Miller, he has set the standard for commitment for our team in a very difficult sport. He will be training in the off-season with a remarkable goal in sight, to become state champion next

Second team Ryan Perczak South Lyon

The senior finished his high school career with a trip to the state finals in the 100 butterfly, finishing 35th.

Connor Pogue South Lyon

The sophomore earned important state experience in the 100 backstroke with a 26th-place finish.

Levi Oxner **South Lyon**

The senior missed reaching the state finals in diving by less than a point at regionals. He was a key part of the diving squad that dominated meets for South Lyon throughout the year.

Jacob Lanczki **South Lyon**

The senior just missed reaching state last year and was on track to reaching his goal when a serious car accident ended his season early. Burch said he was diving better than his junior season prior to the accident.

Nick Dufresne

The senior capped his career with a trip to states, where he finished 22nd in the 500 free. Alan Ruan Northville

The senior made a trip to states, where he finished 30th in the 100 breaststroke. He also competed with the 200 medley relay team, which finished 26th. Yash Bajaj Northville

The junior claimed 22nd in the 100 breaststroke at states.

SWIM TEAM

ALL-AREA BOYS

SWIMMER OF THE YEAR Will Walker, Lakeland

First team

Tanner Vincent, Novi Max Wilkinson, South Lyon Joel Bischoff, South Lyon Nick VanDyke, South Lyon Mikhail Wisman, South Lyon Matt Meadows, South Lyon Ethan Schmidt, South Lyon Andrew Westphal, Northville Josh Liu, Northville James Xue, Northville Mark Kaminski, Northville Chris Geng, Northville Brian Simonich, Milford

Second team

Ryan Perczak, South Lyon Connor Pogue, South Lyon Levi Oxner, South Lyon Jacob Lanczki, South Lyon Nick Dufresne, Northville Alan Ruan, Northville Yash Bajaj, Northville Ryan Dean, Lakeland Nick Langmeyer, Lakeland Thomas Antishin, Lakeland Dylan Henderson, Lakeland Sid Kareddy, Novi Arthur Shi, Novi Jacob Robbins, Novi

Honorable mention

Milford: Devin Stowe (jr.), Jared Goan (jr.) South Lyon: Michael SanMillan, Oliver Joy, John Perry, Nick Appicelli, Riley Vaughn, Jake Helton Lakeland: Max Carey (fr.), Cole

Ryan Dean Lakeland

McKane (so.)

The senior just missed scoring points at states as part of the 400 free relay team that finished 17th. Dean also competed with the 200 free relay team, which finished 19th.

Nick Langmeyer Lakeland

The sophomore was part of the 400 free relay at states. **Thomas Antishin**

Lakeland The freshman got an early taste of the state meet as part of the 400 free relay and the 200 free relay.

Dylan Henderson

Lakeland The junior finished his year with a trip to the state finals as part of the 200 free relay (19th).

Sid Kareddy Novi

The freshman was part of the 400 freestyle relay that finished 11th at the Division 1 finals.

Arthur Shi Novi

The junior was also a member of the 400 free relay team. **Jacob Robbins** Novi

The senior was another member of the 400 free relay team.

Catholic Central did not turn information for All-Area team.

Girls lacrosse defeated in three games

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

The Northville girls lacrosse team was on the wrong end of three losses last week, but the players are well aware there are lessons to be learned from such de-

The team went up against Canton, Salem and Farmington Hills Mercy and fell, 13-8, 15-6 and 16-3, respec-

Against Canton, the Mustangs' defense was rock solid in the first half, holding the Chiefs to just three points to keep it a 3-2 game. After the break, both squads came out with some pep in their step, but it was Canton which took home the win with seven goals to Northville's six.

Scoring for the Mustangs in the contest were Laura Khoury (three), Audrey Tatge (three), Grace Han (one) and Grace Guibord (one).

The match-up against Salem was a more difficult one to swallow, as the Mustangs could only muster two goals in the first

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Northville will play at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, at Ann Arbor Skyline.

half while the Rocks scored eight. In the second half, Northville showed a bit more spark, scoring four goals, but the Rocks were still solid, adding eight to their total on the night.

Sarah Chase and Becky Chase had two goals each, while Guibord and Erin Scott added one each.

Northville's final loss of the week came to one of the top teams in metro Detroit and it was clear Mercy didn't plan on letting the game slip away as it poured in 10 goals in the first half while holding Northville to one, then added six more in the second while Northville scored

Putting goals on the board for the Mustangs were Guibord, Scott and Mina Plachta.

Northville fell to 0-6 overall with the losses.

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

Local schools produce all-state icers

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

When it comes to hockey, the Northville and Novi area is wellrepresented in terms of high school

Detroit Catholic Central was one of the top-ranked teams in the state from start to finish and proved why with a 5-1 victory over Brighton for the Division 1 state championship. Northville was also considered one of the state's best squads, earning rankings throughout the year before bowing out of the postseason to Catholic Central.

Both teams were well-represented on the all-state selections by the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches' Association.

Leading the pack was Catholic Central's standout defenseman Carter Cerretani, who was selected to the 2013-14 Dream Team.

Cerretani was a dynamic player as senior on the offensive side of the game, too, scoring 10 goals and picking up 22 assists.

He highlighted the season with

two goals in the state championship game to help his team to the title. Cerretani also earned Division 1 all-state honors

Other members of the all-state

Dream Team were Danny Bosio (senior forward, Brighton), Christopher Brown (senior forward, Cranbrook), Dominic Lutz (senior forward, Livonia Stevenson), Brett Pietila (senior defenseman, Brighton) and Kyler Patenaude (senior goalie, Rochester Untied). Lutz was also named Mr. Hockey this season.

Catholic Central had four other skaters earn various all-state recognitions, while Northville had four skaters earn nods.

Northville's lone all-state first team selection was junior goalie Chance Boutin, who went 9-2-1 as he picked up 284 saves and allowed just 19 goals with a .933 save percentage. He finished the year with four shutouts.

First team selections for Catholic Central were forwards Ryan Burnett and Mitchell Ossowski, along with Cerretani on defense. Burnett, a junior, finished with 16 goals and

18 assists, while Ossowski, a junior, finished with 13 goals and 20 assists.

Earning second team honors for Northville were junior forward Alec Morgan and senior defenseman Alex Shuart. Morgan finished with 16 goals and 24 assists, while Shuart picked up four goals and 19 assists.

Honorable mention was given to Northville junior forward Jack Meacham (14 goals, 23 assists) and Catholic Central senior defenseman Lucas Turner (four goals, 13 assists).

As a Division 2 school for hockey, Novi players are in a different selection pool than Northville or CC.

Novi forward Brad Hofelich made all-state first team, while forward Ryan Baxter and defenseman Mike O'Reilly were all-state second team. Goaltender Austin Petty also earned all-state honorable mention honors behind a 14-6-1 record, .917 save percentage and 1.96 goals-against average.

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Wolfpack 8-1 in area tournaments

The Northville Wolfpack sixth- and seventh-grade girls basketball team competed in the Milan Spring Blast Tournament, Spring Blast @ HYPE (Dearborn Heights) and Crossover Shootout in Flint. Overall, the girls brought home one firstplace trophy and posted an 8-1 record while competing against teams from Clinton, Calhoun, Monroe, Livingston and Wayne counties. Team members include (back, from left) Morgan Thompson and coach Steve Grant, (middle, from left) Alyssa Knoth, Chloe Zulcosky, Nicole Martin, Hannah Grant, Jenna Lauderback, Ellie Thallman and Julia Straky and (front, from left) assistant coach Steve Thallmand and Tara Beason. Also on the team is Jane Berry.

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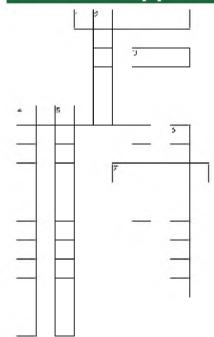
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Detroit Lions Football camp puzzle



Across

- 1. Wear this for protection 3. Number of points for a touch down
- 4. Team trying to stop opponent from scoring 7. Name of Detroit's Professional football mascot

Down

- 2. Number of players on the field at 1 time for a team
- 3. The BIG GAME
- 4. Detroit's Professional League Football Team 5. Summer activity were boys and girls can learn and play football
- 6. Stadium Detroit's football team plays in

Detroit Lions, 5: Foot Ball Camp, 6: Ford Field Answers Down: 2: Eleven, 3: Super Bowl, 4:

Answers Across: 1: Helmet, 3: Six, 4: Defense,

March Winner of DVD Frozen How did Preston cope with the

winter blast? He played under the trampoline sliding on ice and collecting icicles. Preston Bognear, 4 years old of Wayne.



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2 winners for these locations

- June 7- 8: Beverly Hills, 9 a.m. to 12 noon QB-WR Academy for youth ages 8 -14.
- June 12-13: Brighton, 9a.m. to 5 p.m. Fundamentals Camp for youth ages 6 -14.
- July 19, 26, Aug. 2: Southfield, 10 a.m. -11 a.m. Lil' Lions Academy for youth ages 4 - 8.
- July 21- 23: South Lyon, 6:15 -7:15 p.m. Lil' Lions Academy for youth ages 4 - 8.

1 winner for this location

• June 30 - July 3: Plymouth, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon Fundamentals Camp for youth ages 6 -14.

See complete camp schedules at www.detroitlions.com/youthfootball



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The Chrysler House exterior in Detroit is eye-catching.



The Chrysler House, its interior shown here, was among the lauded

Metro area buildings garner top commercial kudos

The Building Owners and Managers Association/Metro Detroit announced three regional winners in the 2013-14 The Outstanding Building of the Year Awards (TOBY) These outstanding properties received top honors in regional competition among 22 distinguished buildings in BO-MA's North Central Region including Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. The program honors outstanding leaders and properties in commercial real estate

The 2013-14 Regional TOBY Award recipients are:

Under 100,000 Square **Feet Category**

m@dison. Located in De-

Managed by: Bedrock Real Estate Services, LLC

Property Manager: Darlene Strickland

Property Owner: M@dison Theater Building Company Architect: C. Howard Crane **Renovated Building** Category

Chrysler House. Located in Detroit.

Managed by: Bedrock Real Estate Services, LLC

Property Manager: Casimer Daniewski

Property Owner: 719 Griswold Associates, LLC

Architect: Daniel Burnham

Historical Building Category

Coleman A. Young Municipal Center. Located in Detroit. Managed by: Detroit-Wayne

Joint Building Authority/Hines Property Manager: Gregory McDuffee/Michael Kennedy

Property Owner: Detroitayne Joint Building Author

Architect: Harley, Ellington

The TOBY Awards, now in its 29th year, is the most prestigious and comprehensive pro-

gram of its kind in the com-

mercial real estate industry, recognizing excellence in office building ownership and management.

All facets of a building's operations are thoroughly evaluated during the judging process, including tenant relations programs, community involvement, emergency preparedness and security standards, and continuing education for building personnel. Floor plans, site plans and photographs round out an in depth portfolio, providing the judges with an extensive examination of the building.

TOBY winners represent the commercial real estate industry's best of the best in office management setting; the benchmark for the indus try," said Janet Langlois, executive director, BOMA/Metro Detroit.

Regional winners now advance to international competition at the 2014 BOMA International Every Building Conference & Expo in Orlando, Fla., on June 24, 2014.

For additional information on the 2013-2014 TOBY and Leadership Awards, contact Emily Keranen or visit

www.bomadet.org. Founded in 1908, BOMA /Metro Detroit is a professional, nonprofit trade association whose nearly 400 members either own or manage commercial real estate, or provide goods and services to the industry. BOMA Michigan members represent organizations managing more than 250 million square feet of office and industrial space, with employees and tenants totaling more than 1.25 million people in Michigan. BOMA/Metro Detroit provides commercial rea estate professionals the opportunity to work together for professional growth, advocacy rights, corporate profit, and the benefit of the nine Southeastern Michigan communities it serves.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 25-29, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
22010 Village Pines Dr	\$405,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1539 Emmons Ave	\$210,000
533 Graten St	\$320,000
680 Humphrey Ave	\$885,000
1035 Mohegan St	\$825,000
2223 W Lincoln St	\$350,000
111 Willits St # 210	\$730,000
111 Willits St Unit 49	\$729,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1160 Forest Ln	\$540,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
5171 Provincial Dr	\$417,000

1910 Raymond Pl
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
5121 Carinas Way Ct
5145 Carinas Way Ct
2099 Sleeth Rd
FARMINGTON
23890 Gill Rd
32718 Grand River Ave
Unit B
31640 Lamar Dr
21016 Meadowlark St
FARMINGTON HILLS
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00 Bird Song Dr	\$65, 000
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1860 Parkwood Ln	\$273,000
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5514 Arcadia Dr	\$512,000
1219 Brompton	\$327,000
7537 Cromwell Rd	\$305,000
2721 Faulkner Dr	\$300,000
1946 Picadilly Cir	\$505,000
2727 Renford St	\$90,000
5825 Sierra Dr	\$86, 000
7281 Stratford Ln	\$620,000
OUTH LYON	
9245 Bavernhaus Ct	\$87,000
3141 Cheyenne Ct	\$383,000
34 Glen Meadows Dr	\$30,000
2071 Red Cedar	\$356,000
1305 Saddlecreek Dr	\$320,000

THE COOKIE	
330 Scott St	\$118,000
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54110 West Ct	\$353,000
SOUTHFIELD	
18520 Autumn Ln	\$112,000
28709 Brentwood St	\$73,000
30083 Fairfax St	\$78,000
29726 Farmbrook Villa Ln	\$79,000
30560 Old Stream	\$170,000
15801 Providence Dr#	\$74,000
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25530 Southfield Rd #	\$23,000
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29300 Southgate Dr	\$99,000
24800 Templar Ave	\$123,000
WHITE LAKE	
11 Blackberry Dr	\$257,000
951 Mallock St	\$182,000

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

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8330 Chatham Dr	\$100,000
48339 Chesterfield Dr S	\$338,000
8719 Columbia Cir	\$75,000
306 Constitution St	\$135,000
881 Constitution St	\$218,000
45423 Cypress Ct	\$335,000
7333 Emerson Dr	\$193,000
45520 Fieldstone Dr	\$176,000
4243 Forest Bridge Dr	\$245,000
44067 Gordon St	\$120,000
50211 Grant St	\$281,000
41474 Hanford Rd	\$195, 000
43934 Harsdale Dr	\$161,000
1376 Heritage Dr	\$144,000
47071 Hidden River Cir N	\$365,000
51164 High Meadow	\$365,000
Crossing S	
2624 Hogan Way	\$250,000
1490 Kensington Dr	\$298, 000
276 Meadowlake Rd	\$179, 000
7869 Oxford Dr	\$110,000
43226 Pepperwood St	\$198,000

42350 Saratoga Cir

8025 Trillium Ln

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30841 Wentworth St	\$85,000	14214 Brady	\$46,000
NORTHVILLE		9362 Garfield	\$75,000
48392 Binghampton Dr	\$645,000	9339 Hemingway	\$80,000
18202 Blue Heron Dr W	\$450,000	19334 Inkster Rd	\$21,000
18214 Blue Heron Dr W	\$394,000	17698 Lennane	\$79,000
44993 Broadmoor Cir S	\$420,000	11401 Leverne	\$63,000
16901 Carriage Way	\$150,000	10042 Royal Grand	\$48,000
42256 Crestview Cir	\$370,000	26235 Southwestern Hwy	\$10,000
16772 Dover Dr	\$150,000	WAYNE	
47052 Merion Cir	\$625,000	4327 Third St	\$60,000
15957 Morningside	\$153,000	35303 Ash St	\$86,000
18025 Peninsula Way	\$413,000	3310 Dearborn St	\$95,000
41518 Waterfall Rd	\$370,000	4120 Garfield St	\$57,000
18254 Woodbury Ct	\$1,025,000	35324 Glover St	\$38,000
PLYMOUTH		36870 Greenbush Ct	\$97, 000
10912 Chestnut Dr	\$165,000	35128 W Michigan Ave	\$83,000
10057 Creekwood Cir	\$285,000	WESTLAND	
15150 Farmbrook Dr	\$212,000	2065 Alanson St	\$15,000
13821 Fawn Woods Ct	\$49 5,000	32223 Anita Dr	\$80,000
1669 Gloucester St	\$270,000	6791 Bison St	\$91,000
41324 Greenbriar Ln	\$174,000	1507 Elias St	\$100,000
47327 Hunters Park Dr	\$358, 000	35164 Hazelwood St	\$40,000
11303 Maple Ridge Dr	\$460,000	34011 Marquette St	\$115,000
9054 McClumpha Rd	\$315,000	38173 N Rickham Ct	\$127,000
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390 Pacific St	\$240,000	8329 Rae Dr	\$110,000
45206 Riveredge Dr	\$290,000	7455 Randy Dr	\$109,000
950 Sutherland St	\$188, 000	5315 S Middlebelt Rd	\$58, 000
14140 Terrace Ct	\$193,000	143 S Wildwood St	\$99,000
46354 Wesford Ct	\$322,000	719 Summerfield Dr	\$190,000
13677 Westbrook Rd	\$450,000	6240 W Morgan Cir	\$99,000
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Know your strengths and weaknesses

By Debra Auerbach CareerBuilder writer

It's the dreaded interview question. "So, what would you say are your weaknesses?" You don't want to ignore the question all together, but you also don't want to reply back with, "Well, I tend to miss deadlines a lot." Instead, you try to come up with an answer that sounds like a weakness but is really a strength, such as, "Sometimes I just work too hard, I'm always coming in early and staying

While you may wish you wouldn't get asked such a question during an interview, it actually would benefit you to think about your weaknesses and strengths, before talking to a hiring manager. In fact, if you really want to get a leg up, you should be assessing your skills and limitations even earlier than that before you begin your job

"Knowing your strengths and weaknesses before the job search helps you hone in on the types of jobs that best match your qualities and abilities," says Neil Kokemuller, college marketing professor and former retail manager. "If you apply for jobs that don't match your abilities, you set yourself up for failure and waste time. As you get into the interview process, knowing your strengths and weaknesses is a huge factor in effectively selling yourself to a hiring manager."

How to identify your strengths and weaknesses

The idea of sitting down and coming up with the things you're good with and not so good at can seem daunting, but there are a few methods to try that can make the process a little easier.

Lea McLeod, who provides corporate coaching and career consulting services, suggests that you take assessments to help narrow in on your skills and strengths. "I personally like StrengthsFinder 2.0 as a very basic assessment of strengths," McLeod says. "There are numerous other assessments that can measure everything from how you manage conflict, to your learning style, to your team orientation."

Another way to evaluate your strengths and weaknesses is to ask others who you think will give you an honest, objective opinion. "Ask people you know personally to share what they see as your strong sides and your weak side," McLeod says. "Often others see perspectives we don't see in ourselves. Get feedback from your peers and or managers about what your strengths and weaknesses are in the workplace."

It's also helpful to think about what type of feedback you've received from managers during formal reviews. "Think back on past performance reviews," says Patricia Vargas, manager of Marketing Production at Halogen Software, a provider of talent management solutions. "What kind of feedback have you gotten from your managers and peers? Look for trends for example, repeat feedback that you're a great team player or very proactive. Take note of feedback you've received around both job-specific skills and soft skills."

Consider both hard and soft skills

When assessing your skills, don't just think about those technical skills you've acquired; also consider your soft skills abilities related to communication, leadership, collaboration,



creative problem-solving, etc. which can be just as important to employers.

"In general, you should have a sense for what your strengths are around dealing with tasks, processes, relationships and communication," McLeod says. "Those are the core components of getting work done in any workplace. On the technical side, if you are looking for a job with specific technical or hard skills, you should absolutely know where you stand on those. Many hard skills will be tested by employers in environments like engineering, software and public relations."

Why this will help your job search

"Once you've identified your strengths, it will help you evaluate what kind of jobs you're best suited for," Vargas says. "It will also help you sell yourself in a job interview. You want to be able to clearly articulate how you will bring value in a particular role."

Vargas notes that finding the right job fit is important, because you want to feel both comfortable and confident in the role. You don't want to start a new job, only to find that your skills aren't really up to par or

that you don't consider the company to be the right cultural fit.

But if you know going into the new job that your strengths align with your new position and you'll have the opportunity to grow in the areas where you need improvement, it'll be a win-win situation for both you and the employer. "You'll be engaged in your work and a valued contributor to the organization's success," Vargas says.

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