

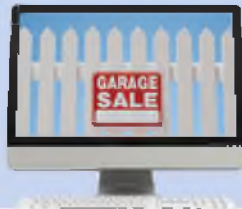
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## Council gets first look at 'stable, balanced' budget

Residents will pay more for water, garbage services

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

The Northville City Council got its first look at the proposed city budget presented by the city administration. The budget for the upcoming fiscal year is balanced thanks in part to increases in the taxable value of the city and state equalized (assessed) value (SEV).

After some input sessions, City Council is expected to approve the budget next month. The total budget is near \$15 million.

According to Sandi Wiktorow-

ski, the city of Northville's finance director and treasurer, the increased property values will provide for an additional \$120,000 in tax revenue in the general fund.

"The taxable value of the city increased 2.62 percent and the state equalized (assessed) value increased 9.82 percent," she told council on April 7 while presenting the fiscal year 2014-15 budget and five-year plan.

The 2014 taxable value, confirmed by the March Board of Review, is \$315,702,167. The General Fund operating millage will remain the same as the prior year at 13.5864 mills.

Health care costs remain an

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## FEEL THE MUSIC



Cooke School staff member Kristina Taylor and student Ikenna Uzosike play a drum together during the school's spring musical on April 15. The musical, attended by family and friends, involved most of the kids at the school and had a common theme of respect within the educational process. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Collectively stronger

Leaders say partnerships keep 'state of community' in good shape

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

The Northville community is in pretty good shape, but it can be better and will be, if the important partnerships the township, city, state and school district have with its stakeholders continue to grow.

That was the message from community leaders at the Northville Chamber of Commerce's annual State of the Community luncheon April 16 at Meadowbrook Country Club.

This year's lineup of guest speakers included Mayor Chris Johnson, Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix, state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, and Northville Public Schools Superintendent Mary K. Gallagher. Each discussed important developments from last year and what lies on the horizon.

Maintaining high levels of service while handling financial challenges was a common theme among all four speakers, with each emphasizing the need for the community to work together to make Northville better in the future.

To that end, they said there are challenges ahead and much planning to be done.

"I thought it was a very comprehensive talk and presentation," attendee Robert Law said. "A lot of important things are happening around Northville and I think we're lucky to have leaders like these."

According to chamber Director Jody Humphries, there was a record turnout this year. She wasn't exactly sure why, but it was good thing.

### City of Northville

Johnson, mayor for the last 26 years, led off the lunch with a look back, specifically the different state legislators and mandates the city has had to work with over the years. He said much has changed over the last two decades and there has to be a renewed focus on solutions to problems that have grown.

One of those challenges, he said, was the condition of area roads and the difficulty of finding funds for maintenance. Because of this, Johnson said the



Rising to applause, Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix gets ready to begin his State of the Community address on April 16. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Attendees of the State of the Community address listen in to Northville Mayor Chris Johnson.

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# Searching for normalcy and acceptance

Autistic children deal with many challenges

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Every autistic child shares some traits, but each is a unique individual. Northville resident Dominic Jankowski, 10, provides the perfect example.

Since he was diagnosed with autism, Dominic's family has been trying to bring awareness to who he truly is. Autism can cause a variety of different perceptions from those who don't know much about it and many will focus on the challenges, which is characterized by impaired social interaction, verbal and non-verbal communication, and repetitive behavior.

Awareness has become even more important with autism on the rise. The number of autism cases has increased 30 percent in two years. In the U.S. one in 68 children are classified as having an autism spec-

trum disorder (ASD), up from one in 88 just two years ago.

## A normal life

Dominic has a severe case of autism, which was diagnosed when he was two years old. And even though each year since has been challenging for him and his family, they have each approached it with positivity and love.

"My best gift to Dominic was probably giving him his siblings. They have helped normalize his life and have helped mom and dad tremendously," said his mother Nicole, who has four children of her own plus two step children with her husband, Mike.

April is Autism Awareness month, and for Nicole and her family this is a time to remember how normal yet special Dominic really is.

Bringing some normalcy to his life has been her goal for a long time. She writes about it weekly in her blog: [www.momof4is-tired.com](http://www.momof4is-tired.com).



Dominic Jankowski, who is autistic, uses a pad of paper to answer a question posed by his mother, Nicole. Despite his challenges, the 10-year-old Northville boy has plenty of unique talents.

"Autism really is a wide spectrum. Each individual has their own needs and challenges, but also their own, specific talents," she said.

Some autistic children don't like sounds, Dominic does.

He loves books and is reading at a third or fourth grade level. And he likes visiting the DIA, Henry Ford Village and Cedar Point, where he went on every roller coaster.

But he has his daily challenges, which some will be lifelong ones. He isn't potty trained, doesn't like to be in a crowded room too long and communicates generally through writing on

a pad of paper or typing into his iPad, which was supplied by his school.

And just this past year he began identifying his brothers and sisters by their names. Communication has been his big challenge.

## Raising awareness

It was difficult for Nicole in his first year or so because she didn't know why he wasn't progressing like other children, especially with his talking. She found some relief after his diagnosis because then she knew what they were dealing with, and with that awareness they began learning and growing together.

Giving him a normal life starts with his family. However, Nicole said it's also helped by the community, especially his school, Power Upper Elementary of Farmington Public Schools. Dominic is in the ASD program.

She said the school has played a big part in his development, starting with the iPad, which has been a huge communicative facilitator for him.

"I could never survive without the work they do for Dominic every day," said Nicole.

Her husband Mike, who married Nicole a year ago, said each day with Dominic has helped

him learn more about autism and how it is specific to each person.

"It's been truly amazing getting to know him as an individual," he said. "It's given me a whole new perspective."

Nicole said Dominic's life is touched by many people. From his bus driver, neighbors to his doctor and dentist, they all see just a little boy.

This awareness and perspective gives him a normal life because as Nicole says, "Because in spite of his disability, he is still, just a 10-year-old boy."

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# ‘Impactful in countless areas’

Meads Mill principal retiring after nearly 40 years with district

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

A lot of experience and wisdom will be leaving Northville Public Schools when Dr. Sue Meyer says goodbye later this school year.

Meyer sent out a letter to the Meads Mill community on April 16 announcing she would retire effective July 1 after 40 years of working in education, 36 in Northville.

“It has been an honor to serve and educate the Meads Mill students and families most of my career. There are so many people I shall miss,” she said. “Most of all, I will miss the daily interactions with the wonderful students and staff at Meads Mill.”

She began her career in Northville in 1978, serving as a special education teacher at Silver Springs Elementary

School, followed by Meads Mill Middle School and Northville High School. After that she served as an assistant principal at the former Cooke Middle School as well as at Meads Mill Middle School, and then continued her administrative career as principal of Meads Mill Middle School since 1997.

“Dr. Meyer’s leadership at Meads Mill, as well as at the district level, has been impactful in countless areas, most recently with our work in implementing the International Baccalaureate Middle Years program,” said NPS Superintendent Mary K. Gallagher.

Gallagher said the process for finding a replacement is now underway. The district has posted the position for middle school principal. In the next month there will be scheduled times with the Meads Mill staff, students and parents to gather input and feedback regarding desired skills and strengths sought for the leader of

Meads Mill Middle School. A pool of candidates will be picked and a final selection should come in June.

“We consider the process of selecting a building leader to be critically important, and value the input of staff, parents, and students,” Gallagher said.

For Meyer, the remainder of the year will be an opportunity to say her goodbyes and make a few more memories.

“Mine has been a very rewarding career with the Northville Public School District,” she said to the school community. “I have learned a great deal and feel privileged to have been a part of ‘The Tradition of Excellence.’”

Gallagher said for those who have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact her or Dave Rodgers, assistant superintendent of Human Resources, at 248-344-3537.

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Meads Mill Middle School Principal Sue Meyer prepares to sing the national anthem on April 17 at at staff vs. students basketball game. Meyer will retire at the end of the this year after nearly 40 years as an educator in Northville. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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**Sunday:** Noon to 4 p.m. private party in Church; noon-4 p.m. Kings 8th in Cady; 1-4 p.m. Rouge River work day; 6:30 p.m. Crew 8 in Cady

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## District moving forward with tech upgrades

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

The Northville Public School district has taken a leap forward. With the support of the technology bond funding, Northville Public Schools have now replaced more than 3,000 computers with over 3,440 desktops and laptops, increased computers in all 27 computer labs in all nine schools and replaced the district's entire network infrastructure.

That's just a few of the accomplishments NPS has seen over the last year and a half since the bond was passed by voters late in 2012.

The NPS Board of Education was given an update on the projects at their last meeting, and the conclusion is things are moving along really well.

Passing with 58 percent of the vote, the \$20.87 million bond is in place to replace aging technology and provide proven, interactive classroom technology to meet the needs of all students at all levels and abilities. The technology projects are a key piece of the puzzle in the district's vision for 21st Century learning, according to NPS Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher.

NPS school board president Jim Mazurek said the district's technology capabilities have been moved forward immensely and they couldn't be happier with how things have gone. Under budget, on schedule and with high capability, Mazurek thanked the team of Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Dave Rodgers, Director of Technology and Instructional Integration Andrew Piazza and consultant Wright and Hunter for their work in making these developments happen.

"You've played a big role," he told them.

Besides adding teachers to the district, school board treasurer Matthew Wilk said "this is probably the best spent money."

### Classroom impact

There has already been an impact on instruction and the

classrooms.

Overall, the computer labs have been re-worked to better fit class sizes and have in turn increased availability. At the secondary level this has allowed more electives to be offered with classes like CAD, programming, Web design, and accounting being expanded. In the elementary schools, the labs have been relocated to other locations to enable more focused instruction. Additionally, Promethean boards have been installed in every instructional classroom.

With these advancements the district is now looking to translate these even more into a further improved learning environment for all students.

Part of this visioning process is getting community involvement, specifically staff input, on how the classrooms can move into the future.

Just less than \$12 million has been spent or committed on projects. There is more work to come, especially this summer.

Among other improvements, the district's security systems will be upgraded in all 11 buildings with the placement of high resolution, low-light security cameras being installed along with controlled building access systems with additional card readers and updated two-way audio/video intercoms at schools entries.

Alarm upgrades including door contacts to monitor door position to avoid propped doors, unauthorized exit or entry are also on tap. In addition, Audio and Video Systems in all nine schools will be upgraded.

In the coming years, the district will be adding things like new equipment, such as digital video and photo cameras, science probes, calculators and plotters.

Students and parents can expect more advancements to come, said the school board and administration.

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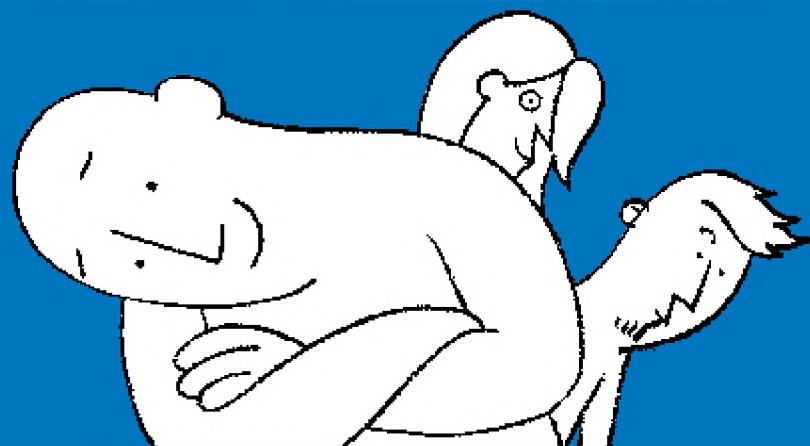
## Meads Mill 'Youngbloods' take on teachers



Meads Mill Middle School students cheer their team as it takes on the faculty in a fun, fundraiser basketball game on April 17. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Meads Mill Middle School students (their team name "The Youngbloods") take on their teachers on April 17 during a fundraiser basketball game.



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### POLICE BRIEFS

#### Business break-ins

Several Northville Township businesses were broken into during the late night hours of April 12-13. The businesses included two Subways (one on Seven Mile and the other on Haggerty), the Dominos at 40420 Five Mile, and Steve's Family Dining on Five Mile.

In all cases, the thief or thieves entered the stores by smashing the front glass doors. The most stolen was about \$200. In

According to police reports, a business adjacent to Steve's Family Dining had a surveillance camera active during the crime and was able to capture a lone suspect entering the diner. The video was given to the township's detective bureau.

#### Jewelry stolen

A Northville Township couple reported to police that someone stole three wedding/engagement rings from their home in the 1800 block of Cascade Drive sometime during the first week of April. The wife told police she often left her rings in a jewelry box because her job causes her to wash her hands a lot.

The couple told police they have had a painting crew in the home for several weeks, and suspect it could be one of the painters. However, they told police they have known the main contractor for several years and don't believe he had anything to do with the theft. He promised the couple he would talk to all the guys who worked in the home.

The couple told police the rings were worth more than \$13,000.

#### Marijuana possession

A Northville man was arrested for marijuana possession after Northville City Police spotted

or better yet, smelled him smoking while driving.

The police reported on the evening of April 20 while on patrol the man was observed driving south on Main Street and smoking what looked like a cigarette. The police were behind him and had their windows down, and could smell burning marijuana. He was stopped at Gardner Street after throwing the "cigarette" out the window.

The 27-year-old man admitted to smoking marijuana after police asked him about it and reported smelling it inside the car. A bag of marijuana, along with some pills, were found under the driver's seat.

#### False alarm

Northville Township police were contacted on April 9 by an employee of the U.S. District Attorney's Office in Detroit who found a suspicious package next to his vehicle he had left parked at Meijer. Officers arrived at Meijer to find the rectangular box wrapped with tinfoil. The man who reported the package told officers he regularly leaves his vehicle parked at Meijer and carools to work. He was concerned that the package could be dangerous.

The Northville Township officers contacted the Michigan State Police, which sent out a bomb squad. They performed x-rays on the package, and found nothing suspicious. So they opened it, and found partially eaten crab legs.

#### Urinating in public

A Northville Township family had quite a surprise as they sat down to eat dinner on the evening of April 8. As they were eating around 5:30 p.m. at their Lehigh Lane home, they witnessed a man walk into their back yard and begin urinating on the grass in full view.

The father went out

and got a license plate number from the vehicle the man had parked in front of the home and then pulled away in. He contacted police, and officers tracked down the 41-year-old man, who lives less than a mile away in an apartment on Silver Springs.

The man, who was still wearing the same clothing described by the family, denied urinating. He was charged for urinating in public. After a background check, police found he had a warrant out of Detroit and had a suspended driver's license.

#### Skateboarding in the road

A Northville man was given a citation for skateboarding down Center Street.

The Northville City police spotted the man on the afternoon of April 5 while parked on patrol at Amerman Elementary School. He was followed down southbound Center as he was going down the center of the lane. Police reported the 26-year-old man was told previously not to be in the roadway.

#### Multiple drunk driver offender

A 31-year-old Novi man was arrested for drunken driving after police observed him driving in the dark with no headlights on.

The police reportedly spotted the driver just before 2 a.m. on April 5 going north on Center Street. He was stopped after pulling into a private driveway on Center. Police asked him where he was and he replied by saying he was at home in Novi on Beacon Road.

After having trouble with the field sobriety test, he was given a preliminary breathalyzer test. It registered a .16 percent.

According to the police report, the man had three previous drunken driving charges.

## Township to discuss ballot language at special meeting

By Kurt Kuban  
Staff Writer

First the good news. Northville Township officials were happy to receive a clean budget audit Thursday. Plante Moran, which the township hired to conduct the audit, presented its findings for the financial year ending Dec. 31, 2013 at the regular board meeting.

The firm's Martin Olejnik commended the township's finance department for "taking care of the books."

"We didn't find any issues to be alarmed about," he told the board. "The general fund remains in good position. You've done a good job cutting costs."

It wasn't all good news, however. Olejnik pointed out the inescap-

able conclusion that the township has been spending more than it is taking in for both public safety and shared services – which covers parks and recreation, senior services and Youth Assistance programs – for several years.

That is why township officials will seek an additional 1.55 mills from residents on the August primary ballot.

On Feb. 20, the Northville Township Board of Trustees approved a proposal to levy an increase for seven years of up to 1.250 mills to support and fund the operations for public safety, and .03000 mills to support/ fund the operations for parks, recreation, senior and youth assistance within the township.

The board of trustees will hold a special meeting at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 29 to discuss the exact language that will appear on the ballot. Township officials must decide on the language so it can be approved by the state. They have until mid-May to get the state approval.

Olejnik pointed out why the township finds itself in the predicament it is in. Taxable value in the township, like in other municipalities, plunged following the economic downturn of 2008.

"It will take to 2020 to get back to where you were in 2008," he told the board. "And that doesn't take into account for inflation."

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Reservations are requested and attendance is free, but seating is limited.

The seminars are intended to provide information on, among other topics, the effects of the act on long-term care; explanation of the Independent Payment Advisory board; how to shelter your retirement from potential taxes; how to protect retirement assets from the markets’ ups and downs; and how to reduce and/or eliminate taxation on Social Security.

The seminars take place:

- » 10 a.m. Thursday, May 8 – Livonia Civic Library, 32777 Five Mile
- » 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 13 – Northville Library, 212 W. Cady
- » 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday, May 15 – Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main

To RSVP or for more information, call 800-0723-4704.

### LIBRARY LINES

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Upcoming events include:

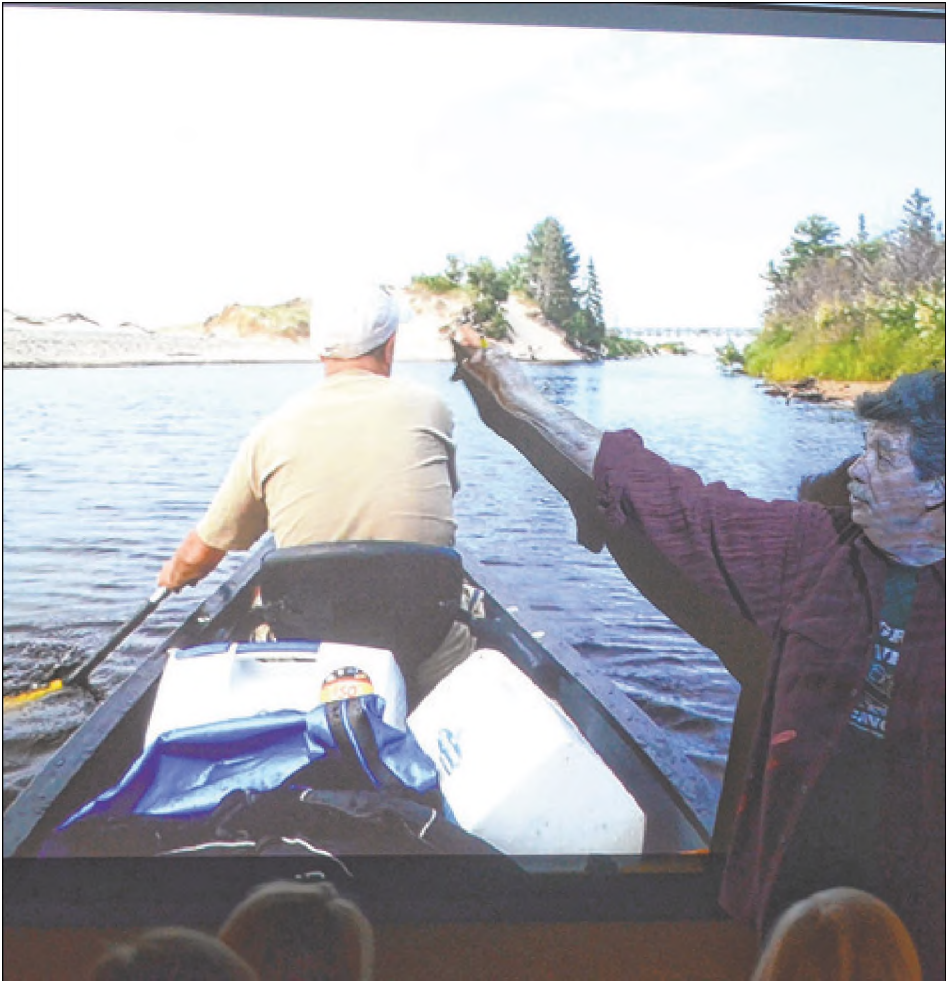
**Spring Break Movies & Munchies for Kids**  
**Time/Date:** Noon, Friday, April 25  
**Details:** Bring your lunch to the library and enjoy the movie “Wreck It Ralph” (Disney, 2012, PG, 101 minutes). Snacks and beverages provided. All ages welcome (ages 4 and younger must attend with caregiver). Just drop in.

**Let’s Go Green**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 30  
**Details:** The more we know about our environment, the more we can help. Learn about alternative energy, fracking, rain barrels and more from Gerald Hasspacher of The Southeast Michigan Group of the Sierra Club. Call 248-349-3020 to register.

**Tween Event: Maraca Characters**  
**Time/Date:** 4:15-5 p.m., Wednesday, April 30  
**Details:** Just for tweens ages 9-12. Make music with fun maraca characters you design. Limit 30 attendees.

**Drop In Morning Storytime**  
**Time/Date:** 10:15-11:45 am Thursdays through May 8  
**Details:** Storytime fun for toddlers and pre-schoolers. All ages welcome. Caregivers must accompany children age 3 and younger. Just drop in.

## River guide



Author and adventurer Doc Fletcher, of Northville, points to a portion of the Two Hearted River that he floated down in 2012 during an April 15 presentation on canoeing Michigan rivers at the Northville Community Center. Fletcher, who has authored a number of books on Michigan and Wisconsin rivers, was noting how much of the lower Two Hearted located in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula had been affected after 2012’s Duck Lake fire. Fletcher also talked about his journeys down Michigan’s Pere Marquette, Chippewa, and Fox Rivers.

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John Hopkins Dean's List

Emily Rencsok of Northville was named to the Johns Hopkins University Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2013 semester. To be selected for this honor, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale in a program of at least 14 credits with at least 12 graded credits.

Emily is the daughter of Brian and Janet Rencsok and attended Northville High School. She is majoring in biomedical engineering, and will graduate in May 2016.

MSU graduates

The following Northville students earned their degrees from Michigan State University following the completion of the fall 2013 semester.

**Anthony Edward Adamowicz** 111 (B.A. - with honor), **Rebecca Leigh Champagne** (B.A. - with honor), **Daniela Mirella Drury** (B.A.), **Kassandra Nicole Fitr-**

**zyk** (B.A.), **Kaitlyn Sullivan Lynch** (B.A.), **Daniel Patrick McIntyre** (B.S.), and **Courtney Sauter** (B.A.).

MSU Dean's List

The following students were named to the Michigan State University Dean's List for the 2013 fall semester.

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Alex Peters (right) and Josh Wesley, members of the Plymouth Whalers, were the guest speakers at the Northville Township Police Department's D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony last week at Northville High School. Carrie Czelada (center), the township's D.A.R.E. and school resource officer, organized the event.

Whalers congratulate 131 D.A.R.E. graduates and their families

The student graduates of the Northville Township Police Department's D.A.R.E. program received some special encouragement last week when Alex Peters and Josh Wesley members of the Plymouth Whalers, talked to them about making good decisions in life.

The two professional hockey players were the guest speakers at the annual D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony held

April 15 at Northville High School. D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. According to Carrie Czelada, the township's D.A.R.E. and school resource officer, there were a total of 145 students from Ridge Wood and Winchester elementary schools who completed the drug-prevention program this semester. She said 131

graduates and their families attended the ceremony. "The graduation ceremony was a great success. The auditorium was filled with close to 500 people, so it was a big turnout," Czelada said. To graduate, students had to complete the 10-week program and write an essay.

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History of 'kit' homes

As part of the Northville Historical Society 2014 Lecture Series, there will be a discussion about 'kit' homes at 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 30 in the Church at Mill Race Historical Village in Northville.

Local homeowners Andrew and Wendy Mutch will discuss the history of kit and catalog houses and the role that Michigan played in the industry. Included in the presentation will be the story of a Sears kit home on Taft Road, which was constructed in 1926. Sears shipped 30,000 pieces (including 750 pounds of nails and 27 gallons of paint and varnish) by rail to Novi. A 75-page book showed the owner how to assemble those pieces, step by step, into a house that still stands today on Taft Road.

Hear tips on how to identify kit homes, the challenges of caring for one, and take a photographic tour of various models found in Northville and southeast Michigan.

The event is free of charge, although donations to help off-set the costs will be accepted at the door.

Garlic mustard pull

The Friends of Maybury State Park and the Friends of the Rouge will be partnering from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, May 3 to continue efforts to control the spread of invasive garlic mustard in Maybury. Garlic mustard crowds out native wildflowers.

Volunteers are requested to meet at the park maintenance shed behind the park office at the Beck Road entrance at 9 a.m. This is a rain or shine event. A state Recreation Passport is required for entry. The first 35 volunteers will receive a free t-shirt.

Water will also be provided.

For more information, contact George at 248-347-0899 or gmccarthy@comcast.net, or visit the group's website at www.friendsofmaybury.org.

Veterans fundraiser

The Marines of Marine Corps League Northwest Detachment 162 will be firing up their grills beginning at 5 p.m., Saturday, April 26 at VFW Post 4012 at 438 N. Main Street in Northville. The group will be selling steak dinners for \$12 for a 10-12 ounce size steak with all the fixings, or \$6 for a hamburger dinner.

The MCL Detachment uses the money raised to give to veterans in need at the VA hospitals around Michigan, the two veterans homes in the state, veterans in need, and last year gave more than \$1,400 to the local Toys for Tots program.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Come grill with the Marines and support veterans and the families.

For more information, visit www.semperfi162.org or call Commandant Mark Sutton at 248-390-5481.

Local artist exhibit

Northville artist Barbara Eko Murphy will exhibit a collection of her drawings and paintings done in charcoal, inks, and watercolors from April 28-May 30 at Co Reutter the Salon (Menagerie Gallery), located at 116 N. Lafayette in downtown South Lyon.

Murphy is an award-winning artist, who has been featured in more than 190 juried shows since 2001. She is a member of Lawrence Street Gallery in Ferndale. She currently has a piece in The Detroit Historical Museum, as part of The Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors. And she is in the



The work of Northville artist Barbara Eko Murphy will be on display at Co Reutter the Salon (Menagerie Gallery) in South Lyon.

Everywoman Show at U of M -Ann Arbor-Rackham.

Co Reutter the Salon (Menagerie Gallery) is open M-F 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call the gallery at 248-446-0411.

Thayer's Corner work day

The annual spring clean-up at the Thayer'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 Marv 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., Tues-

day, April 29 at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile in Northville Township.

Donors can set up an appointment by contacting Diane at 313-549-7052 or Diane.Risko@redcross.org.

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.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high. According to the 2009 National Survey on

Drug Use and Health, more Americans currently abuse prescription drugs than the number of those using cocaine, hallucinogens, and heroin combined.

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

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# ‘Wind, water, fire and earth’

Northville creative arts student vying for samurai fashion award

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Outfits created by local fashion designers, inspired by works in the Detroit Institute of Arts’ exhibition “Samurai: Beyond the Sword,” will be on view as part of a fashion design contest hosted by the DIA and De-



Bonnie Pearce

troit Garment Group Guild (DG3).

Northville Township’s Bonnie Pearce, a junior at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, is among those vying.

“I’m really excited about it,” said Pearce, daughter of Steve and Janis Pearce. “It’s a huge opportunity for me, whether I win or not.”

The competition is based at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, 6777 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. The public is invited to view the 10 outfits, then vote on their favorite. A fashion show will be held at the DIA on May 17 at noon, where the winner, chosen by public votes, will be announced. People can vote online at <http://www.detroitgarmentgroup.org/>.

The voting continues through April 27. Pearce, 29, said her work is based on the mythological goddess of war figure, the cherry blossom as a symbol of war in Japan.

She incorporates the elements of wind, water, fire and earth in her work.

Pearce focuses on



Bonnie Pearce said of the DIA competition, “I’m really excited about it. It’s a huge opportunity for me whether I win or not.”



Bonnie Pearce’s entry is among 10 in the competition on display at Henry Ford West Bloomfield.

wearable art for the competition, with armor-like pieces of metal as well as fabric.

“I started sewing my own clothes when I was in middle school,” she said. “My mother taught me how to sew.”

Pearce began at Northville High School and graduated from Plymouth-Canton’s Starkweather Center in 2002. She later studied fashion at Columbia College in Chicago, but wanted to move to sculpture, metalwork and jewelry.

She’ll use copper, for instance, in a skirt that is wearable.

“Less common,” Pearce said of such work among CCS stu-

dents. “I don’t know anyone else who makes wearable sculpture.”

Goldsmithing or blacksmithing are more common at CCS, she said.

“I think people are impressed by it,” she said, noting she gets asked for advice. CCS has provided funds for materials and professional photo shoots.

Her mom is also an artist, including an illustrator.

“I didn’t really discover that art was what I wanted to do until much later,” said Pearce, who wasn’t positive even while studying fashion in Chicago. “It’s been a continuous evolution over 10 years.”

After graduation, she’d like to merge into the art scene, showing her work. She’s an instructor at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, and loves that.

“It doesn’t even feel like a job,” said Pearce, who plans to continue teaching art after CCS graduation.

She’d also sell her work. Pearce’s current busy life also includes working for and learning under a goldsmith in Birmingham who has many years of experience.

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# Miracle League could use volunteers for spring season

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

The Miracle League of Plymouth, the baseball league that provides opportunities to play America’s pastime to special-needs players, is approaching its 2014 spring season, and can always use some help from volunteers.

Games begin Saturday, May 3 and the league is looking for volunteers to serve as buddies to the players and umpires for the games.

Anyone interested in volunteering is being asked to register by downloading a 2014 Volunteer Release Form at [www.miracleleagueplymouth.org/images/2014%20Volunteer%20Release%20Form.pdf](http://www.miracleleagueplymouth.org/images/2014%20Volunteer%20Release%20Form.pdf), then scan and return the form to [debra@miracleleagueplymouth.org](mailto:debra@miracleleagueplymouth.org). The forms can also be mailed to Miracle League of Plymouth, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

Groups can also sign up to volunteer but will need one person as the contact person; that person needs to contact MLP Commissioner Deb Madonna at [debra@miracleleagueplymouth.org](mailto:debra@miracleleagueplymouth.org).

Once volunteers have registered, they can go to Volunteer Spot (<http://vols.pt/sA8tYs>), enter an email address and choose their spots. Volunteer-Spot will send an automated confirmation and reminders.



The Miracle League of Plymouth is looking for volunteers to serve as “buddies” to its players, as well as umpires. Games start May 3.

Madonna pointed out VolunteerSpot does not share email addresses; however, volunteers who prefer not to use an email address can contact Madonna individually, and she will sign you up manually.

“We want you all to know that whether you can volunteer for one game or every game every week, your help is needed and appreciated,” Madonna said. “It is reassuring to our players and parents to see a familiar face in the dugout. Players love their buddies. You can’t imagine how important you are to the MLP players and families.”

There are some guidelines for volunteers:

» On game day, individuals can wear a white T-shirt (short- or long-sleeved), and groups can wear their company shirts.

» Voluneers must be at

least 10 years old. A parent or legal guardian must fill out all forms for those 10- to 18-years-old.

» Registered volunteers should arrive 15 minutes before game time; those who have to register should be there 30 minutes prior.

» More information on being a Buddy can be found at <http://www.miracleleagueplymouth.org/index.php?q=buddies>.

The spring season lasts seven games, with no games being played Memorial Day weekend. The fall season, also seven games, starts Aug. 16. There are no games Labor Day weekend.

Bilkie Field, where MLP games are played, is located at 357 Theodore in downtown Plymouth. For more information, email [info@miracleleagueplymouth.org](mailto:info@miracleleagueplymouth.org) or visit the league’s website at [www.miracleleagueplymouth.org](http://www.miracleleagueplymouth.org).

# Enter to win Detroit Lions football summer camp scholarship

Nine boys and girls ages 4-14 will win a scholarship to the 2014 Detroit Lions Summer Youth Camps.

The Detroit Lions, in cooperation with *Observer & Eccentric Media*, will award two scholarships to the following camps:

**June 7-8, Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day**, 9 a.m. to noon (QBW Academy for ages 8-14).

**June 12-13, Brighton Scranton Middle School**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Fundamentals Camp for ages ages 6-14).

**July 19, 26, Aug. 2, Southfield Inglenook Park**, 10-11 a.m. (Lil’ Lions Academy for ages 4-8).

**July 21-23, South Lyon Volunteer Park**, 6:15-7:15 p.m. (Lil’ Lions Academy for ages 4-8).

One scholarship will be offered for the **June 30 through July 3 Plymouth Central Middle School Camp** from 8:30 a.m. to noon (Fundamentals Camp for youth ages 6-14).

The camps offer age-appropriate high-energy football instruction and technique training by



The camps offer age-appropriate high-energy football instruction and technique training by high school and college football coaches.

high school and college football coaches and interactive drills, chalk talks and skill competitions.

More than 30 camps are scheduled from June through August. For a complete list of summer camps and academies, visit [DetroitLions.com/youthfootball](http://DetroitLions.com/youthfootball).

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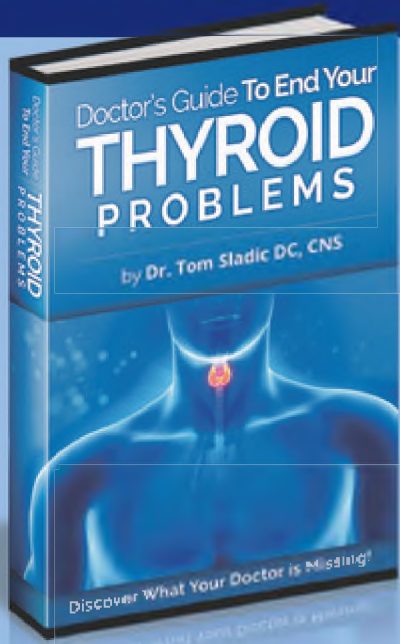
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Gatsby Gala fights against diabetes



The MGM Detroit Grand hosted the Gatsby Gala (aka the Commitment for a Cure) on March 29. The fundraiser benefits the American Diabetes Association (ADA). This year's ADA's Gatsby Gala was chaired by Bob Binson of Binson's Home Health Care Centers. Since 1992, the ADA's Detroit Gala has raised over \$4.2 million. Dressed in their 1920s black-tie ensembles, the more than 300 guests danced the night away to the Ben Sharkey Quartet and the Rhoades Band. Northville residents Beth Duey (left) and Jennifer Beitzel attended the gala on behalf of Barefoot Productions in Plymouth. Duey and Beitzel are two of the "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress," which will be performed April 25 through May 4 in Plymouth. Call the box office at 734-560-1493 or visit [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com). JULIE YOLLES

Local couple celebrates 50th anniversary

Northville's Christine (Ryska) and Gary Weisenstein celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 25.

The couple was married April 25, 1964 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in River Rouge, Mich. They moved to Northville from Riverview 17 years ago.

They have two children: Jill (Mike) Pevovar of Northville, and Stephen (Teri) Weisenstein of Oakland Township. They have five grandchildren: Jack, Luke, Abbey, Alex, and Brooke. Gary is a retired automotive supplier. Christine is a retired high school special education teacher. Both have been retired 12 years.

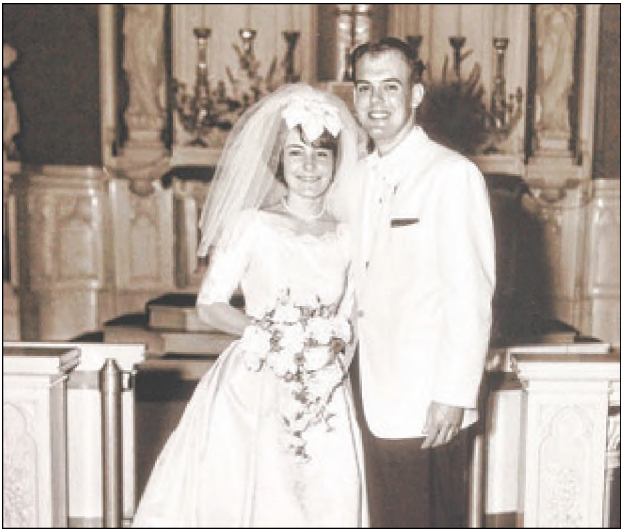
The couple has plenty of interests. They stay fit by working out at Planet Fitness every morning.

They enjoy their grandchildren, and attending their football games, lacrosse games, dance recitals, gymnastics events, and baseball games.

They spend as much time as possible at their beachfront condo in Treasure Island, Fla. They also have traveled the globe, including to the Galapagos Islands, several European countries, Alaska, and the Caribbean – just to name a few.

Last spring break, they took their children and grandchildren to Hawaii for a very memorable family vacation.

The couple is going to celebrate the milestone with a special dinner at Rocky's of Northville with family and friends.



Christine and Gary Weisenstein



The couple took their children and grandchildren to Hawaii in April, 2013. Pictured are Christine Weisenstein (from left), Abigail Weisenstein, Gary Weisenstein, Luke Pevovar, Mike Pevovar, Jill Pevovar, Jack Pevovar, Teri Weisenstein, Alex Weisenstein, Steve Weisenstein, and Brooke Weisenstein.

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Bookstock is back at Laurel Park Place April 27

Bookstock, Metro Detroit's biggest used book and media sale, returns April 27 through May 4 to Livonia's Laurel Park Place mall.

All proceeds benefit literacy and education projects in metropolitan Detroit.

Bookstock's Pre-Sale will kick-off at 8:15 a.m. Sunday, April 27, with a performance by the Larry Callahan and Selected of God Choir, made famous by the Chrysler Superbowl XLV commercial. There is a \$20 admission charge for the Pre-Sale only, which runs through 11 a.m. and offers shoppers and collectors first crack at

Bookstock's more than 100,000 donated used books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and records for sale at bargain basement prices.

The sale will continue through Sunday, May 4, running 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays, and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

This year, Bookstock will feature five days of special sales:

**Monday Madness – Monday, April 28:** One lucky buyer will receive a \$500 gift card and 750 shoppers will receive giveaways.

**Teacher Appreciation Day – Tuesday, April 29:** Bookstock will give 50

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**Bookbuster Special Days – Wednesday, April 30 and Thursday, May 1:** Buy three books and get the fourth book free (the least expensive item), from 3 - 9 p.m. Spend \$25 or more and be entered in a special drawing for a football signed by Detroit Lions Quarterback Matthew Stafford.

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# Gardening needn't be a pain in the back

With spring comes the desire for many of us to venture out into our great backyards to try our hand at landscape improvement. Changes may range from planting a few annuals in flower boxes to redesigning your entire yard. Whatever your plan, you should know that more cases of back pain are caused by gardening than running or even outdoor sports.

As with any physical



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activity, it is always best to let your legs and arms do the work – instead of your back. This will help reduce your chances of causing back pain and injury, strengthen your arms and legs, and make your gardening easier.

Before you start your gardening project, take

time to warm up and give your spine the opportunity to be prepared for a workout.

In addition to your regular exercise regimen, these tips will help you avoid back pain when tackling your garden project:

» Warm up with a brisk walk or light running to loosen your muscles and increase your musculoskeletal system's flexibility.

» Know your strengths and limitations,

and don't ever exert.

» When weeding, get down on your hands and knees rather than bending and twisting at the waist. Don't stand and bend over repeatedly.

» Keep your back straight when you stand up from sitting or crouched position.

» Lift dirt and debris by letting your arms, legs and thighs carry the load. Keep your back straight and bend your knees.

Handle only manageable loads at a time.

» Use long-handled tools to keep from stooping while raking, hoeing or digging. Repetitive motion on one side can bring on low-back and shoulder spasms.

» Don't work too long in one position, especially one that is awkward or unusual. This can cause muscle imbalance.

» Carry objects close to your body, so as not to risk straining your neck and lower back.

» Don't over expose yourself in long periods

in the sun without protection of the head and body.

» Take frequent breaks, and drink water to keep you hydrated.

As always, your best bet to avoid back pain is to exercise regularly, and to maintain good posture throughout the year.

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(In Brookdale Shopping Center,  
behind Powerhouse Gym)  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M.**  
Reed Heckmann, Pastor/Teacher  
[www.solidrocksouthlyon.com](http://www.solidrocksouthlyon.com)

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**CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
28900 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon  
248-486-0400  
[www.ecrossroads.net](http://www.ecrossroads.net)  
**Sunday Services:**  
8:45, 10 & 11:30 am

**FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Services held at:  
Saint Andrews Episcopal Church  
16360 Hubbard Road - Livonia  
South of Six Mile Road  
Adult Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Childrens Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
*Dr. James N. McGuire • Nursery Provided*

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**OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
133 Orchard Dr., Northville  
WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.  
Church 349-2621, School 349-3610  
Religious Education 349-2559  
*Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor*

**Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church**  
5499 8 Mile Rd. at Currie Rd., Northville, MI 48167  
248-374-2268  
Sunday Worship:  
10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship/Coffee  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Wednesday Bible Study (Colossians) at 7 pm  
[LO-0000165207.Pastor.Andy.Williams](mailto:LO-0000165207.Pastor.Andy.Williams)

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**FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, 248-349-2345  
1/2 mile west of Novi Rd.  
[www.faithcommunity-novi.org](http://www.faithcommunity-novi.org)  
**WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM**  
"Children, Youth and Adult Ministries"

**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile  
248-348-7757 • [www.mbcc.org](http://www.mbcc.org)  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
*Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister*

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[www.fpcsouthlyon.org](http://www.fpcsouthlyon.org)

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**Location:** M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-668-7014 or CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org

**Web:** www.brightmoorchurch.org

Celebrate Recovery

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

Church of the Holy Family

**Location:** 24505 Meadowbrook Road

**Contact:** 248-349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org

Mass Schedule

**Time/Day:** 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)

**Holy days:** 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

**Reconciliation:** beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

**Priests:** the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor

**AA:** 8 p.m. Wednesdays

Crosspointe Meadows Church

**Location:** 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile

**Contact:** 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointe-meadows.org.

**Sunday worship:** 11 a.m.

**Bible study classes:** 10 a.m. for all ages

**Details:** Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multisensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center

**Location:** Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville

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

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

**Web:** www.emmanuel-livonia.org

**Contact:** 248-442-8822

**Sunday worship:** 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

**Adult special needs worship:** 9:30 a.m.

**Youth group:** 7 p.m. Wednesdays

**Womens Coffee Break Bible Study:** 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; "God Revealed" by Fred Sievert

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 Saturday of every month

First Church of the Nazarene

**Location:** 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile

**Contact:** 248-348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org

**Classic Schedule:** 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Caf  is open from 9:15-11 a.m. Refreshments at 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service

**Tuesday:** 9:25 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Women of the Word) studying 1 Peter

**Thursday schedule:** 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study

**Friday:** 9:30 a.m.; Sweet Fridays on the second and fourth Fridays – A Ministry for Moms of All Ages

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

**Location:** 200 E. Main

**Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit www.fpcnorthville.org

**Sunday Worship:** 9:30 a.m.

**Sunday School:** 10:30 a.m. (for all ages)

First Presbyterian Church

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

**Contact:** 248-437-2875

First Presbyterian Church

**Location:** 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

First United Methodist Church of Northville

**Location:** 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville

**Contact:** 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org

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

**Summer Sunday School (Memorial Day-Labor Day):** 8:30 a.m. - Nursery; 10 a.m. - Nursery-sixth grade

**Sunday Worship (September-May):** 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.

**Sunday School (September-May):** 8 a.m. Nursery; 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery-sixth grade

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

**Location:** 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi

**Contact:** 248-349-0565

**Sundays:** 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible study; 10 a.m. worship

Holy Cross

Episcopal Church

**Location:** 40700 W. 10 Mile

**Contact:** 248-427-1175 or hollycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org

**Sunday Worship:** 7:45 and 10 a.m.

**Sunday School and Nursery Care:** 10 a.m. worship service

**Alzheimer's Support Group:** 10 a.m. second Saturday of month.

Hope Lutheran Church

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

Lakes Baptist Church

**Location:** 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Livonia Church of Christ

**Location:** 15431 Merriman, Livonia

**Contact:** 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net

**Sunday Worship:** 11 a.m.

**Bible School:** Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)

**Location:** 23455 Novi Road, Novi

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

**Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages:** 9:45 a.m.

**Worship Services:** 11 a.m.

**Bible Study/Prayer:** Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

**Location:** 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile

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

**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.

**Church School:** 10-11 a.m.

**Fellowship Hour:** 11 a.m.

**Merry Widows Luncheon:** 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month

**Pilgrim Fellowship:** 6 p.m. Sundays

Orchard Grove Community Church

**Location:** 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake

**Web:** www.orchardgrove.org

**Contact:** Amanda Rehm at 248-926-6584 or amanda.rehm@orchardgrove.org.

Northville Christian Assembly

**Location:** 41355 Six Mile

**Contact:** 248-348-9030; ncalife.org

**Sundays:** 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults / youth / children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in sanctuary; 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 Avrohom and Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

Novi United Methodist Church

**Location:** 41671 W. 10 Mile

**Contact:** 248-349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com

**Facebook:** https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433

**Sunday Worship:** 9:45 a.m.

**Healing Service and Holy Communion:** 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

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

Oak Pointe Church

**Location:** 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi

**Contact:** 248-912-0043

**Web:** www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups

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

**ReNew Life Group Ministries:** 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet weekly)

**Women's Life Groups Ministries:** 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday

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

Our Saviour Apostolic

Lutheran Church

**Location:** 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

**Contact:** 248-374-2268

**Children (5-10) & Adult Sunday School:** 10 a.m.

**Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Orchard Grove Community Church

**Location:** 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake

**Contact:** 248-926-6584; www.orchardgrove.org

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

**Location:** 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township

**Contact:** 734-453-0326, Ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

**Location:** 770 Thayer, Northville

**Contact:** 248-349-2621 or olv-northville.org

**Saturday Worship:** 5 p.m.

**Sunday Worship:** 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

**Location:** 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

**Contact:** pastor Bill Burke at 734-927-0891

**Wednesday Bible Study:** 7 p.m.

**Sunday Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m.

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

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

**Location:** 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

Pentecostals of Novi

**Location:** Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile

**Contact:** 248-697-8158 or visit www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org

Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church

**Location:** 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth

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

Praise Baptist Church

**Location:** 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

**Contact:** 734-748-3898

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

**Location:** 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

**Phone:** 248-553-3380

**Free Movie Night:** 7 p.m.

Friday, April 25 – The feature film based is "Unconditional" – a film month on a true story of Joe Bradford and his wife who reach out to the underprivileged children and start a choir. The non-profit organization, Elijah's Heart, is established as a result in 2005 to help children in need. A ham dinner will be served for a free will donation. Please call the church office if you wish to include the meal with the movie.

St. James Catholic Church

**Location:** 46325 10 Mile, Novi

**Contact:** 248-347-7778

**Pastor:** Monsignor John Kasza

**Mass Schedule:** 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

St. John Lutheran Church

**Location:** 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills

**Contact:** 248-474-0584 or visit stjoh-lutheran.com

**Saturday Worship:** 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday Worship:** 9, 11:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

**Location:** 201 Elm St., Northville

**Contact:** 248-349-3140

Unity of Farmington Hills

**Location:** 32500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington

**Contact:** 248-737-9191; AdministrativeDirector@unityfh.com

Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington

**Location:** 25301 Halsted, Far-

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mington Hills

**Contact:** www.uufarmington.org

**Youth Interfaith Journey:** 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays

**Details:** This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. Classes are grouped into grades K-five, six-eight and nine-12 with age-specific education materials for all.

**Contact:** Jennifer Teed at 248-478-7272 or dre@uufarmington.org

**Lifelong Learning Forum:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays

**Details:** Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation is suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington.

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

**Multigenerational Services:** 6:45 p.m. Fridays

**Details:** Family members of all ages can gather for drumming, chanting, and meditation followed by a brief participatory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing. A religious education activity will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The evening will close with a light snack and a short time to socialize, ending at 8:30 p.m.

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville ( behind the shopping center at the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty)

**Web:** www.wardchurch.org

**Contact:** 248-374-7400

**Sunday Worship:** 8 a.m. Liturgical in the Chapel; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary in the Sanctuary; 11 a.m. Traditional in the Sanctuary; 11a.m. Post-Contemporary in Knox Hall

**Sunday Groups and Classes:** Nursery, Children's and Middle School programs available on Sunday mornings. High School Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. Sunday Morning Adult Life Classes also available.

**FX:** A Family Experience: An interactive family production where participants ignite conversations in the home on important topics to help kids and their parents follow God together. First Sunday of the month at 9:30 a.m. In Knox Hall, September-May.

**Service Broadcasts:** Live at http://live.wardchurch.org at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays for live interactive video web-streaming. Also, the Traditional Service is broadcast every week on WRDT-AM 560 at 11 a.m.

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**LEE, JEROME "JERRY"**  
Age 79, of Highland, passed away April 16, 2014. Beloved husband of Judy for 23 years. Loving father of Ron (Deb), Jeff and Sherri, and step-father of Tim (Harmony) and Jeff (Abby). Proud grandfather of Rochelle, Chantalle, Deke, and Holly (Bryan). Treasured great-grandfather of Isabelle, Alex and Bryson. Devoted brother of Frank (Penney). Dear uncle of Rick and Dan. Jerome had a special love for boating and his classic car. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Share a memory at www.eltonblackands onhighland.com

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**WELLS, MARJORIE M.**  
Age 90, of South Lyon, died April 18, 2014. She is the devoted mother of Martin (Joann) and Marlene (Gerald) Morgan; loving grandmother of seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Sadly, Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband Luther, daughter, Beth Ann Konz, and three brothers. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 22nd, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Private Interment North Farmington Cemetery. Memorial tributes suggested to Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. heeney-sundquist.com



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Ramsey program



# Rock concert puts music in hands of disabled children

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Three bands will come together Saturday night with the purpose of raising money for the Rock 4 Awareness Foundation.

Black Rose, the Randy Barrett Band and Bad Dog USA will perform at Albert's on the Alley in Garden City to raise money for the Rock 4 Awareness Music Foundation. Founded by Garden City firefighter Tom Wincel, the organization's goal is to supply musical instruments to places like the Burger School for Students with Autism.

"We're hoping to get enough for 25 to 75 guitars," said Bill Bouvier, lead guitarist and singer for Bad Dog. "We get guitars from Fender, they have something wrong with them. We fix them and get them to the kids."

Bouvier of South Lyon is the founder of Bad Dogs. Fellow band member Bill Tremblay of Newport, a retired Detroit police officer, is the man with the magic hands, repairing the guitars and returning them to playability.

"The guitars can cost from \$75 to \$100 and don't have anything majorly wrong with them," Bouvier said. "A guitar might have a broken neck. It's something Bill can fix."

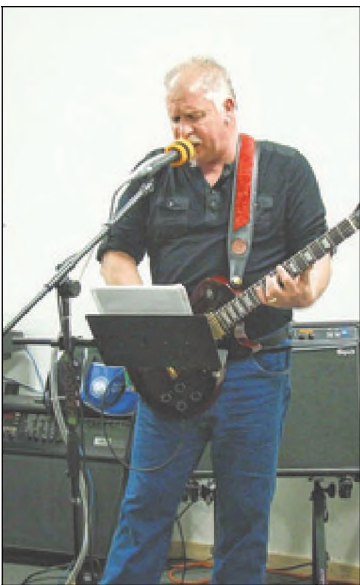
**Three bands**

The event starts at 6 p.m. with the bands taking to the stage at 7 p.m. Black Rose will play first, followed by the Randy Barrett Band at 8:30 and Bad Dog at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and available at the door. They also include entry into a guitar raffle.

"Black Rose is a little heavy, the Barrett Band is classic rock, but it's going to be mostly classic rock throughout the night," Bouvier said.

The raffle will include two Fender guitars, and two trips to Las Vegas with hotel and \$500 to spend in the casinos. There also will be dinner certificates and limo rides raffled off, and a Detroit Red Wings jersey from the Winter Classic and car care package from Gordon Chevrolet will be part of a Chinese auction.

Other businesses also have helped with the event. Plato's



Bill Bouvier is founder of Bad Dog USA, which will part of a three-band concert Saturday, April 26.



Bob Tromblay not only plays the guitar but is talented at repairing them.

"I've played in a lot of bars and this one is a nice big club."

Rock 4 Awareness has a mission of offering children and adults with special needs and other developmental disabilities the chance to participate one on one with a music teacher. And the instruments Bouvier is looking for go beyond guitars. He's making the rounds of garage sales, looking for drum sets and keyboards. He's also accepting instrument donations.

"We've been working hard on this and we want it to be a big success," he said. "We want to help any kid with a disability any way we can."

For more information, call Bouvier at 313-478-4895 or Tremblay at 734-658-6183 or email them at baddogusa@charter.net. They also can be found at [www.reverbnation.com/baddogusa](http://www.reverbnation.com/baddogusa).

People interested in making a donation can send checks, payable to Rock 4 Awareness, to Bill Bouvier, 600 E. Lake St., South Lyon, MI 481878.

smason@hometownlife.com  
Twitter: @SusanMarieMason

## Mad scramble



Nearly 2,000 people showed up for the annual Eggstravaganza April 19 at Maybury State Park. It was a mad scramble for the 5,000 plastic eggs filled with a surprise inside. The event was co-sponsored by the Friends of Maybury and Northville Parks and Recreation. In addition to the egg hunt, families enjoyed crafts, seed planting and face painting. Special guests were Smokey the Bear and, of course, the Easter Bunny.

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## OUR VIEWS

# New tests for state's teachers only a beginning

Raising standards required for becoming a teacher is a laudable goal, but making it tougher to enter the field won't by itself improve educational outcomes in Michigan. Our problems are bigger than that.

The House of Representatives' Education Subcommittee recently approved \$3.6 million to revamp the state's teacher certification tests. The appropriation would allow the Department of Education to accelerate efforts to toughen the exams, something state Superintendent Mike Flanagan has said is a priority.

We agree, and we encourage both chambers of the Legislature to send it on to Gov. Rick Snyder for his signature. It's been more than a decade since Michigan updated these exams, which by most accounts are laughably easy.

As Bridge Magazine's Ron French reported in his "Building a Better Teacher" series last fall, when the Education Department beefed up the test all aspiring teachers must take before they are allowed to student teach, the pass rate plummeted from 82 percent on previous exams to 26 percent. Flanagan at the time hailed the test results as proof that the state was serious about letting only the most qualified teachers into Michigan classrooms.

The infusion of cash means that the department will be able to roll out the new tests in two years rather than the estimated 11 years it would have otherwise taken, and that faster timetable is worth the investment.

But let's keep it real. Tougher certification tests won't by themselves lead to a higher level of performance in Michigan classrooms, nor will they address the underlying systemic — and political — issues that stunt professional growth in public education.

There's plenty of blame to go around when it comes to poor educational outcomes in Michigan, but too much of that blame is misplaced at the feet of teachers.

As a state and a nation, we can press for higher admissions standards into teaching programs, and those programs can do a better job of aligning themselves with the demands of today's classrooms.

It's not at all clear, however, that so-called "smarter teachers" will fix what ails public schools, certainly not without significant efforts to improve the conditions and resources available to educators.

We've seen little evidence that our teachers lack skills or expertise. What they lack, rather, is time, guidance and support necessary to be fully effective and grow in their careers.

Poorly compensated relative to other professions, teaching in the United States has long struggled to be seen as the profession that it is. Policymakers, many of them in Lansing, seem to prefer a high-turnover teaching force that is minimally trained.

The overemphasis on standardized tests, punitive evaluation policies and bureaucratic regulations combined with larger class sizes and undersourced classrooms combine to create a high rate of turnover among teachers. About 40 percent of all teachers leave within the first five years of starting their jobs — more than any other profession.

There's nothing wrong with demanding higher standards from aspiring teachers, but policymakers should take into account that high achievers have standards as well, among them the opportunity to work in an environment in which they feel valued and adequately compensated.

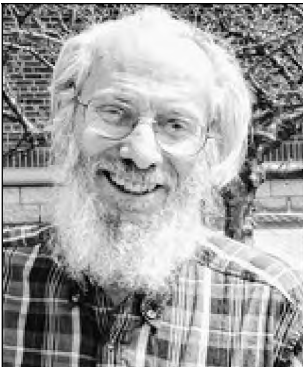
Until we decide that teaching is a serious profession that demands substantial public investment, we will not produce the skilled teachers that are needed to address the needs of our children.

*But let's keep it real. Tougher certification tests won't by themselves lead to a higher level of performance in Michigan classrooms, nor will they address the underlying systemic — and political — issues that stunt professional growth in public education.*

## COMMUNITY VOICE

# What do you look forward to most with the arrival of spring?

This question was asked in downtown Northville and at the Novi Public Library.



"I look forward to traveling."

**Ed Ben-Edison**  
Northville



"Eating outside at Poole's and just enjoying the weather."

**Stephanie Brown**  
Northville



"Going down to Ford Field here in downtown and walking around in the sun."

**Bryn Smetana**  
Northville



"Visiting Kensington Park and for my pool to open at my apartment complex, so I can go for that first swim."

**Gayle Mazurkiewicz**  
Novi

## LETTERS

### Kids deserve support

I just want to let you know on behalf of the NHS Stage Parents how much we have appreciated the coverage the *Northville Record* has provided for our Drama Club members this school year.

From the cast to the crew, this group of talented kids works very hard to put on a spectacular performance for the Northville community. The coverage and publicity the *Record* provides is crucial in getting the word out to the broader public that a high quality theater experience is as close as the local high school. These kids need and deserve to be seen on stage and your willingness to include their story in your publication helps make that possible.

Thank you, again, for your continued support of the NHS Drama Club.

**Johanna Kissel**  
NHS Stage Parents

### Lipstick on pig

Education funding has increased since Sen. Pat Colbeck and Gov. Rick Snyder took office. The problem, if you are a school district, is that the increased spending has been mainly to make adjustments in legacy costs, while actual per-pupil funding has declined. When Gov. Snyder took office the per pupil funding was \$7,316 and in 2013-14 the funding is \$7,076.

This week House Democrats proposed a cap on the state's furniture purchases from Gov. Snyder's cousin, and also proposed an increase in the education budget by \$22 million; the same amount Gov. Snyder's cousin's furniture contract was increased when it was doubled.

Don't you just love the conditions of the roads in Michigan? After shameful neglect, Colbeck and Snyder are frantically proposing election year fixes, which should be welcome to us all; except that 84 road repair projects were submitted by legislators, and only two went to districts represented by Democrats. Is it only Republicans that deserve to drive on safe roads?

Looking at the Colbeck and Snyder agenda and record, you can try and put lipstick on a pig, but it is still pretty ugly. How about Michigan Republicans making women buy special rape insurance so a legal medical procedure will be a covered part of their health insurance?

**Steve Lawrence**  
Northville Township

### Choice needed in education

Since adopted by President Carter in 1980 the U.S. Department of Education is one more bureaucracy with little useful purpose but money distribution. In a presumably free nation we are now overwhelmed by micromanaging bureaucracies. Eventually each one functioning as overstuffed fiefdoms of central planning.

Every bit of public education is driven by the local culture, a common language and associated peer groups. The results either demanded or not by interest of local taxpayers. Common Core appears as the brainchild of elite's attempt to correct the total mess of their urban social engineering of the 1960s and 1970s laying the decay on urban public schools.

Advancements in our education industry relies upon all sorts of circular groping toward college degrees neither cost effective nor beneficial. American one-room school houses were once pretty effective as families focused on needed and useful vocations as a thorough necessity. Happy endings may not include growing indebtedness or seductive politicians moving families ever onward toward dependency.

Vouchers, which are still being held back by politics, are the answer to bring wider options and improving educational results by implementing choice. Competition corrects problems associated with unchanging manipulations and introduces cost control.

Parents most desperately need choices of optional competitive and vocational educational programs. Freedom from the lock step of national bureaucracies using equally funded options will push ever higher expectations. Competition in voucher options may require failures to upgrade or disappear. Children in the critical K-12 years should never be left without such options and easy access to them.

**Jim Nowka**  
Northville

### Kudos to Corrigan

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**Maureen Richards**  
Northville

### Stop privatization

I am a life-long resident of Plymouth. I've recently become aware of an alarming situation in our schools that has every possibility of doing a considerable amount of damage to the way our children's schools will be maintained; potentially impacting their entire learning environment along with health concerns that may arise as a result.

I am talking about privatization of the custodian/maintenance departments of our schools.

I have firsthand experience with the ramifications of what happens when an outside company takes over the cleaning of a district's schools as opposed to the loving care provided by in-house staff. The comparison is frightening. My background: I was employed by the Northville Public Schools as an in-house custodian for more than nine years, then left my position to be a stay-at-home mom. Years later I was hired by a company representing the Northville Schools to be a custodial leader.

From what I witnessed, the schools were not being properly cared for. There was no personal sense of "ownership" of the buildings, the goal of making them a safe and healthy environment in which our children can learn and thrive was not "on the list." This was a cold business venture staffed by strangers, only interested in a way to save money and cut corners. However, the quality of cleanliness, building care and health standards is what was actually being cut.

Fundamental supplies, such as toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap, trash bags and appropriate disinfectant were continually of short supply — or completely missing. When "privatized," your child's schools will be cared for from the list of a la carte "Care Level" choices.

Ask yourself what happens to the locker rooms when they are not cleaned with hospital-grade disinfectants? One answer might be found by going online to look for "Schools with MRSA issues."

Shortchanging our children's school cleanliness and learning environment to save a couple dollars is not acceptable.

**T.L. Cavanaugh**  
Plymouth

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. Letters should be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

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## Resume funding

Research shows that cancer screenings save lives. Detecting cancer early increases the chances of successful treatment, improves survival rates and cuts overall medical costs in Michigan.

Last year, Michigan legislators eliminated state funding for Michigan's Cancer Prevention Program. Now, less than 10 percent of women, age 40 to 49, eligible for the Michigan Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program will receive life-saving cancer screenings in 2014. This means more women will be diagnosed with breast cancer at later stages when it is more costly to treat and less likely to survive.

Unfortunately, a significant number of Michiganders will remain un- or under-insured. For these women, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program may be the only option enabling them access screening and early detection programs. I urge all members of the Michigan legislature to remember these women, and make fully funding this program a priority.

**Nasrine Altairi**  
Dearborn

## Honor Michigan war dogs

Michigan War Dog Memorial Inc. is located at Milford and 11 Mile roads in Lyon Township. The restoration of the abandoned memorial started in 2010. Through our research, we found the site was established in 1936 as a pet cemetery. At that time, it was called Happy Hunting Grounds Pet Cemetery. In 1946, after the local residents were informed of the many lives war dogs saved during World War II, a monument was erected to honor them for their heroic service to our country. In 1947, the first war dog was interred.

We started restoring this two-acre site, clearing heavy brush, dead trees. As the word spread of our mission, many VSOs (veteran service organizations), K-9 supporters and local residents came together as an all-volunteer force to restore this hallowed ground back to its former grandeur.

In 2013, we formed a nonprofit organization and renamed the site "Michigan War Dog Memorial." We also received clearance from the township to resume interment for all K-9s that serve and protect us. This includes police K-9s, Homeland Security K-9s, Border Patrol K-9s, etc. It also includes service K-9s for the disabled, therapy dogs and companion dogs for veterans with PTSD.

Our mission for 2014 is to erect four more monuments, one for the K-9s that served in the Korea War, one for the K-9s that served and were left behind in the Vietnam War, one for the K-9s that served in Iraq and one for the K-9s that served in Afghanistan.

With the help from private donations and corporate sponsors stepping up, we will be able to complete this mission. If you can, please make a donation. To donate, go to [www.mwdm.org](http://www.mwdm.org).

**Phil Weitlauf**  
Michigan War Dog Memorial Inc.  
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# Bouchard: Heroin has infiltrated all our towns

Drug use and overdoses are on the rise

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff Writer

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard is holding out hope that state legislators soon pass a Good Samaritan package of bills to allow his deputies, first responders and perhaps even parents to carry a specific antidote prescription drug — Narcam — to save lives from heroin overdose. “It’s an ideal drug for first responders on the scene,” said Dr. Alan Janssen, tactical and emergency physician with the county sheriff’s office.

Bouchard urged passage of the Good Samaritan legislation before a packed room of parents in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners chamber April 16. Parents, many from Waterford and South Lyon, held placards — “Hope for heroin addicts,” “I am here because I am scared for my community” and “We support a drug-free community.”

The Heroin Town Hall, hosted by Bouchard, drew parents who are worried about their children or have children who are or suspected of being heroin addicts. He urged attacking the problem on multiple fronts, including education, community groups, community officials, treatment and law enforcement.

Bouchard acknowledged, based on parents’ comments, that many community officials in Oakland County communities don’t want to admit there is a problem with heroin use.

“Some communities don’t like to talk about it because it is a drug prob-

## CLUES TO IDENTIFY HEROIN USE

In response to parents’ concerns about their children and the use of heroin, Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard detailed some telltale signs of drug use. The clues include:

- » A dramatic change in behavior and attire. If a child was once meticulous about their dress and appearance, for example, but no longer is, this could be a sign of drug use or emotional issues.
- » A dramatic change in a child’s group of friends.
- » Parents should also look for pieces of burned tin foil, burned spoons and burn marks on clothing and personal belongings. Smoking heroin with a straw is the most common way to use heroin today, according to an undercover sheriff’s deputy.

Other ways to use heroin include snorting and shooting the liquid form into veins, the deputy said. Today, heroin is also cut to a smaller degree with Dormin, a sleep aid, that is available at all pharmacies, he added. Heroin creates a sense of euphoria, a detachment to pain and slows down the body’s central nervous system. It also slows down the heart rate, lowers blood pressure, causes constipation and decreases the body’s naturally instinctive desire to breathe, said Dr. Alan Janssen, who works with the Oakland County Sheriff’s Department.

“Overdose is not an uncommon thing at all,” Janssen added. Heroin is typically not the first step in an addiction process. It begins with prescription pills that kids take from the medicine cabinet. While prescription pills on the street may cost \$50 to \$80 each, a “bundle” of heroin will cost \$10. “They use heroin to replace the pill,” Bouchard said. Heroin’s relative affordability is illustrated in the costs per ounce. At one time, an ounce of heroin cost \$3,200; today, it runs about \$1,400, the undercover deputy told parents Wednesday night.



Sheriff’s deputies, drug enforcement officers and parents talked about the use of heroin.  
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scribed burned pieces of tin foil and straws — used for smoking heroin — the mother’s reaction appeared to confirm her worst fears. “That is shocking. I am shocked,” she said, as she held her head down.

“We see cycles. Heroin is on the forefront. We’ve seen this spike up dramatically,” Bouchard said.

Year-to-date over 2013, sheriff’s deputies have witnessed a 300-percent increase in heroin cases. Michigan deaths from heroin overdoses have risen sharply since 1999-2002, when 271 deaths were reported, to 728 between 2010-12, an unidentified undercover sheriff’s deputy told parents.

“The increase I’ve seen in heroin is incredible,” the deputy said.

## Affordable and available

The rise in heroin use is due in part to its affordability, availability and relative purity. Some 15-20 years ago, heroin was 3- to 10-percent pure and padded with other drugs for an additional kick. Today’s heroin — primarily from Afghanistan — is 80- to 90-percent pure and, unlike in

lem. They think it gives a black eye (to the community),” he said. “It’s not a negative on property values.”

Viewing heroin and its users as only an inner-city issue is just a stereotype. “We are seeing it everywhere. I am telling you right now, it is happening everywhere,” Bouchard said.

## No boundaries

Heroin addiction has no boundaries for race, gender or economic status. All Oakland County communities are included, including the wealthier suburbs. In just the past week, four overdoses were reported in West Bloomfield and a total of eight in all of Oakland County, Bouchard said.

“It’s not an inner-city

drug like you think,” an undercover sheriff’s deputy said. “If you don’t know about it, you better. It’s at your door. Get into your kids’ business.”

The greatest use of heroin is among those ages 17-25, but deputies and other law enforcement officers have seen it in the county’s middle schools, as well.

“My son is a heroin addict,” a father from the audience said. “He is still alive.”

The father cautioned others that one trick used by heroin addicts is their penchant for looking for receipts in garbage cans that they take back to stores for money to purchase the drug.

Another mom asked Bouchard about the telltale signs of heroin use. When Bouchard de-

the past, is not being cut as heavily.

“Now you see why we are having these overdoses,” Bouchard said. “The first-timer has no tolerance to that level.”

That’s why, Bouchard and Janssen said, the need for the Good Samaritan legislation (SB 721) to allow the administration of Narcam by first responders, is paramount. Janssen called Narcam an “ideal antidote” that is used in an intra-nasal form for rapid absorption and will within minutes get the overdosed patient breathing again.

“Even if we are wrong (with a misdiagnosed overdose), it is safe,” Janssen said.

The sheriff’s department, Bouchard said, has been working on a process to be followed in the legal use of Narcam by first responders to ensure safety and to avoid liability because it is one prescription drug being used to counteract the effects of heroin.

“We want to be armed with the tools,” Bouchard said.

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issue. In addition, the loss of revenue from the small business exemption for personal property will also be addressed in the upcoming budget. “If I had to sum up this budget up in two areas I would say that it is a stable, balanced budget,” City Manager Patrick Sullivan said. We have some consistent, but slow, revenue growth that continues and we are maintaining our cost

controls.” He said long term the challenges are legacy and infrastructure costs. As of June 30, 2013, the total liability for retiree health care was approximately \$23.3 million. Although not required, \$5.6 million has been set aside by the city in a trust account towards that liability. The budget includes approximately \$819,000 in funding for physical infrastructure improvements.

**Utility cost increases**  
The average household utility bill for Northville city residents will increase approximately \$11.90 bi-monthly, according to the proposed budget. This is a combined increase of 6.8 percent for refuse, water and sewer. It is proposed that the city will increase the water rate from \$5.60 to \$5.83 per unit, or by 4.1 percent effective July 1. Last year the combined increase for City of Detroit water supply costs was 22.7 percent,

which was the result of Northville exceeding its contracted maximum peak flow in 2012. However in 2013, Northville reduced its peak flows through improvements to its water controls and adoption and enforcement of outdoor water use restrictions. Therefore, Wiktorowski said Detroit’s water rate is reduced for fiscal year 2015 by 13.9 percent. Last year’s cost increase of 22.7 percent was not fully passed onto the users of the system. Per unit water rate was only increased 7.1 percent.

Northville’s consultant estimates that Wayne County will increase the combined rate by 4 percent for sewage disposal effective July 1. However, Wiktorowski said Northville is proposing a 13.1 increase to the users of the system, from \$4.75 to \$5.37 per unit. “This rate increase is necessary to cover the Wayne County sewage disposal costs, capital improvements and increased operational costs,” she said in the proposed budget glance. For residential refuse there is a proposed in-

crease of 1.54 percent to \$32.30 bi-monthly, or \$2.94 annually. The city’s stated goal for this program is to have the current rates cover the entire cost of the residential program. Therefore, the current rate is proposed to increase. There will be open study session meeting at 7 p.m. on April 28. The public hearing and requested budget adoption is scheduled for May 19.

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STRONGER

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city might have to ask residents for more help if they desire better roads. The city is still dealing with financial challenges due to the economic crisis of 2007-08, which led to lower property values and in turn less revenue. This forced the city to, among other moves, cut staff and negotiate certain concessions from its employees. “This is not quite a financial emergency, but it’s such a difficult thing to do that eventually local units of government will have to turn back to our local taxpayers and ask them for more money because the state keeps taking away money,” he said. Six years ago, the city’s property tax values saw an 18-percent decrease, but values have grown a bit over the last two. During that time, the city has worked to maintain Northville’s services, downtown events and new development. The Comerica Community Connection (walkway) is open, the city is emphasizing a walkable non-motorized plan and future development is being guided by updating the master plan. Despite the challenges, Johnson said Northville will continue to be a great place “to

live, work and play.”  
**Northville Township**  
According to Nix, Northville Township is in the midst of a transformation with a lot of positive things happening, but it is also dealing with ongoing financial challenges. With the demolition of the old state prison building at Five Mile and Beck roads, as well as the demolition of the power house and maintenance building at the former State Regional Psychiatric Hospital site, Northville Township is poised to see new development brought to vacant properties. At Seven Mile and Haggerty roads, the medical facility being built by the University of Michigan is on schedule for a July opening. More is yet to come at the location with retail and restaurants. Down the road at Five Mile and Beck, the technology park is also getting new life with companies expanding or moving in. Meanwhile, Nix said the township is still struggling with the same problem as the city with lower revenue due to fallen property tax values. Things have been a bit better the last two years, but he said things won’t return to former levels until 2020. Because of this, the township will be asking voters later this summer for an increase of 1.55 mills to help cover the



Northville Mayor Chris Johnson begins his address at the Meadowbrook Country Club. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

costs for public safety and shared services, which include recreation, senior services and youth assistance with the city. “I think everyone in this room and who I’ve talked to are willing to invest in their community and to maintain the level of services they have,” Nix said of the upcoming vote on the millage. He said these two crucial areas have seen the biggest hits because of lower property values. But he added these

services have improved, with public safety getting an upgrade by becoming capable of performing advanced life support. Police and fire response times consistently stay within four minutes, he said. The shared services represent among other things parks and recreation, which has a multitude of activities in partnership with the city and school district.

**Lansing**  
From Heise’s perspective, things are looking better in Northville and overall. But again, he reiterated the need for more funding, specifically for the school district. Heise said since 2011, when he and Gov. Rick Snyder debuted in Lansing, the unemployment rate has gone from 13 percent to 7 percent statewide; in Northville

the rate stands currently at 2 percent. Another accomplishment since then is the state adding 250,000 private-sector jobs. Heise said the challenges ahead deal with the ongoing bankruptcy in Detroit and funding for roads, schools and DDAs (downtown development authorities). Even with the positive developments, Heise said there is more room for improvement. “There’s a heck of a lot more work to be done, but we’re certainly making progress,” he said. “And it happens with great partners. Partners with local governments and schools, and also all of you, the business and civic leaders of our community. It’s a team effort.”

**Northville Public Schools**  
As a big piece in the fabric of the community, Gallagher said the school district plays an important role in what makes Northville a great place to live. As NPS officials look back on all the successes, sacrifice and hard work, Gallagher said the future looks bright. “The collaborative spirit that exists among our city, township, businesses, community groups and Northville Public Schools makes our community a beacon for families and businesses alike,” Gallagher said. The variety of honors and accomplishments at NPS is proven testament to its ongoing student and staff achievements, Gallagher said. From a record number of National Merit semifinalists to outstanding athletic performances, the students have striven to be their best. The financial condition of NPS has also improved the last three years and is getting better, as Gallagher cited the risk ratings for the district have gotten better each year. She said the shared sacrifices of employees and school officials have helped, but it still remains an issue. Looking forward, she said the district is looking at a world where the learning and jobs environment is continually changing. Developing a vision for the future of education in Northville is now under way, with the ultimate goal being to develop an environment that empowers more flexibility and student leadership. “We are all stronger and better because of our collective focus on Northville,” she said in closing.

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# Northville hands Novi pair of shutout losses

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

Following a trio of doubleheaders last week, Novi's baseball team is not where it had hoped to be at this point in the season.

If a four-inning partial game is not completed and holds as is, the Wildcats will be 1-8 (0-2 KLA Central) on the season.

"We're not off to a very good start," Novi coach Rick Green said. "I'm kind of disappointed in some of the starts from our guys who we were expecting to have a good year."

"On the mound, we've been better than I thought we would be, actually. They've kept us in some games that could have gotten wild."

With the defense com-

## ON TAP

Northville is next in action at 4 p.m. Monday at home against Livonia Franklin, followed by games at 4 p.m. Wednesday at South Lyon East, and 4 p.m. Thursday at Brighton.

mitting multiple errors in most games and the offense having a tough time at the plate, Green is hoping things click now that the colder weather and spring break rust is behind them.

"I'm waiting for the bats to catch on fire and the hitting to get contagious," Green said. "We have enough talent on our ball team to get some wins. We have had some bad breaks."



Northville's Chris Komorous slides back safely as Novi first baseman Alex Bergeris reaches for a wild throw. Komorous advanced to third base. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Last week's struggles began with a pair of shutout losses April 17 against rival Northville. The Mustangs claimed 3-0 and 4-0 victories in two very similar games.

"We got guys on base, we just weren't knocking in runs," Green said. "Our pitching did pretty good again, but the defense and base running (didn't). We left too many runners in scoring position."

Of Northville's seven combined runs, six were unearned stemming from an error or a play not directly resulting from a batted ball.

Seniors Tyler Whitehead (four hits, one strikeout, two walks in 5½ innings) and Blair

Myers (two hits, two strikeouts, one walk in 1½ innings) worked for Novi in the first game, allowing zero earned runs.

In the second game, senior Mark Czapski (one walk) and sophomore Scott Beaton (one run in one inning) kept things quiet, but not as quiet as Northville's pitchers did.

Junior Michael Mitchell was Novi's only batter with two hits in either game, getting them both in the second. Meanwhile, junior Brendan Wexler got on base three times in the first game, from one hit, one walk and being hit by a pitch.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer for the Novi News.



Conor Naughton, Jason Ferrante and Ben Cracraft sweep the 3,200 run, finishing first, second and third, respectively. BRANDON LANGSTON

# Mustangs turn in great times against S.L. East

Boys track team has several personal-best performances

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

It would have been easy for the Northville boys track and field team to simply write off its rescheduled meet against South Lyon East as a match-up that would fall victim to the start of spring break festivities.

Instead, Northville turned out a nearly-complete contingent of competitors and they turned in some of their best performances this season to earn a Central Division victory, 83-54, over the Cougars.

The victory puts the Mustangs at 3-1 on the season and they are undefeated in division and conference play.

The Mustangs also celebrated their seniors and, in turn, many of those seniors celebrated excellent times and finishes.

In the 1,600 relay, senior Dan Sims joined Jason Ferrante, Sean McCullough and Nick Noles for a first-place finish that found them just shy of setting the school record.

Alex Kearns took second in the pole vault, while Bobby Dunne and Colin McDonough turned in some of their best throws of the season.

"It was great to have some of our seniors shine their brightest on senior night," coach Brandon Langston said. "The most satisfying thing about the night wasn't the victory, but seeing all the kids smiling and enjoying their effort that earned the win."

Some of those efforts were personal bests. Joni Shaska ran his best time in the 110 hurdles, racing to second in 17:04.

## ON TAP

Northville will run April 29 against Novi. It will also run May 1 at South Lyon. Both meets start at 4 p.m.

Also setting a personal best was Nick Milewski, who ran a 11.3 in the 100 for third place.

In the high jump, John Hamilton cleared his personal-best height with a leap of six feet.

The 4800 relay team of Adam Ghabra, Anthony Sourges, Matt Jankowski and Milewski ran a 1:35.07, earning their first win in a dual meet this season.

Northville also had some impressive finishes overall. Sims, Noles and McCullough swept the 1,600 with first, second and third place, respectively, while Naughton, Ferrante and Ben Cracraft did the same in the 3,200. Also sweeping were Sourges, Ghabra and Milewski in the 200 dash.

Noles also proved he was speedy over shorter distances, racing to second in the 400 in 53.8 seconds.

In the field, Leo Keyes took second in the long jump, while Felix Lee took third with leaps of 18-11 and 18-5, respectively.

Northville returns from spring break to run against Novi next week.

"Novi is very talented and I have runners on my team that have never lost to their Novi doppelgangers and some runners who have never beaten their Novi counterparts," Langston said. "In this meet, earning pride and respect has a tendency to take center stage."

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## SOFTBALL

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and Katie O'Malley and freshmen Mackenzie Kamm and Megan Swart with two hits. Sophomore Brianna Nayh had a hit and walked three times.

The game wasn't as much of a one-sided affair as it sounds. The two teams traded leads five times before Northville went on a tear in the sixth inning, scoring six runs to secure the victory.

"Make no mistake, this Novi team is much improved over previous years and very, very well-coached," Ritz said. "We knew this would be a challenge and it was. I like how our team responded."

Earning the win on the mound was Zwarka, who threw a complete game as she gave up just three runs and struck out six.

The nightcap found the Mustangs simply dominating from start to finish, winning 14-0 in a mercy-rule game that lasted five innings.

Northville picked up 13 hits in the win, led by Megan Swart, who went 3-for-3, scored two runs and had four RBIs. Nayh went 3-for-4, including a triple, and scored two runs and had two RBIs. Chapekis went 2-for-3, including a double, and scored four runs.

The game also show-

cased the debut of freshman Emma Canado, who was called up from junior varsity to fill an empty slot on the roster. She made the best of her first varsity appearance, going 2-for-3, knocking a triple and driving home five RBIs.

Kristen Jones earned the win, pitching five innings while allowing five hits and no runs.

## Canton 7, Northville 3

The Mustangs found themselves on the wrong end against one of the state's better programs April 14.

"Overall, I am proud of our effort," Ritz said. "We competed against a very strong team. Our players got a better idea of what it takes to beat these teams. There were plays we didn't make that resulted in runs for Canton, but it's part of the learning process as we grow and mature. We are clearly improving from game to game."

Zwarka took the loss, giving up five earned runs.

Chapekis accounted for three of the Mustangs' eight hits, while Nayh contributed two hits, including a double. Senior Micaela Petrucci, Schiffer and Kamm each had one hit.

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## SOCCER

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beat them."

Novi turned up the offensive pressure early in the second half, but junior Northville goalkeeper Emily Maresh (10 saves) had her sights set on her sixth shutout of

the season and Peper, senior Karen Lovelace and juniors Sarah Castellano and Morgan Gozдор were there to help.

The Mustangs got some insurance with 12 minutes remaining, as freshmen Sydney Schembri took a pass out of the middle and charged down the right side, finding Cheslik at

the back post with a cross that Cheslik one-timed out of the air and into the net from 12 yards out.

"This was a great team win," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "We were able to control much of the game and put pressure on Novi all over the field. Our defense played very orga-

nized and patient. Our midfield went after every 50/50 ball and controlled the entire tempo of the game. Our forwards worked hard all game and took advantage of our scoring chances."

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

## LACROSSE

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"Keith Pravato, Alex Cabrera, Travis Sparling and Tommy McMaster all are college-bound players that we recognized as players that we need to stop and avoid. We put ourselves in good positions tonight to execute our offensive system and to stop their talented midfield. Anytime your defense only gives up six goals, it tells us that we did something right."

Earning the win in

goal was Alex Justice, who stopped 11 shots.

Northville also played Walled Lake Western last week and simply controlled the entire game in a 19-7 win.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the first quarter, but allowed the Warriors to creep back into the contest thanks to seven minutes in penalties in the second quarter. The Mustangs held on, despite that poor execution, and led, 6-5, heading into the half.

"We took a 6-5 lead into the half, but myself and the whole team felt

like we were down 10 goals," Durham said. "We let the refs get the best of us in that half and I told the boys let's settle down and play our game."

Northville came out in the third and scored eight unanswered goals and ran away with the win.

"Even though we started out slow, we regained our confidence and got a nice win to head into spring break," Durham said. "The main thing right now is that we continue to play team-oriented lacrosse and run our systems as we have implemented them in

practice."

Melucci had four goals and four assists in the game, while John Cooke added four goals and three assists and Fuller picked up four goals and one assist. Alex Fuller had three goal and one assist and Conner Sweeney added three goals and one assist.

Northville is now 4-3 overall and 1-0 in the Central Division.

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# CC's Garcia leads All-Area wrestling team

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

When discussing the talent of wrestling in the area, one school comes to the front: Detroit Catholic Central.

The Shamrocks have won three straight team state championships and added five individual state champions this year.

Drew Garcia is a senior who finished his prep career with his third state championship, collecting a title at 171 pounds. His chance to make it four titles was foiled his freshman year when he fell in overtime at the state meet in a 152-pound match.

He also collected three Oakland County championships during his career.

Garcia ended this season with a 45-1 record, giving him the best record ever (192-12) at Detroit Catholic Central.

The All-Area Player of the Year has signed his national letter of intent to continue wrestling at Cornell University.

First team

**Nolan Klapac (103) Lakeland freshman**

Klapac earned his spot by recording an impressive 41-14 record this season.

**Parker O'Brien (112) Catholic Central senior**

He picked up 28 victories this season and qualified for the individual state meet. There, he fell to the eventual state champion.

**Trevor Zdebski (119) Catholic Central junior**

He placed third in the state in both his freshman and sophomore seasons before winning a state title in 2014. He fashioned a 31-2 record along the way.

**Sunhe Wang (125) Northville junior**

He qualified for the state meet and ended his season with a 34-17 record.

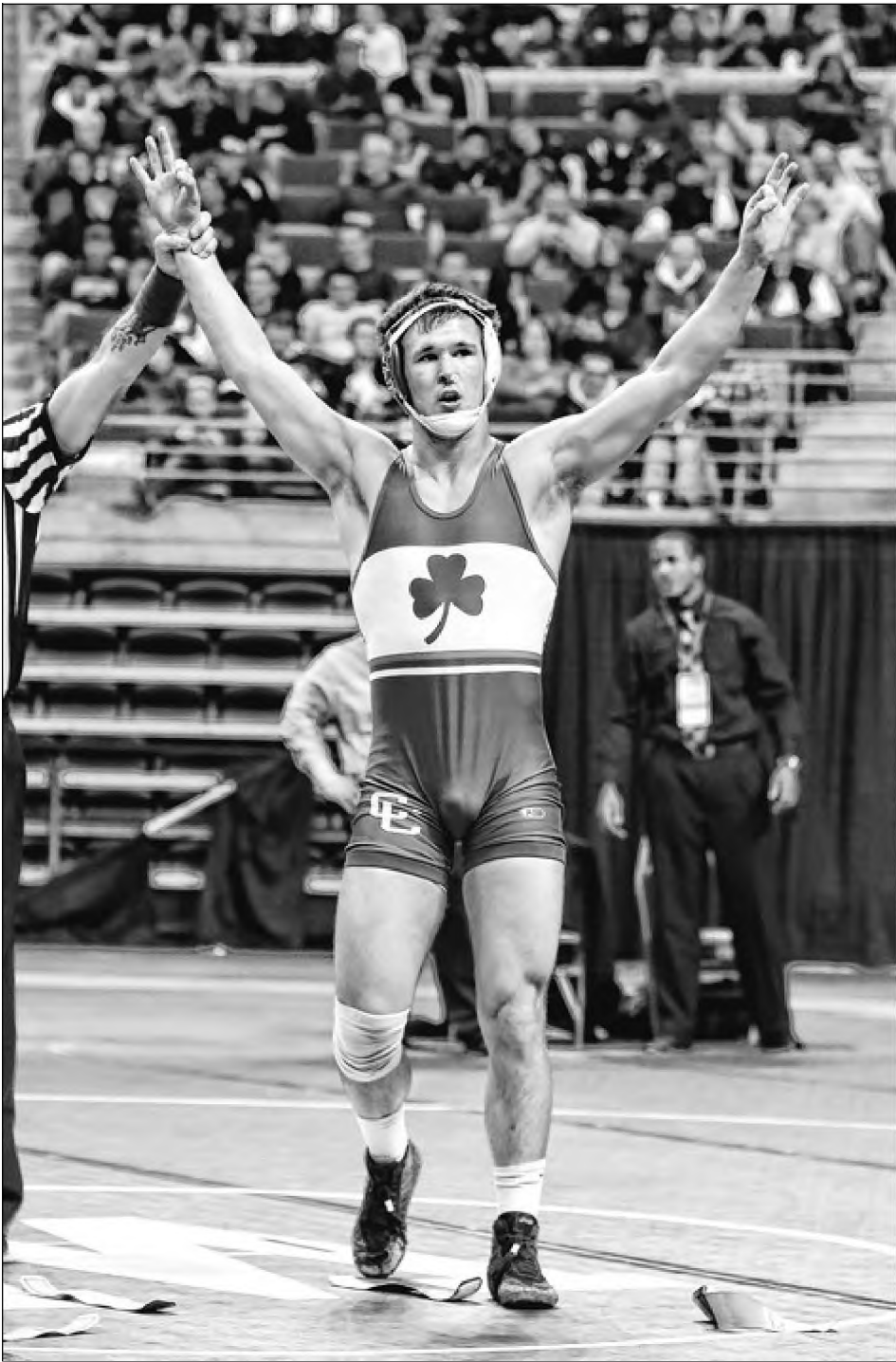
**Evan Toth (130) Catholic Central senior**

He posted a 29-18 record against some of the best competition in Michigan and beyond. He also earned a berth to the state meet.

**Greg Johnson (135) Catholic Central senior**

He ended with a 37-16 record this year and finished seventh in his weight class at the individual state meet.

**Myles Amine (140) Catholic Central junior**



Catholic Central's Drew Garcia finished his prep career with a third individual state championship.

He earned two pins at the individual state meet this year en route to his first state title. He finished with a 46-6 record this year.

**Malik Amine (145) Catholic Central senior**

He is the fourth wrestler from his family who will head to U-M. His father Mike and uncle Sam both earned All-America status there and his cousin Jordan is in his first year there after a stellar career at Brighton. He had a 38-3 record to go with his state title this year.

**Nick Bennett (152) Catholic Central senior**

He won two state titles in Texas before coming back and winning one as a Shamrock this season. He had a flawless 47-0 record and simply dominated the state meet.

**Ty Morland (160)**

**Catholic Central freshman**

He earned a Division 1 individual district title before bowing out in the regional tournament.

**Nick Giese (189) Catholic Central junior**

He finished third in the state this season for the second time in his career. He had an impressive 30-10 record before losing to the eventual runner-up in his weight class.

**Jimmy Russell (215) Catholic Central senior**

He lost to the state champion before finishing in third place at the state meet. He picked up three pins in the tournament to end the year with a 52-10 record.

**Jake Sokoll (285) Lakeland junior**

He earned a 43-11 record on his way winning both the district and

regional titles. He finished eighth in the state.

Second team

**Conrad Landis (103) Northville freshman**

Quick, scrappy and determined, the Mustangs can expect to see him rise to be a contender.

**Aaron Hoorn (112) South Lyon East junior**

He finished with a 37-16 record with 27 pins and qualified for the regional.

**Trevor Lerner (119) Northville senior**

He recorded 19 victories this season, doubling his career wins, as he picked up 30 take-downs.



Northville's Sunhe Wang. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ALL-AREA WRESTLING TEAM

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
Drew Garcia, Catholic Central

FIRST TEAM

Nolan Klapac, Lakeland  
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Trevor Zdebski, Catholic Central  
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Malik Amine, Catholic Central  
Nick Bennett, Catholic Central  
Ty Morland, Catholic Central  
Nick Giese, Catholic Central  
Jimmy Russell, Catholic Central  
Jake Sokoll, Lakeland

**SECOND TEAM**  
Conrad Landis, Northville  
Aaron Hoorn, South Lyon East  
Trevor Lerner, Northville  
Tim Nelson, Milford  
Trevor Bageris, Milford  
Jared Davidson, South Lyon  
David Joyner, Milford  
Kyle Benkarski, Novi  
Ben Wright, Novi  
Will Jacobs, Lakeland  
Andy Bovay, Lakeland  
Tyler Lovelace, Milford  
Blake Peterson, Milford  
Brandon Krol, Milford

**Tim Nelson (125) Milford junior**

He grappled his way to a 25-16 record and a trip to the regionals.

**Trevor Bageris (130) Milford junior**

He placed in both the KLAA and the Oakland County tournaments this year on his way to a 31-18 record.

**Jared Davidson (135) South Lyon senior**

He finished with an impressive 25-14 record to close out his prep career.

**David Joyner (140) Milford junior**

He qualified for the state meet and placed in the KLAA championships this year, finishing with a 19-12 record.

**Kyle Benkarski (145) Novi junior**

He wrestled in both the 140- and 145-pound classes and picked up a record of 30-11. An injury to his ribs prevented him from continuing in the regional.

**Ben Wright (152) Novi senior**

The team captain

ended his season in the blood round at districts. He had a 32-12 record.

**Will Jacobs (160) Lakeland junior**

He had a fourth-place finish at the Oakland County tourney and finished the season with more than 30 wins.

**Andy Bovay (171) Lakeland junior**

He earned a place in the regional and picked up more than two dozen victories this season.

**Tyler Lovelace (189) Milford junior**

He qualified for the regional and earned himself a 22-8 record.

**Blake Peterson (215) Milford sophomore**

Had a 37-11 record and advanced to the regional, as well as placing in the KLAA tournament.

**Brandon Krol (285) Milford sophomore**

He wrestled his way to a regional championship and 31-8 record.

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

## Youth wrestling club qualifies eight for states

The Mustang Youth Takedown Club is turning heads in the wrestling community.

Mason Stewart, a third-grader at Thornton Creek Elementary, attracted attention nationwide as he placed fifth at the recent National United Wrestling Youth Association's annual competition, with pins against opponents from Indiana and Ohio. Following a narrow two-point loss, he returned with a 10-0 win against a wrestler from Illinois. Mason's narrow loss was all that kept him from wrestling for first place.

Two weeks earlier at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, Stewart was joined by seven Mustangs wrestlers at the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association's State Championship. Ridgewood Elementary School's state qualifying Mustangs included fourth-graders Jack Gattoni and Jonah Koilpillai, who placed third at the state meet, and first-grader, Nathan Walkowiak who has shown great promise. Gattoni moved up from novice to open in only his second year of wrestling.

Accompanying them on the mat was Moraine Elementary School kindergarten Eian Gallagher-Szerlip, who placed

eighth at the state qualifying match, having only lost a couple of matches all season. Moraine second-grader Jake Matigian also qualified. Hillside Middle School seventh-grader Parker Dietrich, who is the team captain, led the charge of state qualifying wrestlers and is a founding member of the Mustangs team. Ryan Mahy, a third-grader from Plymouth's Isbister Elementary, also qualified for the MYWAY state championship.

"All of the young Mustangs showed continued growth at the state meet. Everyone wrestled well and the club has a lot to build on in the off-season," Northville Youth Wrestling Team head coach Nick Szerlip said.

Since the program reorganized in 2010, it has continued to grow and the athletes show more promise every year. In 2011, one wrestler qualified for the state meet. In 2012, two grapplers went to Battle Creek. In 2013, three advanced to the Kellogg Arena. This year, Northville was represented by eight competitors from the Southeast MYWAY Region, which is arguably the best area in Michigan for competitive youth wrestling.

"From top to bottom, I

think we have something truly special on our hands in regard to the youth program," said Steve Widzinski, a former Northville High School wrestler and reporter for *Michigan Grappler* magazine. "The kids are a joy to work with and you could not ask for a better group of coaches and parents. All have contributed to the foundation of unity, virtue and work ethic that our program rests on. Every year has been another step in the right direction and I only expect those steps to grow in the future. It's an exciting time for everyone associated with Northville wrestling."

The Mustang Takedown Club begins practicing in November to prepare for its final matches at the end of March. The team is coached by five volunteer dads, all of whom wrestled competitively and were decorated at the college level in Michigan, Ohio and New York. Directed by Jeff Dietrich and Kevin Eichholtz, the program registered more than 50 kids this season and half of them finished the season as tournament competitors. For more information about the program, email [nvyouth-wrestling@mail.com](mailto:nvyouth-wrestling@mail.com) or call 248-374-0592.

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# Girls track team runs away from S.L. East

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

It's funny how spring break can impact a sports team.

The Northville girls track and field team had to have its meet against South Lyon East rescheduled due to inclement weather and the new date fell April 18 – the day that spring break started.

The end result was the Mustangs were a little short-handed as athletes headed out on their vacations. The other side of that coin found the Mustangs trying out athletes in events they normally don't run.

In the end, it all worked out for Northville, as it earned a victory to stay undefeated in dual meets this year with a 3-0 record.

"We had a lot of kids step up and fill the holes left by those who were not at the meet," Northville girls track assistant coach Jack Dalton said.

## ON TAP

Northville will run again April 29 when it visits Novi. It will then run May 1 at South Lyon. Both meets are at 4 p.m.

One of those who stepped up was Gracie Goble, who ran in the 1,600 relay for the first time in her career. The end result was a 60-second split that surprised the coaching staff as the team bolted to first place.

Another standout performance came from Hailey Harris, who ran the 1,600 run event in 5:34, tying her personal best.

Chloe Abbott was just 0.06 seconds off of her goal of setting the school record in the 100-meter dash. She ran a 12.26-second race; the record stands at 12.2 seconds.

The Mustangs were slated to celebrate senior day when they raced



Gracie Goble runs her first-ever 400-meter race during a meet and then helped her team win the 1,600 relay against South Lyon East. BRANDON LANGSTON

against South Lyon East, but since the meet was moved and several athletes were absent, the team made the decision to postpone the celebration.

"We decided as a team to postpone senior night until Wednesday, April 30, after practice," Dalton said.

Northville will race again April 29 when it visits Novi.

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

# NHS boys golf team hopes for KLAA title

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

When it comes to season goals, not much has changed in the four years that Jeff Balagna has been the head coach of the Northville boys golf team.

There's definitely something to be said for consistent goal setting, especially when you come to the golf course with a consistent team each year.

"Just like every year, our goals start small and end big," Balagna said. "We want to win our division and conference – that would include beating the likes of Novi and Plymouth. We want to be the first-ever KLAA Association champions."

But that isn't the end-all for the goals in 2014. The Mustangs also have their eye on a chance to play in the state finals.

"This year the state finals are at Forest Akers East on the campus of Michigan State University," Balagna said. "That course is a bit shorter, so once you get there every team has a chance to win it all. We just want that chance."

## Show improvements

Northville will be looking to improve on last year's finish. The team went 7-3 overall with a second-place finish in both the Central Division and the Kensington Conference. The Mustangs were unexpectedly bumped out of the playoffs with an off-day at the district tournament.

"Golf is an interesting sport because one bad day can end the season, regardless of how well you played all year long," Balagna said.

This year's squad will be led by senior captains Andrew Sarokin, Andrew Stevens and Brad Minniear.

If Sarokin's name sounds familiar, that's because he's been the team's best golfer since his sophomore season and will be looking to be the top linkster again in 2014. Last season, he was honorable mention all-state and is expected to compete for a top-five finish in the state this year.

Minniear and Stevens played in all of Northville's 18-hole tournaments last year and are expected to be impact players this season, as is junior Jacob Pierce, who split time on varsity and junior varsity last season and could challenge for the top spots each match.



Northville will be relying on the play of senior Andrew Sarokin, who last season was all-state honorable mention. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## ON TAP

Northville will be back on the links Monday when it visits Birmingham Seaholm.

Another player expected to contribute on the varsity lineup include is Matt Robinet, who has been with the program since his freshman season and has finally broken onto the varsity roster. Joining him will be senior Troy Youmans and junior Jon Stott, who are both expected to contribute after marked improvement over the summer.

"Like every year, our biggest strength is our depth," Balagna said. "I have the luxury of putting kids in the lineup and they will go out there and play hard. Any of my top 10 players can go out on any given day and put up a low score."

Northville's biggest challenge this year is getting practice time and playing in matches. The odd weather has kept the team off the course and members just recently started going outside to practice.

"Because of this, we are lacking practice time and playing experience," Balagna said. "I know we are not the only team that had to deal with this issue, so all schools are in the same boat."

Northville's roster this year includes: Seniors: Blake Kiefer, Brad Minniear, Matt Robinet, Austin Ruppert, Andrew Sarokin, Andrew Stevens and Troy Youmans; Juniors: Kyle Abraham, Akhil Alluri, Jacob Pierce and Jon Stott; Sophomores: Case Collareno, Jack Hines, Christian Peters and Anthony Solack; and Freshmen: Michael Gunder, Drew Kearis, Dom Marsalese, Daniel McKee and Aaron Youmans.

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

# Rec league champs



The Rockers were crowned the 2014 Northville Recreation League winter basketball champions (grades 5-7) after completing a perfect 7-0 season. The team includes (front, from left) Nolan Scott and Alex Karam, (middle, from left) Alex VanNocker, Michael Williams, Josh Porter, Raymon Sahi, Ryan Silberg and Johnny Lindow and (back, from left) coach Tom VanNocker, Grant Neuwirth, Pahul Kahlon, Parker Dietrich, coach Ray Jankowski and Joe Jankowski.

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## Coming to life

Historic Village Workshop seeking members for summer opening

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Each day the idea of the Village Workshop is becoming more of a reality as renovation work is underway transforming the old Belanger building on East Cady Street in downtown Northville into a modern place for creativity and invention.

"We are starting to see the real potential in this building," said Workshop co-founder Brian Donovan.

Each floor of the historical building is getting a big face lift.

The third floor was gutted and is being reworked to be a place a local business or firm could call home. Among the many changes, a new roof is being put on and

an elevator installed. In addition, there will be a cafe, new restrooms, and the covered windows are being opened up and brick repaired.

However, no matter the changes, maintaining the historical feel of the building built in 1875 is an important part of the plan.

The amount of time, money and effort put into this multi-million dollar project should pay off when the doors are finally open later this summer.

Donovan along with partners Northville residents/business men Dennis Engerer and Chris McDonald see a lot of potential in the building and its eventual services for the community.

They see it as a place that will have everything you could ever think of to make anything you could ever think of. With tools, equipment, trained staff, and useful software on hand, ideas will come to life.

"The Village Work-

shop will be a community space dedicated to creativity, learning, entrepreneurship and prototype services," said Engerer, who is the long-time owner of Northville Physical Rehabilitation.

### Membership drive

In anticipation of the opening they have kicked off their membership drive.

They are asking inventors, artists, builders, makers, small businesses, soon-to-be small businesses, not-so-small businesses, students, engineers, designers, crafters, hobbyists, retirees or whoever to check the workshop out and see what it can offer them.

One innovation the Workshop will be offering is 3D printing in ABS Plastics, which enables parts to be strong, accurate and functional. They say this is perfect for prototypes and short run production of finished parts.

"We use only the best



Work continues on renovating the former Belanger building in Northville into the Village Workshop. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

3D printing machines. The Stratasys Fortus 250MC 3D Printer is the most advanced FDM printer available so your parts will look and perform beautifully," said Donovan.

"There is no end to what we see being created and produced here," said McDonald.

The workshop is a membership based community workspace. Members will have access to the latest and greatest equipment, tools, software and skilled staff. Group discounts are available for clubs, schools, organizations, sports teams, special events, team build-

ing retreats, etc.

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## Beware of subprime mortgage offers

I couldn't believe it when I read that some banks are once again starting to market subprime mortgages.

Subprime mortgages - one of the causes of the financial crisis - were offered to people who did not have good credit or could not come up with the 20 percent payment to get a conventional mortgage.

Many people who got subprime mortgages ended up defaulting causing them to lose their homes.

Not everyone should get a mortgage. Just because banks and other financial institutions are pushing mortgages doesn't mean you should get one or that you can afford one. All mortgage companies or banks care about is whether you qualify for a mortgage, not if you have the means of repaying it.

I know the general rule is that renting is not a good option and that people should consider buying as soon as they can. I believe that logic is wrong. In many situations, renting is a financially better alternative.

Many people think that if they're renting they are throwing away their money. That is not the case. When you do the math and factor in the costs of maintaining a house, it is not necessarily a great investment..

Don't buy a home from an investment standpoint. A home purchase is about one's



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

quality of life. However, if a home doesn't increase the quality of your life, don't buy it.

One thing consumers should have learned from the financial crisis is if you purchase a home it is important to make sure that you own your home and that it doesn't own you. Too many people took advantage of these gimmicky mortgages only to find that they could not afford their home. And it ruined their credit.

Don't fall for that same mistake. Prior to purchasing a home, consider all the costs associated with ownership. In addition to principal and interest payments, factor in the cost of repairs, maintenance, insurance and utilities. These costs tend to be much higher than if you rented.

I believe you must be able to put 20 percent down on a home in order to afford it. There are some rare cases when 10 percent is acceptable, however, those cases are rare.

Keep in mind that just because the mortgage company says you qualify for a mortgage doesn't mean you can actually afford it. Remember, in addition to paying your mortgage you also have to consid-

er such things as retirement. Don't sacrifice your retirement to purchase a home. Anyone who thinks that a home is a great investment that can eventually be sold and used for retirement is mistaken.

Unfortunately, some of the same predatory lending practices that existed before the financial crisis are creeping back into the market. The number of those refinancing is down. Mortgage companies are looking for new ways to market their products.

Consumers must be careful. Remember, it's not the mortgage company that determines whether you can actually afford a mortgage, you do. You must determine what your other costs are, such as saving for retirement and a child's college education.

Don't let anyone talk you into a mortgage, take your time and don't be afraid to seek independent advice.

Having a home is part of the American dream. However, having a home that uses all your resources and does not increase your quality of life is an American nightmare.

Good luck.

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## ITC Holdings Corp. to spend \$4.5 billion in five-year plan

Novi-based ITC Holdings Corp. announced its new five-year capital investment plan of approximately \$4.5 billion for the period 2014-18, as a part of a comprehensive strategic update. The new five-year plan reflects expected investments of approximately \$2.2 billion in ITC's base operating companies, approximately \$1.2 billion in regional infrastructure projects and approximately \$1.1 billion in additional development projects.

Successful execution of this capital investment plan is projected to increase ITC's consolidated year-end rate base plus construction work in progress by

approximately 70 percent over the plan period, from approximately \$4.5 billion at the end of 2013 to approximately \$7.6 billion at the end of 2018. This increase in projected rate base, plus construction work in progress, is expected to result in compound annual growth in operating earnings per share in the range of 11-13 percent over the forecast period. The company also expects to grow its dividend annually in the range of 10-15 percent over the same time frame.

The company also announced its board of directors has authorized up to \$250 million in share repurchases through Dec. 31, 2015, as

part of its broader capital allocation plan.

"ITC's new five-year capital investment plan is premised on achieving and maintaining operational excellence at all of our existing operating companies, as well as continuing our leadership role in the development and advancement of critical new regional infrastructure," said Joseph L. Welch, chairman, president and CEO of ITC. "These investments in our business are a core component of our balanced capital allocation strategy and reflect our commitment to reinvesting in the business to drive long-term value for both our customers and shareholders."

## CHAMBER CHAT

### Chamber golf outing

The Northville Chamber of Commerce will host their annual Golf Classic Outing from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, June 4 at Northville Hills Golf Club. The event is being sponsored by Center Street Wealth Strategies.

"The outing is rotated between Chamber member golf courses, with the Northville Hills Golf Club course selected for 2014," said Traci Sincok, Chamber associate director.

The event format is a four person scramble with a variety of contest holes, including hole-in-one challenges.

"The outing is very popular with Chamber members, for networking, fun and making new business connections," said Sincok.

Businesses can participate in the outing in a variety of ways, including golf, or sponsor holes and contests.

Registration information is available on the Chamber's website at [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org). For more information, con-

tact Sincok at 248-349-7640 or [tracisincok@northville.org](mailto:tracisincok@northville.org).

### Networking opportunity

The Chamber will hold an After Business Hours Networking event from 5:30-7:30 p.m., April 30 at Northville Sports Den, hosted by Kona Running Company. Appetizers will be provided and there will be a cash bar available. Please RSVP to the Chamber by calling 248-349-7640 or sending an e-mail to [tracisincok@northville.org](mailto:tracisincok@northville.org).



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Realtors are pleased with solid sales in 2014. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

# ECONOMIST: HOME SALES STEADY FOR 2014

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

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

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

Yun said the other headwinds moving forward include limited inventory conditions in many areas and mortgage lending standards that are still unnecessarily stringent. “Although home sales have recovered over the past two years, mortgage purchase applications have been flat for the past four years, even with rising sales,” he said.

With higher mortgage interest rates, he expects refinancings to collapse in 2014 to the lowest level in at least 15 years, and hopes purchase applications will begin to rise. “This is an incentive for banks to increase mortgage origination, especially considering the low default rates in recent years. But even with cheap mortgages for the past four years, all-cash buyers stayed high, accounting for over 30 percent of sales,” Yun noted.

Beyond bank motivation, Yun said Washington policies for mortgage lending have been too restrictive. He cited rising fees for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, higher Federal Housing Administration premiums, as well as Dodd-Frank banking regulations, which have been strangling community banks. In addition, Yun said banks are holding onto funds for potential Department of Justice lawsuits, rather than making

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**LAWRENCE YUN**  
chief economist of the  
National Association of Realtors

them available to mortgage borrowers.

He said job creation, and hopefully a relaxation in stringent lending standards, will offset higher mortgage interest rates. Existing-home sales this year are forecast to rise 10 percent to nearly 5.13 million, but should hold fairly even at about 5.12 million in 2014.

Limited supplies were the biggest factor in price performance in the past year, with inventory bouncing around 13-year lows, and seriously delinquent mortgages have been trending steadily down. The national median existing-home price for all of 2013 was up just over 11 percent, to about \$197,000; then increase nearly 6 percent this year.

Yun expects the inventory shortages to be felt again this spring. “Housing starts are the only way to alleviate inventory shortages,” he said. “Housing starts need to rise 50 percent to meet underlying demand.”

Housing starts are forecast to hit 917,000 this year and reach 1.13 million in 2014, which is still well below the underlying demand of about 1.5 million. New-home sales were forecasted to total 429,000 in 2013, and grow to 508,000 this year.

Inflationary pressure may begin to build during the course of 2014, with consumer prices projected to rise 2.7 percent, but Yun said inflation could reach 4 to 6 percent in 2015. Mortgage interest rates are expected to trend upward and reach 5.4 by the end of next year.

Yun projected growth in Gross Domestic Product to be 1.7 percent in 2013 and 2.5 percent in 2014. “If not for the housing recovery, we could be on the

verge of a recession,” Yun noted. “The rent component of inflation is rising, so the only way to tame price growth is new home inventory.”

Since the economic downturn, 8.8 million jobs were lost, but only seven million have been regained. “We need another six to eight million jobs to get back to normal,” Yun said. The states with the fastest job growth are North Dakota, Utah, Idaho, Texas, Colorado, Minnesota, Georgia, Washington, Arizona and New Jersey. The unemployment rate is projected to decline to about 6.7 percent around the end of 2014.

Based on the forecast, the top 10 markets to watch for a housing turnaround in 2014 are Salt Lake City; Naples, Fla.; Tampa, Fla.; Atlanta; Boise, Idaho; Houston; Charlotte, N.C.; Denver; Seattle; and Tucson, Ariz.

Also speaking was John Krainer, senior economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, who said near-term economic momentum is weakening, but improvement in growth is expected going forward. “Inflation has been subdued, and is expected to remain below the Fed’s 2 percent target over the next few years,” he said. “Despite improvement in the labor market, the unemployment rate remains elevated but will be falling slowly.”

Krainer notes improved household net worth, aided by rising home values, is supporting consumption spending, but home sales and inventories are not growing as expected. “New-home sales are significantly underperforming, and have been bouncing around World War II lows,” he said.

“There is a big disconnect between rising home prices and inventory slowing down,” Krainer said. Normally, higher levels of new construction would be expected in a rising sales environment.

Krainer notes there is a relationship between the share of underwater mortgages and the number of homes for sale. “In markets where we saw a high percentage of underwater home owners, we also saw lower inventory levels.”

## Cuba: Interesting land, some old ways remain

**Q: We are thinking about visiting Cuba through a cultural exchange; can we buy real estate there?**

A: As best I can tell from talking to Cubans on my visit, you must be a resident or have close relatives such as a wife or parents or have business with the government to own real estate. Surprisingly many of the apartments in Havana are owned by their inhabitants and over the last two years, the government has allowed them to sell them. Nor do they pay any taxes at this time but the government is looking into implementing it for the first time. The housing in downtown Havana is extremely overcrowded, but in the Miramar region, where Castro purportedly lives, there are upscale private homes formerly owned by upper crust families before the revolution in 1959, but don’t count on investing there for the foreseeable future.

**Q: I have heard about cultural exchanges between the United States and Cuba where you are able, as U.S. citizens, to learn more about the country and its neighborhoods. Do you have any experience or knowledge about that?**

A: Yes, I recently went on an educational-cultural exchange which is allowed by the U.S. government under certain circumstances. Because of the shortage of raw materials and almost everything else, because of the embargo, etc., Cuba must be creative and innovative in not only fixing its old U.S. cars, but building and refurbishing homes and apartments. I visited a neighborhood where a famous artist not only artistically decorated his own house, but much of the neighborhood in graphic and colorful designs, similar to what we have seen by an artist in Detroit attempting to cover up blight. Many of the homes that were formerly owned by rich Cubans before the revolution are now embassies and government offices which are well maintained on beautiful boulevards; yet much of the exterior of many of the homes and buildings remains unpainted. It was an interesting visit.

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## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

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### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

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A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and at 2 p.m. each Thursday at various locations. RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

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Robert Meisner

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 2-6, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

### BEVERLY HILLS

16244 Buckingham Ave \$273,000  
31220 Churchill Dr \$273,000

### BIRMINGHAM

1584 Ashford Ln \$519,000  
2822 Dorchester Rd \$170,000  
1061 Forest Ave \$375,000  
1313 Latham St \$395,000  
185 Northlawn Blvd \$938,000

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5167 Woodlands Ln \$292,000  
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44121 Galway Dr \$267,000  
37847 W Greenwood Dr \$275,000  
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45549 Bristol Cir \$406,000  
23780 E Le Bost \$124,000  
45498 Emerald Forest Dr \$339,000

25986 Glenmoor \$425,000  
41700 Kirkwood Dr \$175,000  
25827 Strath Haven Dr \$230,000  
41457 Twain Pl \$375,000

### SOUTH LYON

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1014 Paddock Dr \$198,000

1137 Paddock Dr \$267,000  
24681 Padstone Dr \$80,000  
789 Pepper Dr \$190,000  
61850 W Eight Mile Rd \$40,000  
24630 Wedgewood Dr \$380,000

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21539 Avon Ln \$43,000  
30275 Balewood St \$103,000  
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18179 Cornell Rd \$114,000  
25583 Farmbrook Rd \$155,000  
21763 Hidden Rivers Dr \$41,000

N \$172,000  
19623 Middlesex Ave \$172,000  
20446 Midway Ave \$40,000  
21235 Midway Ave \$29,000  
20130 N Greenway St \$70,000  
28426 Pierce St \$72,000  
29821 Rambling Rd \$115,000  
19310 Red Maple Ct \$165,000  
25487 Saint James \$100,000  
5000 Town Ctr # 3202 \$105,000  
21300 Wallace Dr \$63,000

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## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

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8367 Orhan St \$135,000  
3683 Parklawn Dr \$156,000  
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1714 Steeplechase Rd \$84,000

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### LIVONIA

28142 Elmira St \$100,000

36027 Hees St \$132,000  
14417 Knolson St \$160,000  
8863 Louise St \$135,000  
35823 Parkdale St \$146,000  
15424 Sunset St \$148,000  
19401 Victor Pkwy \$10,200

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A GANNETT COMPANY**By Debra Auerbach**  
**CareerBuilder writer**

Job seekers often start their search by identifying the type of job they want before looking for companies that offer relevant positions. But what if you have your eye on a specific company you want to work for, and you're willing to do whatever it takes to become a part of that organization?

Perhaps you've always considered the company to be interesting and innovative and you admire the company's culture. Or maybe the company tops a best places to work list, making it a desirable place to start or grow a career. Sometimes it might be driven by knowing people who work at the company and wanting to work alongside familiar faces.

Whatever the reason, pursuing a particular company versus a specific job comes with its challenges. But if you're committed to working somewhere, there are ways to up your chances of getting hired there.

"If you're dead-set on working at a specific company, then 95 percent of your job-search time and effort should be dedicated to wooing that company and demonstrating to them that you're not only the best candidate for the job, but that you're destined to work there and nowhere else," says Joseph Terach, CEO of Resume Deli.

**Here's how:****Make sure you know why you want to work there**

You may have convinced yourself that you're destined to work at a specific company, but make sure you can back up your reasoning. "What may seem like a great company isn't always what it appears," says David R. Sanford, executive vice president, client relations at recruitment firm WinterWyman. "You need to do your due diligence to make sure you are pursuing the best environment. Talk to people

**Get a job at the company you really want...**

that you know to see if they have any connections inside.

Reach out to those connections and talk to a few people about the culture, work environment, work-life balance, etc."

Sanford also suggests using online resources such as Facebook or GlassDoor, which can tell you a lot about the company and its culture. "All of this will help you decide if this is a company that is worth your time pursuing," he says.

**Do your homework**

If you know without a doubt

this is the company for you, fill your brain with as much knowledge about the company as possible. "Read as much news as you can about your target company," Terach says. "Figure out their business strategy, who their partners are, who's in their supply chain and so on. These are the people and things you should get to know. Why? For one, being able to speak intelligently about the company's operations is impressive at an interview or job fair; for another, you might learn something about the company that will help you

better understand what they truly need in a new hire."

**Tap your network of contacts**

One of the best ways to get your foot in the door at a company you admire is to seek out people in your professional network with a connection to the organization. "Find people you know well who might either already work there or who [know someone who works there] to have an informational meeting about what you want to do," says Jayne Mattson, senior vice president of client services at

outplacement and career coaching company Keystone Associates. "If you are referred by someone who knows you extremely well, your chances increase to have a face-to-face meeting where you will be able to leave a better impression than email or phone."

**Build a relationship with HR**

While the human resources department is sometimes hard to reach, do what you can to connect with someone on the team directly. If you've already communicated with someone in your network who has an "in" at the company, use that person to introduce you to the right HR contact. "It does not hurt to show interest in working for the company with HR," Mattson says. "And if you can develop a relationship with them, ask them if you can buy them a cup of coffee because you would love to work for their company."

Mattson suggests explaining to the HR person that before you apply for specific jobs, you want to make sure you understand where you would be the best fit. She will appreciate that you're being proactive and not wasting the company's time by applying to jobs that don't suit you.

**Make your interest known before a job opens up**

Part of the reason why it's good to establish a relationship with HR and other influencers within the company is to let them know of your interest before a position becomes available. "You will increase your chances of being hired by your targeted company by meeting the right people before any positions are advertised," Mattson says. "Ideally you want visibility within the company ahead of jobs being advertised to eliminate your competition and for someone to think of you before they become published."

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Full time, Mon-Fri. Apply in person: 801 Chestnut, Brighton or call: 810-229-5437

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Farmington Hills based real estate development firm seeks a Receptionist for a part-time entry level position. Must be an energetic self-starting individual with excellent phone skills for multiple-line phone system. We are looking for dependability and good organizational skills. Applicant must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel and Microsoft Outlook. Email your resume to: **jdemetriou@grandsakwa.com**

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**Attn: Human Resources**

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**Help Wanted - Medical****MEDICAL ASSISTANT**

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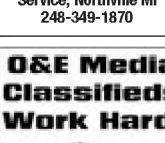
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Fire/EMS training provided. There will be an informational meeting at 7 p.m. on May 14, 2014, at Fire Station #4, located at 49375 W. Ten Mile Road.

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**cityofnovi.org**

or call the Human Resources Department

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Sunday, April 27



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Cape Cod style home with newer kitchen, family  
room with fireplace and wet bar. \$539,900  
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OPEN 2-4 | 101 W. Glass Rd., Brandon Twp.  
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Bald Eagle Lake. All sports lake. \$184,900  
**Marge Kelly (248) 639-4465**



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Outstanding ranch condo, 2 baths, ceramic  
floors, open floor plan. \$179,900  
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OPEN 1-3 | 7935 Schrepfer Rd., Cohoctah Twp  
This home is exquisite and on 10 acres!  
Soaring ceilings. Elegant decor. \$439,900  
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OPEN 1-4 | 7115 Norborne Ave., Dearborn Hts  
Beautiful and spacious four bedroom home  
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OPEN 1-4 | 27340 Crestwood Dr., Franklin  
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OPEN 1-4 | 39363 Canterbury, Harrison Twp  
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Live the life of your dreams on Sylvan Lake!  
Nestled in the middle of a canal. \$237800  
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All the amenities you are looking for in this  
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One of the most prestigious lakes in the  
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OPEN 1-4 | 3199 Woodview Cir., Orion Twp.  
Incredible views on the best location within the  
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Tranquil views in the best neighborhood in Lake  
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Beautiful 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home in the  
desirable Lakes of Indianwood Sub. \$415,000  
**Amy Chermiside (248) 213-7826**



OPEN 1-4 | 361 Spezia Dr., Oxford  
Incredible lake front opportunity. Massive 1.96  
acre parcel, fenced in the rear. \$339,000  
**Hosted by Nan Denis (248) 639-7954**



OPEN 1-4 | 13508 Westbrook, Plymouth  
Stunning! Entertain at your own resort! In-  
ground Gunite pool & dual decking. \$575,000  
**Chris Patrick (734) 389-7698**



OPEN 12-4 | 9297 Mayflower, Plymouth  
Beautiful Colonial in Mayflower sub. Large  
fenced corner lot. Many upgrades. \$229,900  
**Rich Childs (734) 796-2071**



OPEN 1-4 | 3575 Wyndam Lane, Rochester  
Beautiful Colonial in popular Country Creek!  
Hardwood from foyer thru kitchen. \$382,000  
**Nancy Ritter (248) 365-7114**



OPEN 1-3 | 2047 Cattail Cir., Rochester Hills  
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this beautiful house a home. \$339,900  
**Hosted by Jeff Smith (248) 639-4940**



OPEN 1:30-4:30 | 5497 Trillium Lane, Scio Twp.  
Welcome to Trillium Crossing! Stunning new  
construction condo. Custom finishes. \$279,500  
**Glenda Gerbstadt (734) 389-7759**



OPEN 1:30-4:30 | 5489 Trillium Lane, Scio Twp.  
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OPEN 12-4 | 8132 E. Pearson, Shelby Twp.  
This builder's custom ranch is both sprawling  
and immaculate. Up to 6 bedrooms. \$365,000  
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OPEN 1-4 | 19913 Edmunton, St. Clair Shores  
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block windows. Gas fireplace. \$147,500  
**James Hedrick (586) 229-1248**



OPEN 1-4 | 24816 Culver St., St. Clair Shores  
Beautiful brick ranch in desirable area featuring  
open floor plan. Neutral tones. \$114,900  
**Misty Weisenberger (586) 782-7945**



OPEN 1-4 | 12755 Daily Dr., Sterling Hts.  
A spacious family room, natural field stone  
fireplace, cathedral ceiling. Large deck. \$219,918  
**Hosted by Christine Obarto (586) 522-4450**



OPEN 1-4 | 1715 Carpenter Drive, Troy  
Beautifully maintained home in the desirable  
Oak River East subdivision. \$619,900  
**Amy Chermiside (248) 213-7826**



OPEN 1-4 | 2525 Woodbourne Dr., Waterford  
Looks like a model. Fabulous 3 bedroom 2.5  
bath, 1,522 square foot ranch! \$214,900  
**Julie Papagni (248) 841-4438**



OPEN 1-4 | 7958 Flagstaff, West Bloomfield  
Just Listed! Union Lake lakefront-gorgeous  
home, beautifully updated. 3600 sq. ft. \$800,000  
**Karen Thomas (248) 639-4916**



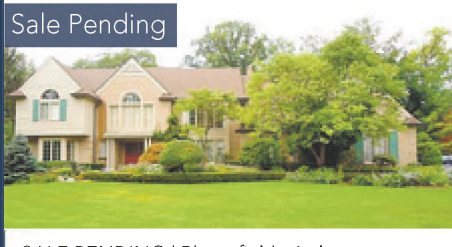
OPEN 2-5 | 7791 Biscayne, White Lake  
Year-round vacation living! Entertain in style. Private  
all sports Brendel Lake. Gourmet kitchen. \$400,000  
**Susan Wojtaszek (248) 534-4687**



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1. Perform structural and thermal stress and fatigue finite element analysis of AAM drivetrain system components, and use the analysis results to provide guidance to improve structural design validation for current programs and future products.
2. Perform bearing axle brackets laser welding structural stress analysis and fatigue life prediction, use the analytical model to provide brackets design guidelines.
3. Perform driveline system NVH thermal sensitivity through driveline system dynamics and bearing dynamics to improve the NVH robustness of AAM drivetrain products such as PTU and RDM.
4. Perform sealing performance analysis of AAM drivetrain products with various gasket designs and seal strategies.
5. Perform structural topology optimization of axle housing designs to improve the stiffness and NVH targets while reducing the total mass, improving the overall fuel economy of AAM products.
6. Communicate simulation results with product engineers and present analysis conclusion to AAM customers.
7. Assist Application Engineers and Testing Engineers to diagnose testing failure modes and identify root causes of structural durability problems

#### Requirements:

Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering or foreign equivalent education and experience in the following:

1. Finite element analysis
2. Nonlinear stress and fatigue analysis of drivetrain components using Hyperworks, SimLab and Abaqus etc. Software;
3. Welding stress and fatigue analysis using Fe-Safe/Verity software;
4. Gaskets and sealing performance analysis of powertrain system under complex loading and thermal conditions;
5. Topology optimization analysis of powertrain components using Abaqus and TOSCA software;
6. Bore distortion analysis of powertrain system;
7. Frequency and mode analysis of drivetrain system using Nastran.

Applicants should send Resumes to American Axle & Manufacturing One Dauch Drive, Detroit, MI 48211, ATTN: Ann Dunlop.

### SUPERVISOR

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## Food - Beverage

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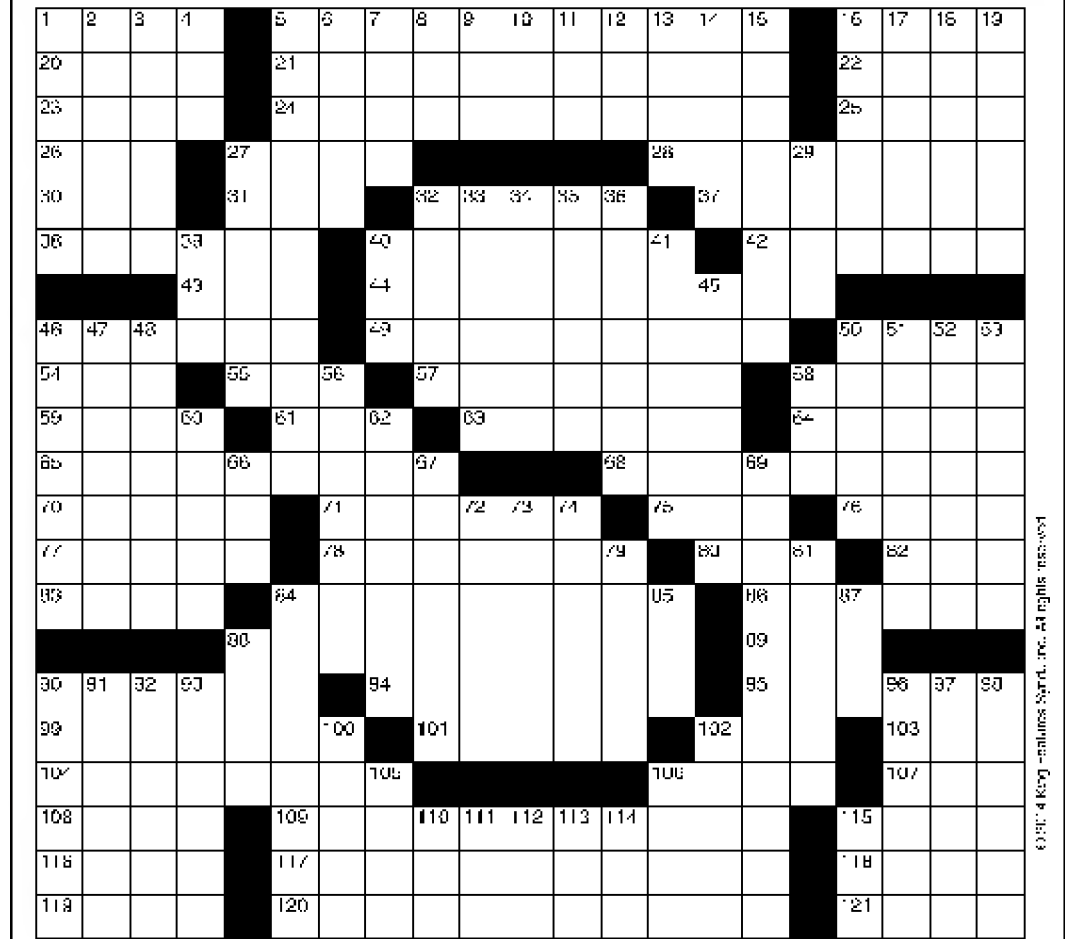
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| <b>ACROSS</b><br>1 Hunch over<br>5 Reading the same forward and backward<br>18 Ski resort in Utah<br>20 Sea color<br>21 Cousin of techno music<br>22 Hair housing<br>23 Singer Val Lee<br>24 Arrive at a peak<br>25 — d'état<br>26 ch<br>27 Encore<br>28 Prestige<br>30 Giant Mel<br>31 Poet's marital pal<br>32 Danish<br>37 Prince Harry or William, serotwice<br>38 Phone part<br>40 Decurred part<br>42 Show up at<br>43 — friendly<br>44 Not too far fetcher<br>46 Side through a doorway, say<br>49 Boundary<br>50 Comic c/c | 54 Gen — (boomer's child)<br>55 List-inishing abbr<br>57 rvalidated<br>58 Texas city<br>59 "That's —" ("Not so")<br>61 Dal's outpour<br>63 Robert's "Paging Bull"<br>64 Pertaining to kidneys<br>65 Symbol of Canada<br>68 "Extreme —" (TLC reality show)<br>70 Enter, as data<br>71 Three-sharp musical key<br>75 Hollywood's Varda as<br>76 Swenson of the season<br>77 "I — drink"<br>78 Head toward<br>80 "Car Ta C" station<br>82 New Year in Vietnam<br>83 Bronte's Jane<br>84 Sweet by and-by<br>86 Book's donkey pal | 88 Puppet with strings<br>89 Transfer (cell materia)<br>90 Actor Lon<br>94 Convent<br>95 Short sleep<br>99 Completed<br>101 Will 115-<br>Across, classic studied anime<br>102 Jamaican booze<br>103 Sinky<br>104 Lkc cardlot c nners<br>106 Destiny<br>107 PC's "brain"<br>108 — pronounce you ...<br>109 Positioned evenly<br>115 Soc 101<br>Across<br>116 '99<br>Lullaballs' singer<br>117 Seedless citrus fruit<br>118 15th-century Peruvian<br>119 State colored<br>120 Extreme peril<br>121 Gusto | <b>DOWN</b><br>1 Composer<br>Dóla<br>2 Consider the same<br>3 Nakedness<br>4 Week unit<br>5 Of a don'tistry branch<br>6 1999-2004 CDs<br>7 Use material<br>8 Odd trucking watchdog gp.<br>9 Ultimate<br>10 — & the "Women" (Richard Gere film)<br>11 South Korea's —<br>Tae Woo<br>12 Bill in a lip jar<br>13 Tiny parasite<br>14 "Ruddy or not, here —"<br>15 Feature of "Rose" but not "rose"<br>16 Stress<br>17 Canadian dollar coin<br>18 B-gilled bird<br>19 Amax<br>27 George Burns' Allen | 29 D sharp, e.g.<br>32 Adult female<br>33 Fostered<br>34 Emuloy<br>35 All gain lookalike<br>36 — energy<br>39 — wee<br>I am an<br>40 Walter's 20%<br>41 In the future<br>45 Desert Arab<br>46 Analyze<br>47 "NYPD Blue" actress Kim<br>48 Grasping thing<br>50 Kate<br>51 Mel by accident<br>52 Way o storm off<br>53 Crest rival<br>56 Callee additive<br>58 Master<br>60 Slip past<br>62 Fair forest monkey<br>66 JFK slat<br>67 Deke or juke<br>69 Sheet-sling office gizmo<br>72 French sa n: — d'Ar<br>73 Cause to feel umbrage<br>74 Putrefied<br>79 Go for again | 81 Title differently<br>84 Spooking<br>85 King, in Spanish<br>87 China's Sun — san<br>88 Faucet brand<br>90 Showing concern<br>91 Sorry sort?<br>92 "Pest" of kiddie lit<br>93 Sort of<br>96 Christians' — Creed<br>97 Camel's kn<br>98 Word form made with the big letter depicted in this puzzle's diagram (this letter is entirely absent from the solution)<br>100 Iraq coin<br>102 Crazying lane<br>105 Vena<br>106 — snail<br>110 Third bk. of the Bible<br>111 Dot in la mer — d'Ar<br>112 Zeus, e.g.<br>113 Gen. oucers gp.<br>114 Adult male<br>115 Show |
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# Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

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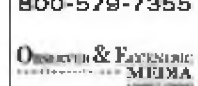
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# Car Report

## Spring Comes In Flood of New Models Revealed at NY Show



By Dale Buss

Here's a brand-by-brand look at much of what's happening automotive-wise in Gotham this week:

**Acura:** The Honda-owned luxury brand unveiled the all-new 2015 TLX performance-luxury sedan, designed to deliver a unique and compelling blend of sports-sedan athleticism and premium luxury refinement, the way the brand put it. The company said its performance-tuned sports sedan represents "the start of a new era for Acura."

**Audi:** The new A3 sedan, which just went on sale in the US, was named World Car of the Year by a

group of international auto journalists, the Detroit News said. Audi is touting its "uncompromised" chops as a luxury car despite the model's starting \$29,900 price point. "This really represents what Audi does extremely well," Audi of America CEO Scott Keogh told reporters in New York. Sales of A3 sedan, he said, are "off to a great start" in the United States.

**BMW:** Audi's German rival managed to cop honors for its electric i3 as World Green Car of the Year from the same group of journalists and the World Car of the Year Design award over the Mazda3 and Mercedes-Benz C-Class. BMW will be selling the i3 in the US in coming weeks.

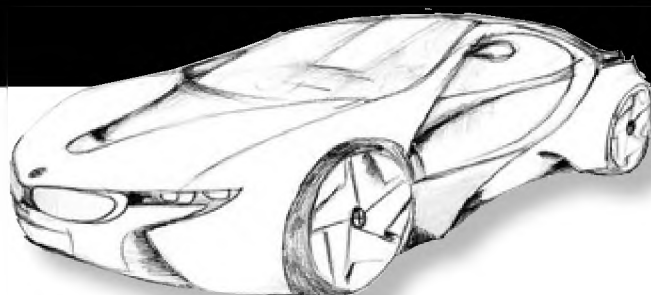
The company's Mini brand, meanwhile, unveiled a new Mini Cooper model that flashed fan-suggested design features and incorporated a test-driving

competition to promote the new hardtop. More than 800 Mini owners out of 200,000 registered owners submitted ideas in the brand's nod to crowdsourcing.

**Ford:** The company unveiled a limited-edition of its new 50th-anniversary Mustang. The Mustang 50 Year Limited Edition is modeled on the GT fastback and will be limited to just 1,964 units – in honor of the year the car was introduced – and will come with nearly every available option. "We wanted to provide our most dedicated fans with the emotion of the original Mustang in a 21st-century car," said Ford executive chairman Bill Ford Jr. in a statement ahead of the reveal in New York.

**Hyundai:** The Korean brand made a big statement in 2010 when it launched the new Hyundai Sonata, whose dramatic styling, moderate price and medium size caught the attention of Americans and made competitors sit up and take notice for the first time. Now in New York, Hyundai is introducing a redesigned 2015 version of its Sonata that is full of new safety features and other refinements. And it's coming just in time, as Hyundai's US sales have stumbled lately.

**Jeep:** The new compact SUV Renegade, built on a Fiat-designed platform, made its debut and is expected to go on sale in Europe later this year and in the US early next



Jeep is fielding a new Renegade compact SUV based on a Fiat design.

year. The new vehicle is supposed to be just fine off road while coming in a smaller and more fuel-efficient package than previous Jeeps.

**Toyota:** The leading Japanese auto company attempted to step past its own recent bad news about recalls in New York by touting a new, 2015 version of the Toyota Camry that will be "the best Camry we've ever built," Toyota Division General Manager Bill Fay said at the unveiling of the car, according to *Automotive News*.

To extend the car's 12-year reign as America's best-selling car, Toyota realizes it must do a better job of delivering on such superlatives than it did with the last big redesign, in 2011. So the new Camry is nearly two inches longer and a half-inch wider, with returned power steering, better body rigidity and a fresh new design. "This is a mega change to Camry,

and the most extensive mid-cycle change in our company's history, in only its third year," Bob Carter, Toyota's US senior vice president of automotive operations, told a gathering of securities analysts in New York.

The company also is attempting to recreate an entire brand: Scion, its "youth" marque that has fallen on declining sales and brand irrelevance the last several years. At New York, *Automotive News* said, executives pledged to replace three of Scion's five US nameplates over a two-year period starting in 2015.

"Some events of the last decade forced Toyota to make tradeoffs, and Scion's [product-introduction] cadence was affected by that," Doug Murtha, Scion vice president, told the publication. The first of the tree models will be unveiled in November, he said.



Ford will only make "1,964" units of the 50 Year Limited Edition of the new Mustang.

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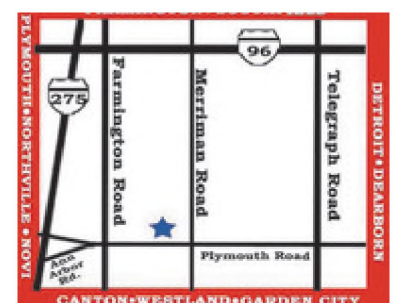
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## State Olympiad champs

On April 26, Meads Mill Middle School continued its championship streak at the Science Olympiad state competition held at Michigan State University, winning gold in 12 of the 23 total events.

The team is now invited to represent the state of Michigan at the Science Olympiad National Tournament Division B hosted by the University of Central Florida in Orlando May 16-17. Last year Meads Mill placed 4th last year at the national tournament.

The Northville High School Science Olympiad team also represented the district well, placing second in Division C at the tournament held on the same day. They also qualified to represent Michigan at the national tournament.

Hillside Middle School (Division B) placed 5th in the state, a recent best. Grand Haven High School won the state champion of Division C. Lakeshore Middle School, also of Grand Haven, came in second in Division B behind Meads Mill.

# Law firm report: School district didn't bully students

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

After a two-month long investigation, a law firm that looked into the way Northville Schools officials conducted an inquiry into whether or not two special education teachers told their students to cheat on the NWEA test last fall has concluded that students were not bullied during the process.

The legal team at Beier Howlett, which issued their report and findings earlier this week to

school district officials and the seven families who participated with it, also noted that individual perceptions of the district's investigation of Northville High School teachers Jennifer Warnock and Lynn Traxler played a big part in how the situation played out over the last six months.

Their conclusions were made public at Tuesday night's school board meeting.

The school district also issued its own internal process review. This internal review of

the district's academic focus has been underway since last fall, but school officials said it was important for the district to consider the report from Beier Howlett prior to finalizing its internal review and subsequent recommendations.

The external investigation was initiated after it was expressed by some students and parents involved in the situation that the students interviewed about the classroom environment and the low NWEA test scores were bullied by North-

ville High School Assistant Principal Katie Shirk and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Dave Rodgers.

The Beier Howlett report said this was unfounded.

"The investigators fully acknowledge that some of the students involved found the entire situation intimidating, however, the intent of bullying was not present," the report stated.

Overall, it said the two admin-

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Northville High School senior Jacob Drolshagen has developed a neighborhood based mobile application that allows neighbors to come together in times of need to reinforce and facilitate police response times. LONNIE HUHMEN

# Changing perceptions of the city of Detroit

NHS senior's Sentry app will help city react to emergencies

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

A love of Detroit and its well being led Northville High School senior Jacob Drolshagen to create a cell phone app that would help with emergency response times.

"This is a city I really enjoy, but it has such a stigma attached to it with things like bad emergency response times," 18-year-old Drolshagen said. "I want to try and help with that, so others can see Detroit the way I see it."

He has a knack for technology so he set about developing an idea called "Sentry." It's a neighborhood-based mobile application that allows neighbors to come to-

gether in times of need to reinforce and facilitate police response times.

Its objectives are to decrease police response times, increase community cooperation and standardize neighborhood watch programs while assisting police departments with specific information. The platform is planned to encompass apartments, businesses, colleges and other such organizations.

Some of the uses for the app would let residents key in the specifics of a variety of situations, from emergency services to suspicious activity, while providing a photo along with mapping the incident with its automatic location finder. Responders could see this and also in turn

can let residents know their status.

The cell phone app is still in the early stages and he needs a little investment help to get it off the ground. The money would be used to help pay for the production of the prototype.

"An investment would help me to get this project on its feet and into communities at a faster pace," Drolshagen said.

His love for Detroit started with trips each week from Northville. He took courses at the College for Creative Studies. Even though still young he has a variety of technical experience with front-end work, utilizing

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# Four vie for county commission 9th District after Toy drops out

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

The race to replace outgoing county commissioner Laura Cox contains a wide array of Livonia candidates.

Two Republicans and two Democrats are expected to run for the 9th District seat on the Wayne County Commission. The candidates include: Republicans Terry Marecki and Tom Berry, along with Democrats Timothy J. Olszewski and Patrick O'Neil. All reside in Livonia.

The district is made up of Northville, Northville Township and the majority of Livonia. The filing deadline for state and county offices was Tuesday afternoon.

Current Livonia city councilwoman Laura Toy announced earlier this winter she would run for the seat, but sent an email statement Tuesday afternoon saying she was dropping out of the race.

"I am announcing the withdrawal of my candidacy for the Wayne County Commissioner race," she wrote. "I appreciate everyone who has supported me. Let's continue working together and making great things happen."

Wayne County online election records showed Wednesday afternoon that Toy dropped out of the race Tuesday.

## About the candidates

Marecki, the current city clerk for Livonia and a former councilwoman, said she's planning on continuing the work Cox has done at the county. She said Cox had personally asked her to run for the seat when Cox was planning to leave the commission.

Marecki said she has had significant experience working with people of different political beliefs, something she believes is needed representing the 9th District and the rest of the county commission.

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# ELECTIONS

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“I have a lot of the same perceptions and the same beliefs Commissioner Cox has,” Marecki said. “I think I would be a really good part of the solution in turning this county around.”

Berry is a former Detroit Police Department lieutenant who has

not previously run for office.

He works as a investigator for an insurance company. He also appears as a consultant for WDIV when it comes to police issues.

He says all the issues at Wayne County have him upset and he's looking to run to help solve the problems.

“My motivation is to bring the county back in line with normalcy,” he said. “They have many

other things that I'm just fed up with. I think I'll bring a fresh new look to government.”

O'Neil ran against Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey in 2011 and was a councilman in Inkster from 1975 to 1990.

A retired attorney, O'Neil has served as chairman of the board of directors of the Hegira Program, a nonprofit that provides mental health, substance abuse and other counseling

services.

He said he hopes his run helps with other Democratic candidates, and said he wants to eliminate spending that isn't efficient at the county level.

“I want to make sure the government provides the services it needs to provide,” he said. “I think being fiscally responsible is making sure there is no waste. I'm fearful that in Wayne County we've had too

much waste.”

Olszewski ran against Cox for the seat in 2010 and is retired from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. He could not be reached for comment.

In the 8th District of the county commission, which covers a portion of southeast Livonia, incumbent Democrat Diane Webb of Dearborn Heights and Republican challenger and Dearborn Heights resident Jea-

nette Christe were the only two candidates to file for the seat, which also contains Redford and Dearborn Heights.

This year's primary takes place on Aug. 5 and the general election will take place on Nov. 4.

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# APP

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programs such as Ruby on Rails, HTML5, CSS3 and all Adobe products.

He said his idea has been well received by some in the law enforcement world and cited retired Detroit Police Sergeant David L. Malhalab, who said of the idea, “Neighborhood watches and neighbors need to unite. Police officers don't know it all and need their help. This could strengthen police-community relations, which is a must in crime prevention and protec-

tion.”

Additionally, Drolsha-gen said he presented the idea to the Novi Police and its director/ chief, David Molloy, who told him he did like the idea of linking neighborhoods together and that he would hope there would be access for the police to send messages and crime bulletins.

To learn more about the idea or to help with its funding go to the website link: [www.go-fundme.com/8dduqs](http://www.go-fundme.com/8dduqs).

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# REPORT

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istrators were in their legal bounds and within district policy. It further states bullying typically comes from a place of unlawful or illegal purpose, but this was not the case. Prior to the student interviews, administration consulted with legal counsel and had their questions vetted by attorneys.

The external report further stated, “We, therefore, find that neither Ms. Katie Shirk nor Mr. David Rodgers bullied any of the students in the interview process, nor violated the Northville Board of Education policies. We have been unable to find any intent to do harm, nor do we believe they, as reasonable people, believed their actions would likely cause intended harm.”

Some of the students involved felt as if they were being interrogated and said they were confused about the situation and what could happen to them.

Beir Howlett did state in its conclusion that “It must be acknowledged that many unintended and unanticipated negative consequences have, in fact, occurred.” However, they concluded this did not amount to bullying.

The conclusion was that the legal team found and believes

“each person interviewed, in relation to this issue, offered their perceived version of the events with articulate and credible reports.”

Beir Howlett believes the entire situation can be analyzed as being all about perceptions.

Its report further stated: “Each person has viewed the situation through their own perception and lens. As a result, they have come away with very different opinions and feelings about the event. We can clearly say that each person interviewed, and each person who reported the events, has done so with honesty and credibility”

## School district reaction

The Board of Education discussed the two reports and their findings at their Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday. They accepted the findings and said specifically better communication needs to happen going forward.

One issue for the families involved was that parents were not notified about the student interviews until five days after they occurred. Many of the parents involved felt as if they should have been contacted the day of. This point was one the school board discussed at length.

School Board Vice president Ken Roth said the school administra-

tion should have called parents sooner.

“We should have done a better job with the parental contact,” he said.

This point was seconded by board member Scott Craig, who wondered if in the future the district should consider circumstances, similar to this, where parents would sit in on their child's interview.

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## Parent reaction

There were no parents at the school board's committee meeting, but there was some reaction about the external report.

One parent, Mary Roy, whose son was involved with the student interviews, said she

was disappointed but not surprised.

“Not surprised the outcome would support the group paying the bill,” she said.

“The final analysis that this was a case of ‘perceptions’ feels like such a bail out on the part of the attorneys,” Roy said. “I will never be convinced that David Rodgers and Katie Shirk did not go into that room with each of those kids intending anything other than intimidation.”

She said being legal doesn't mean what was done was right. She would feel better if she thought administrators behaved in a manner that was “right toward our kids.”

The district's internal report stated the student interview process should continue to include two adults but try better in making the environment as comfortable as possible, particularly when the students are not the focus of the investigation.

The final lesson involves reviewing and revising procedures to allow substitute teachers more timely access to the student reporting system and/or assign a partner teacher. Substitutes were brought in for a big portion of this school year to fill in for the resigned teachers.

“As a learning organization, we are committed to continuous improvement,” Gallagher said.

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The City of Northville is considering the future of the former Asher's Citgo site at Seven Mile and Rogers. Majid Kikor has submitted a plan to the city's building department to renovate the longtime Asher's gas station into a gas station/convenience store. However, he needs a variance from the zoning board. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# City considering convenience store plan for Asher's

The prospective owner of the closed down Asher's CITGO gas station, located at the corner of Rogers Street and Seven Mile Road, is seeking a zoning variance from the City of Northville so the long-time service shop can be renovated into more of a gas station/convenience store.

This has some in the neighborhood concerned.

"My main concern is that a convenience store is anathema to the hue and character of the wholly residential area of Northville in which it is proposed to be sited.

As you know, we are for the most part a quiet and crime-free community and I for one, would like to keep it that way," said neighborhood homeowner Ken Kilpatrick.

His concerns were supported after he did an online search for images of convenience stores and what he found was consistently negative. He said crime, added traffic and unsightly parking lots are all concerns.

He said the neighborhood is afraid of the location being open later into the night and the potential issues that come with that for the

neighborhood. More traffic and late night carousers are just two.

The plan going before the BZA next week proposes utilizing part of the existing service garage for retail and merchandise sales. The applicant Majid Kikor submitted the plan to the city's building department and it did not grant the plan's request because it would need a variance from its current zoning, which is R-1B or First Density Residential District.

This type of request would have to be granted by the BZA.

Kilpatrick said the

neighborhood wants to see something along the lines of the business operated by former owner Rick Asher, who passed away last year. Asher's was a Northville business for over 60 years. The homeowners know the station and its services were grandfathered in a long time ago, but they are afraid of a new, big change.

The BZA meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7 at Northville City Hall on Main Street.

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# Schoolcraft board OKs tuition hike, new fee for fall

**By Karen Smith**  
Staff Writer

The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees last week approved a new \$6 per credit hour infrastructure fee and a \$3-\$4 per credit hour tuition hike for fall 2014.

The new infrastructure fee is to cover operational expenses such as water, sewer, telephone and other basic business needs, said Frank Ruggirello Jr., Schoolcraft's director of marketing and communications. None of the money from the new fee will go to infrastructure improvements for the new Schoolcraft to U partnership program with Wayne State University and University of Toledo that will start in the fall, he said.

Tuition will go from \$90 to \$93 per credit hour for residents, \$131 to \$135 per credit hour for non-residents and \$195 to \$199 per credit hour for out-of-state and international students.

A resident student is one whose legal residence is within the public school districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton, and part of Novi.

The board approved the new fee and tuition increase in a 4-1 vote. Trustee Joan Gebhardt, who cast the lone dissenting vote, said in a telephone interview she has voted no on tuition and fee increases for the past four years because she's concerned about making college unaffordable for resident students. "I'm adamant that we are there to help our residents," she said, adding she doesn't want them to have to go into

debt to pay for community college.

The new infrastructure fee is in addition to service and instructional equipment fees, going up from \$5 and \$7 to \$6 and \$8 per credit hour, respectively, and a per-semester registration fee being increased from \$40 to \$42 next fall.

Schoolcraft remains competitive with neighboring community colleges, Ruggirello said.

Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress and Chief Financial Officer Glenn Cerny "don't take this lightly," Ruggirello said, of the tuition and fee increases. "It's a balancing act." He said Schoolcraft hasn't gone to the electorate for a millage since 1986. The increases are meant to keep up with the rate of inflation, he said.

According to a chart Schoolcraft College provided comparing tuition rates for 2013-14, Schoolcraft was in the middle at \$90 per credit hour. Mott charged \$122.50, Wayne County, \$102; Washtenaw, \$98; Macomb, \$89; Henry Ford, \$87, and Oakland \$76.40.

"Even if you include the fees, it costs less to attend Schoolcraft College than other colleges and universities, and the student gets much more personal attention and support," Ruggirello said.

A student taking 12 credit hours at Schoolcraft in fall 2014 will pay approximately \$1,326 for tuition and fees, up from \$1,264 in fall 2013.

Some of the colleges with lower tuition rates collect more in property taxes per student, Ruggirello said. "At some point, somebody's got to pay."

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## Students get the Earth Day message out



Ridgewood Elementary students teamed up with Hiller's Market in Northville to get their environmental tips out to the store's customers. On Earth Day last week, Hiller's paper grocery bags were decorated with hand-written messages from the students. The messages stressed recycling and other conservation measures. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Armed Forces Day Challenge

The Northville High School baseball program will host its annual Armed Forces Day Fundraising Challenge from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, May 6 at Brick's and the Northville Sports Den. Both downtown Northville restaurants will donate 20-percent of customer's total bill to the Freedom Center to help with shipping all of the goods the team collects on Armed Forces Day overseas to our Michigan-based troops. The 5th Annual Armed Forces Day will be held on Saturday, May 17 at NHS and is hosted by the NHS baseball program.

This is a friendly competition between the three teams – freshman, JV and varsity. To help them, download a flier by visiting [www.northvillemustangbaseball.com](http://www.northvillemustangbaseball.com). If you would like to support the freshman team, bring the flier to the Northville Sports Den. If you would like to support the varsity team, bring the flier to Brick's and if you would like to support the JV team, bring the flier to either venue (and circle the team you would like to support). The team that brings in the most proceeds will win a team pizza party. For more information, email Carrie Slominski at [cslomo2022@yahoo.com](mailto:cslomo2022@yahoo.com).

### Dance team info meeting

The Northville High School varsity and JV competitive dance teams are holding a parent/student informational meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, May 5 in the Northville High School Forum. Try-outs/auditions are from 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, May 28, and Thursday, May 29 in the NHS auditorium. The dance team members learn dance skills, compete against other high school dance teams, and perform at the homecoming pep rally and some home basketball games. A dance team informational

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## SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE UPDATES

### Schoolcraft newspaper staff honored

Staff members of *The Schoolcraft Connection*, the college's student-run newspaper, received four first-place awards, four second-place awards, four third-place awards and two honorable mentions at the annual Michigan Community College Press Association Awards Ceremony at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant recently. An online version of *The Schoolcraft Connection* can be found at [schoolcraftconnection.com](http://schoolcraftconnection.com). The first-place awards included Column Humor: Pete Helms (Livonia); Inside Page Design: Kate Mrla (Allen Park); Personality Profile: Peter Hubbard (Northville); Turkey Award: *The Connection* staff. Second-place awards included Sports News Story: Evan Paputa (Plymouth); Overall Newspaper Design: *The Connection* staff; Front Page Design: Sabrina Keyes (Dearborn) and Kate Mrla (Allen Park); General Excellence: *The Connection* staff. Third-place awards included Sports Column: Josh Covert (Livonia); Editorial Writing: *The Connection* staff; Critical Review: Carlos Razo (Garden City); Headline Writing: Pete Helms (Livonia). Honorable Mention went to Sports News Photo: Camyle Cryderman (Livonia); Cartoon Editorial: Urmila Bilgi (Novi).

**MiCC Award for Dedication to Community Service**  
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Compact recently held its annual Outstanding Student Service Awards Celebration in East Lansing. Two Schoolcraft College students received the Commitment to Service award. Lori Kelly-Wheeler (Canton) and Sara Osen (Plymouth) were recognized for the breadth and depth of their community involvement and service experiences. In addition, 17 other students received the Heart and Soul Award in recognition of their time, effort and personal commitment to their communities through service. Winners included Vincent Allen (Livonia), Ashi Arora (Novi), Erin Brewer (Livonia), Kortnie Bush (Farmington Hills), Jessica Coatsworth (Garden City), Zachary D'Agostino (Canton), Anna Granch (Dearborn), Benjamin Gresko (Howell), McKenzie Hayes (Plymouth), Megan Krajewski (Livonia), Jonathan Kris (Canton), Arianna Kurili (Canton), Loan Nguyen (Livonia), Blandelia Payne (Redford), Maria Cielito Robles (Livonia), Freya Thodesen-Kasparian (Canton) and Erica Wysocki (Livonia).

### Chef Shawn Loving earns international recognition

Schoolcraft College's Culinary Department Chair and Certified Executive Chef Shawn Loving brought home a gold and bronze medal from the Food & Hotel Asia Singapore Food Competition, held April 4-11 in Singapore. Loving was the only American in the competition, which is held every two years. Loving participated

in two competition, earning gold in the hot food category and bronze in the cold food competition. He earned the highest score in the hot food division with his entry called "Nep-tune's Feast." Four entries made up the entry, which featured a horse-radish encrusted halibut.

### Midwest Math Champion

Schoolcraft College's Math competition team recently finished third in the Midwest at the annual Student Math League contest this and student Anthony (Tony) Duda of Plymouth posted the highest scores of all. Duda scored 97.5 points in round two of the testing to become the Midwest champion. The two-round SML competition is organized by the American Mathematical Association of two year colleges. The Schoolcraft team posted a combined score of 269. Each round lasts one hour and consists of 20 difficult questions. The top five scores from each college are added up to obtain the team score. There were a total of 12 Schoolcraft students on the team. The team is coached by Professor Mike McCoy.

### Technical Career Open House

During the Technical Career Open House from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 10, students and their parents will be introduced to the manufacturing, metallurgy, welding, CAD and electronics fields. Schoolcraft College faculty will be on hand providing tours and demonstrations in the

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Hillside Middle School teacher Jason Brooks directs students during a recent filming of a skit by the school's Drama Club. Here they are acting as if they have fallen asleep during a speech. **LONNIE HUHMAN**

# Using acting as a learning tool

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

The new Drama Club at Hillside Middle School has done a lot of creative things over the past several months.

Its YouTube page is a good representation of the fun and learning the students have done as part of this club.

"This has been a lot of fun to do," said Hillside sixth-grader Amelia Smith. "And I think it's educational because it's combining different ideas and ways of learning."

The club, composed of students from each grade, was started earlier this year by teacher Jason Brooks, who came over to the middle school from Silver Springs Elementary, bringing with him the energy for acting and learning that worked so well with the younger Silver Springs students.

"The kids love it," he said of the club. "There hasn't been anything like this here in awhile, so it's been a good start."

## IB themed

Brooks said they are a bit more film based than stage, and the skits are themed around the Inter-

national Baccalaureate Middle Years Program, which all Northville Public Schools secondary schools have adopted and are implementing. Video is a great tool because the school can't always get everyone into the auditorium at once for a showing, so video allows the club to reach everyone at the same time.

The IB program is working to instill a variety of habits and skills in students to empower them to think in a balanced way with a world view. By stressing collaboration and encouragement focusing on the whole child and life-long learning in relation to others around the world, IB gives students an opportunity to reflect on their work and acknowledge their challenges and strengths.

The club has been filming skits based around different IB learner profiles. The first IB skit from the inaugural season of the club was called "Part of a Well Balanced Breakfast." It sees the first group of middle school actors exploring the IB Learner Profile trait of being "Well Balanced."

## Student dedication

The students show up early to school to create, practice and film the skits.

"I'm quite proud of this group. They've worked exceptionally hard and I think their dedication and focus has really paid off and it shows in the skits," Brooks said of his group of 40.

After filming with a digital camera, Brooks and the group get help from Silver Springs' technology wizard Jesse Roe, who does the sound and video editing. They have done three skits so far that are posted on YouTube and the fourth, and last of the year is expected out anytime, so check it out.

Their link is at: <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL2rkz5uC7Nzcw10JuS4A5w>, or for those interested in seeing the skits they can also just do a search for Hillside Middle School on YouTube.

"It's been a major commitment by them and they've brought the energy, even when showing up extra early to school," Brooks said of the students.

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college's various technical and production labs. Guests will have the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities, including the CNC machine operations, and tensile testing from the metallurgy department and many others.

In addition, many

local businesses will be on hand to share what they do and provide information about future job opportunities.

## Summer Piano Camp

The Music Department is sponsoring a special week-long Summer Piano Camp for school-age students once again June 23-27 on the main campus in Livonia. Piano students at the elementary, inter-

mediate and advanced levels will enjoy this unique experience and change of pace from their traditional private lessons. Save \$25 and register by May 15.

*Schoolcraft College is a predominantly two-year college offering classes at the main campus in Livonia, the Raddliff Center in Garden City, the Public Safety Training Complex in Livonia and online at [www.schoolcraft.edu](http://www.schoolcraft.edu).*

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handout with information on requirements/skills is available on the team website at [www.northvilledance-team.com](http://www.northvilledance-team.com).

## Multi-Cultural Festival

Silver Springs Elementary School's Multi-Cultural Festival will take place from 6-8 p.m. Friday, May 16. The event will include a variety of cultural displays, hands-on activities from around the world, international music, dance and per-

formances, food from around the world, and a scavenger hunt.

Admission the event is free. Parents must accompany children. Parking is limited, so walk if possible or consider car-pooling to the event. Northville Police will permit parking on the west side of Silver Springs Drive.

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# Friends of the Rouge fighting for future existence

By Kurt Kuban  
Staff Writer

For more than 25 years, the nonprofit Friends of the Rouge (FOTR) has been the main catalyst in changing perceptions about the Rouge River, which was once one of the most polluted waterways in the United States due to the area's heavy industry and poor storm water planning.

The group, which founded the annual Rouge Rescue in 1986, has been promoting the restoration and stewardship of the Rouge ever since. With the help of the federal Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project, which has granted millions of dollars to local communities for projects that have eliminated sewage discharges, restored habitat and increased recreational opportunities, FOTR has been largely successful in getting the public to take ownership of the river again.

Ironically, just as the river is in the midst of a huge comeback, the survival of Friends of the Rouge is very much in doubt.

## Changes in perception

The Rouge has four main branches that flow primarily through Wayne and Oakland counties, with some of the headwaters in Washtenaw County. The watershed drains 438 square miles of some of the most urban landscape in the state (or anywhere for that matter).

Many of the 48 communities within the watershed have in recent years embraced the river again, seeing it as providing residents with recreation such as fishing, nature walks and even canoeing. A quarter century ago those same communities were warn-



A Friends of the Rouge fish survey team checks their net for a sample on Johnson Creek in Northville Township. From left are Nick Lavigne, Sally Petrella, Deborah Hochberg, Kristina Blott, and Philip Kukulski (at bottom). JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ing residents to stay away from the river.

Friends of the Rouge has played a huge role in this transformation, through not only the annual Rouge Rescue event in which thousands of volunteers remove trash from the river and also restore habitat, but also their highly successful Rouge Education Project that works with schools throughout the watershed to allow students to conduct hands-on water quality monitoring. Both of the programs have connected thousands of people with the river.

Plymouth resident Frank Walker, who is a retired Wayne-Westland teacher, implemented the Rouge Education Project into his curriculum for years over at Franklin Middle School. He said the kids loved being able to go down to the river and learn in a real-world situation.

"We did the water quality monitoring the entire time I was at

Franklin. We did every single test there was. I did that with hundreds and hundreds of kids over the years," Walker said. "A lot of those students wanted to go into science after that, and also get more involved in cleaning up the river. For a lot of my kids it was their only chance to get out into nature. And they loved it."

## Finding new funding

Due to great improvements in water quality, the EPA is phasing out the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project. It is a big blow to FOTR because the organization has received annual funding from the program for years. In fact, it has provided about a third of the group's overall budget, which this year is about \$474,000. The grant will expire at the end of May, which has left the group scrambling to figure out how it will offset the lost funds.

The first major change is going to be Rouge Rescue. Since the very first event back in 1986, Rouge Rescue has always been held on the first Saturday in June. However, due to the fact that FOTR gets federal funding based on the number of volunteer hours it coordinates for the event, they will be holding the main event on Saturday, May 17 this year. Most of the Rouge Rescue events will take place that day, while others will be held May 3, May 10 and June 7 (Birmingham, Northville and Novi). For a complete list, visit the FOTR website at [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org).

Friends of the Rouge is pretty much a bare bones operation that relies on its extensive network of volunteers. It has six full-time and one part-time employee. The FOTR board recently hired Aimee LaLonde-Norman as the group's new executive director. While she doesn't have much experience with environmental groups like FOTR, she does have an extensive experience in the nonprofit field – and especially with fundraising. She realizes the group's future is dependent upon how successful she and the staff will be with finding new funding sources.

She said the focus will be on three areas: connecting with corporations and other non-profits for potential grants; figuring out what are the key programs the group provides (and can afford); and improving public relations. She said FOTR is suffering a bit from its success, in the sense that many in the public think the battle may be won.

"We need to do whatever it takes to reconnect to the public," LaLonde-Norman said.

She is hoping she doesn't have to eliminate



Aimee LaLonde-Norman, the new executive director of Friends of the Rouge, stands near the Rouge River in Dearborn. KURT KUBAN

staff, because there are so few staff members all with many responsibilities.

"We're still working through that. We'll rely on what little reserves we have for now, but there's no doubt that we're going to have to embrace creativity to survive," she said. "I'm excited because we have a lot of great partners, whether they are financial backers or our many, many volunteers. It is scary, but it's a unique situation. This is giving us a chance to really reexamine what we do as an organization."

## Increasing membership

Despite the challenging landscape in front of them, LaLonde-Norman doesn't think FOTR will cease to exist. There are too many people that have seen the good the organization has done.

"I have a lot of faith and hope the community won't let that happen," she said. "I think the community will rally around us once they

figure out how dire the situation is."

One of the goals is increasing membership. The group currently has about 400 paying members. In a watershed of more than 1.5 million people, the group thinks it can do a better job of attracting members. They are expecting about 3,000 people to get involved with Rouge Rescue this year alone.

Kelly Cave, director of Wayne County's water quality management division, is one person who believes in Friends of the Rouge. Since its inception in 1992, the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project grant has been funneled through her office. She has seen the major improvements in the health of the river since that time. Sewage, which used to flow into the river every time it rained, has largely been eliminated, along with other forms of pollution. Habitat has also been improved, including several dam removal projects. Newburgh Lake has been cleaned up. Fish and other wildlife are coming back. The list goes on and on.

"The results have been staggering any way you look at it," Cave said. "We are close to realizing our dream, which is a complete restoration of the Rouge River so people can use it for recreation."

"Friends of the Rouge have played a integral role in this effort. You need a variety of partners in an effort like this, and they have been wonderful in getting the message out and connecting people to the river."

For more information about Friends of the Rouge, and how you can help, visit [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org).

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# Six candidates file in 11th District congressional race

By Jay Grossman  
Staff Writer

Bobby McKenzie, a former walk-on player with the Michigan State University men's basketball team, rounds out the list of six candidates who filed to run for the U.S. House 11th District seat.



McKenzie

The filing deadline was last week. The district is currently served by Republican Kerry Bentivolio, who is just completing his first term in office.

The 39-year-old Canton resident is one of four Democrats vying to win the Aug. 5 primary. He faces Nancy Skinner of Birmingham, Dr. Anil Kumar of Bloomfield Hills and Bill Roberts of Livonia. On the Republican ticket, Bentivolio of Milford is running against Dave Trott of Commerce.

McKenzie had announced in October that he was planning to run for the seat. He filed his

paperwork the day before the deadline to get his name on the ballot.

"I'm running because the district deserves a representative who will fight for the middle class and small businesses, who will fight to protect Social Security and Medicare and who will fight to raise the minimum wage," McKenzie said in a news release. "We're gaining momentum every day and our message is resonating."

Campaign spokesman Tony Coppola said more than 30 volunteers are working on McKenzie's campaign and have helped raise around \$250,000 as of March 31.

"He decided to run for this seat because he thinks the current representation is out of touch with this district," Coppola said Tuesday. "He wants to focus on helping middle-class families and small businesses ... and making sure we have good-paying jobs here in Michigan."

McKenzie grew up in Dearborn Heights and earned a B.A. in economics from MSU, where he was a walk-on with the 1997-98 Spartans basket-

ball team. He earned a master's degree at Georgetown and most recently worked at the U.S. Department of State, where he focused on counter-terrorism efforts.

McKenzie's father runs a vacuum repair shop in Westland. McKenzie's grandfather was a World War II veteran who moved the family from Alabama to Detroit in the 1950s.

His campaign has the support of several labor organizations and former congressmen Lee Hamilton and Dave Curson.

The 11th District, which was redrawn in 2013, includes the cities of Auburn Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington, Lake Angelus, Livonia, Northville, Novi, South Lyon, Troy, Walled Lake and Wixom, as well as the townships of Commerce, Highland, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Waterford and White Lake. It also includes parts of Clawson, Rochester Hills and West Bloomfield.

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# Northville seedling giveaway set for May 10 at township hall

The annual seedling giveaway conducted jointly by the City of Northville Beautification Commission and the Northville Township Beautification Commission will take place from 9-11 a.m., Saturday, May 10 at Northville Township Hall (corner of Six Mile and Sheldon).

There will be several varieties from which to choose. However, individuals will be limited to a total of five seedlings. Arbor Day seedlings are available at no charge to city, township and Northville School District residents. Please bring proof of residency. You must attend in person to pick

up your seedlings, requests by phone or mail will not be accommodated or large requests of groups or schools.

Typically this event is held in April, but it was moved May this year due to the severe winter and the problems it posed for the nurseries supplying the seedlings.

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# Madonna’s 67th commencement to include first graduates from Haiti

Nearly 1,350 graduates, will join the Madonna University alumni ranks during the 67th commencement ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at Compuware Arena, in Plymouth. Among this group will be 11 graduates of Madonna's Doctor of Nursing Practice program. Just over 1,000 students will receive a bachelor's or associate degree, and 315 students will earn master's degrees.

Graduates traveling the farthest for commencement will be seven students from Haiti, who will receive a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in business administration and an embedded certificate in community development. Launched in 2011, Madonna's Haiti Educational



Sister Mary Christopher Moore



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Leadership Program (HELP) is a degree completion program delivered via distance learning technology and designed to prepare business leaders to help rebuild Haiti. Graduates are encouraged to use their leadership and entrepreneurial skills to create jobs and promote volunteerism that will improve families and neighborhoods in Haiti.

In addition to the conferral of graduate and undergraduate degrees

and certificates, three honorary doctoral degrees will be bestowed upon: Sister Mary Christopher Moore, provincial minister of Our Lady of Hope Province of the Felician Sisters of North America; Michael F. McManus Jr. (posthumously), founder of Header Products and of the McManus Distinguished Business Lecture Series at Madonna; and William J. Harahan IV, president of the Michael McManus Foundation.

The Distinguished Alumna Award will be presented to Eileen Ashley of Northville. Presiding over the commencement ceremony will be Madonna University Associate Vice President James O'Neill. The invocation will be given by Deborah Dunn, dean of the Graduate School. Carrick Secorski, a graduating vocal performance major, will sing the national anthem as sign language studies grads Iris Haynes, Laurie Kuhlman, Stephanie Mayack and Natalie Sanborn interpret. The mace bearer will be Neal Haldane, journalism program director.

All graduates and their families are invited to attend the Graduation Mass at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 1, at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel, 36800 Schoolcraft Road, in Livonia. Bishop Donald F. Hanchon, Archdiocese of Detroit, will serve as the celebrant. A reception hosted by Madonna University President Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa will be held in the University Center Dining Room immediately following the Mass.

**Honorary degree recipients**

» **Sister Mary Christopher Moore, CSSF** – Doctor of Humane Letters.

A dedicated educator, passionate champion of youth, and tireless advocate of the environment, Sister Mary Christopher Moore has devoted her life to helping others, to serving God and to encouraging care, concern and respect for all life.

As provincial minister of Our Lady of Hope Province, Sister Christo-

pher leads nearly 700 Felician Sisters in North America. Her election and installation was historic—the culmination of a 13-year reconfiguration process that led to the establishment of a new North American province that united eight former provinces into one.

Previously, she held numerous leadership roles at the former Felician province in Coraopolis, Pa., including provincial minister, provincial secretary and council member.

A deeply spiritual leader, Sister Christopher lives out her faith in her work. Over the course of three decades, Sister Christopher served as teacher and administrator in a number of Catholic schools. Her classroom career began at the elementary school level as a teacher of science, religion and language arts. She went on to become the English Department Chair at Quigley High School in Baden, Pa., followed by an 18-year tenure as Principal of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School, a Felician-sponsored high school in Pennsylvania.

A pioneer of green building, Sister Christopher was a member of the team that led the renovation of the 155,000-square-foot Felician Sisters' provincial house, which included Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School. As one of Pittsburgh's first Gold LEED-certified buildings (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), the renovation received numerous awards.

Sister Christopher's respect for the dignity of all people, her love of creation and God's great earth, and her commitment to education are demonstrative of Madonna University's Franciscan values.

Sister Christopher

holds a bachelor's degree from La Roche College, and a master's in education from the University of Pittsburgh.

» **Michael F. McManus Jr.** – Doctor of Business Administration (posthumously)

Born in Detroit, Michael McManus Jr. was a lifelong resident of the area. He graduated from U of D High School and attended University of Detroit, where he earned a bachelor's degree in general business in 1953. He was a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force Reserves.

In 1963, McManus founded Header Products, a parts supplier to the automotive industry, headquartered in Romulus, with a branch plant in Rose City. He started his company with an investment of \$2,000, and through hard work and Irish drive, developed it into a multi-million dollar business. McManus attributed the success of the company to his loyal and dedicated employees and had a special way of showing his appreciation; from family parties to exciting trips.

In 1989, McManus founded the McManus Distinguished Business Lecture Series, administered by Madonna University, in honor of his father who was an entrepreneur and true inspiration to his son and others. A former Madonna board member, McManus's idea was to encourage and motivate Madonna students to be entrepreneurial and to pursue careers that would make a difference in Detroit. He approached many distinguished business leaders including Tom Monaghan, Tom Murphy, Walter McCarthy, and Bob Lutz, and convinced them to give back to the city by sharing their stories through the Lecture Series. The lectures

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McManus loved the outdoors and sports and he excelled at golf, tennis and handball. He died in August 2010 at age 80.

» **William J. Harahan IV** – Doctor of Philanthropy

Bill Harahan grew up in Birmingham, Mich., the youngest of five children. He graduated from Brother Rice High School in 1980 and received a bachelor's degree in economics from Villanova University in 1984.

From 1984 to 1992, he held various sales and marketing positions at 3M Corp in Los Angeles. Harahan moved back to Michigan in 1993 to work for his uncle, Michael McManus Jr., CEO of Header Products Inc. (HPI).

During his 20-year career at HPI, Harahan served in several capacities, including: sales, finance, vice president of operations and ultimately president. Upon his uncle's death in 2010, Harahan purchased the company.

Currently, he is president of the Michael McManus Foundation, a charitable organization that supports numerous causes throughout Michigan.

Harahan's relationship with Madonna started in 1993, when he began attending the McManus Lecture Series with his uncle. Harahan continues to provide financial support for the Series, and puts great effort into attracting well known, meaningful speakers.

He resides in Bloomfield Hills with his wife and two children.

» **Eileen M. Ashley** '84 – Distinguished Alumna Award

Even as a young girl,

when she had her own bank account, kept a budget, and babysat for an accountant, Eileen Ashley knew she would have a career in finance and money management.

She majored in accounting at Madonna University and graduated with a bachelor of science in 1984. Continuing her education, Ashley received an MBA in finance from Wayne State University and has earned certificates and other licenses during her career. A founding member of Madonna University's Foundation board in 2007, Ashley is a dedicated and generous supporter of her alma mater.

She has steadily risen through the ranks at Comerica Bank, over the past 35 years. Today, as Michigan Regional Managing Director of Comerica's Wealth and Institutional Management Division and a member of the Michigan Market Leadership Team and the Michigan Management Council, she is responsible for sales, profitability, relationship management, and intrabank relationships among Comerica's wealth and institutional management offerings in Michigan.

Ashley, who has worked in private banking, executive administration, management accounting and financial reporting, and corporate marketing and development, was named one of Detroit's Most Powerful Women in Business by DBusiness Magazine in 2010. She said her success can be traced to two principles: improving her knowledge base by being open to new challenges or opportunities, and open communication with employees.

A Northville resident, Ashley loves spending time with her husband and two daughters.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

OLV Victory Run

Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville will hold its Victory Run 8 a.m. Saturday, May 31.

Registration is \$30 before May 15, \$35 after May 15, \$40 the day of the 5K race. This race will benefit OLV Church, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, and the Pancreatic Cancer Association.

To register for the family event, go to [www.olv-victoryrun.com](http://www.olv-victoryrun.com).

Wildflower walk

Join the Friends of Maybury as they lead an interpretive stroll on open paths lined with many of Michigan's beautiful native wildflowers and natural attractions from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, May 10 at Maybury State Park.

Guests will learn about the different wildflowers that call the park home.

Guests should meet at the concession building (enter on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck). Bring your guidebook and cameras. Suitable for all ages and abilities. This program will run rain or shine.

For more information about this Friends of Maybury-sponsored event, visit [www.friendsofmaybury.org](http://www.friendsofmaybury.org).

Used book and jewelry sale

The Highland Lakes Women's Club will hold its annual Used Book and Jewelry Sale from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4 at the Highland House, 20351 Silver Springs Drive (south of Eight Mile, and west of Haggerty).

There will be more than 800 used books, paperback and hardcover, priced .50 cents to \$1. Current bestsellers are often available. There will be costume jewelry, some of which is vintage, for sale as well. All profits are donated to local charities. For more in-

formation, call 248-349-4006.

Garlic mustard pull

The Friends of Maybury State Park and the Friends of the Rouge will be partnering from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 3 to continue efforts to control the spread of invasive garlic mustard in Maybury. Garlic mustard crowds out native wildflowers.

Volunteers are requested to meet at 9 a.m. at the park maintenance shed behind the park office at the Beck Road entrance. This is a rain or shine event. A state Recreation Passport is required for entry. The first 35 volunteers will receive a free T-shirt. Water will also be provided.

For more information, contact George at 248-347-0899 or [gmccarthy@comcast.net](mailto:gmccarthy@comcast.net), or visit the group's website at

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Inspired by the Samurai



The public still has time to view the Detroit Institute of Arts' exhibition "Samurai: Beyond the Sword" – a fashion design contest hosted by the DIA and Detroit Garment Group Guild (DG3). Several local fashion designers created works inspired the DIA's latest exhibit "Samurai: Beyond the Sword." The outfits will be on display through May 4 at the Warren Community Center (5460 Arden Road) and May 5-12 at IKEA (1640 Ford Road in Canton). The public can vote for their favorite design either at the location or online at [www.detroitgarmentgroup.org](http://www.detroitgarmentgroup.org) through May 12. The winner will be announced May 17. Northville Township's Bonnie Pearce, a junior at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, is among those in the contest. Her work is pictured.



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To learn more about the PERL study, please visit:  
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## Community Financial celebrates 'Credit Union Youth Week'



Northville's Thornton Creek Elementary School was one of several local schools that participated in Community Financial Credit Union's "Credit Union Youth Week" last week in an effort to expand its youth education program. CFU staff provided educational activities and celebrations to provide area youth an opportunity to experience life-long financial skills at a young age. During the week of April 21, Community Financial offered coloring sheets, prizes, and double punches for the students making deposits during the week. Headquartered in Plymouth, Community Financial Credit Union also has a branch in Northville at 400 E. Main Street. For more information, visit [www.cfu.org](http://www.cfu.org) or call 877-937-2328.

## Seminars guide seniors with Obamacare, retirement

Platinum Planning, LLC, hosts a series of educational seminars throughout the area designed to teach seniors how passage of the Affordable Care Act — dubbed Obamacare — will affect their retirement years.

President Barack Obama signed the act into law in March 2010. Platinum Planning officials said the law will impact senior citizens and said "it's imperative you learn and understand the changes."

The presenter of this informative seminar is a Michigan-licensed, independent insurance agent who represents numerous insurance companies. Those planning to attend should arrive 15 minutes early and spouses are urged to

attend.

Reservations are requested and attendance is free, but seating is limited.

The seminars are intended to provide information on, among other topics, the effects of the act on long-term care; explanation of the Independent Payment Advisory board; how to shelter your retirement from potential taxes; how to protect retirement assets from the markets' ups and downs; and how to reduce and/or eliminate taxation on Social Security.

The seminars take place:

- » 10 a.m. Thursday, May 8 — Livonia Civic Library, 32777 Five Mile
- » 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 13 — Northville Library, 212 W. Cady

## Mid-Michigan antiques fest finds second home in Detroit area

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

The Midland-based Michigan Antique & Collectible Festival will move a little closer to home this weekend when it opens a two-day show in Davisburg, in northern Oakland County.

It will bring with it, many of the attractions that have become favorites of antique-hunters at the Midland show, including a vintage car display, Taste of Michigan vendors, live entertainment, and decorating demonstrations in addition to several hundred antique and collectible dealers.

The show runs 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 3, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at Springfield Oaks County Park, 12451 Andersonville Road, Davisburg. Admission is \$6 per person. Children, ages 11 and under are free. An October show also is planned for the Davisburg site and the Midland shows run May 31-June 1, July 19-20 and Sept. 20-21 at the Midland County Fairgrounds.

"The show in Davisburg is going crazy. I have friends going out and putting flyers up. It's exciting," said Lori Oberlin, the Orchard Lake woman who purchased the 46-year-old show in 2005.

"The owner of the festival became ill and died and his wife wanted to sell the show. What do you buy with a festival? You buy the name and website and lists of vendors. I bought it from the family. It was the worst economy ever at that time, but I brought



Shoppers buy goodies from Taste of Michigan vendors at the festival.



The Michigan Antique & Collectible Festival includes a classic car show.

(the show) back," Oberlin said.

### Closer to home

After nine years in Midland, Oberlin decided it was time to duplicate the show's success in metro Detroit. Many of her Midland vendors will be on hand in Davisburg.

"I'm thrilled that she is trying to get another venue going," said Faye Ignash, a vendor from Birmingham. "Lori is one of the most upbeat promoters I've ever met. I can't say enough about her because she tries so hard."

Ignash will set up six-eight tables at the show for the jewelry, glass and china items

that she sells.

"I don't carry shabby chic — that's kind of an updated girly girl look. I carry a lot of recycled items. I like the clean look," Ignash said.

But because many shoppers like the "cottage look," Oberlin has set aside space at the Davisburg show for vendors with "Shabby Chic" items, including furniture that has been re-purposed and repainted. Industrial Way will include vendors with unique industrial items.

Farmhouse painting demonstrations are set for 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday; paper decoupage is at 1:30 p.m. and

3:30 p.m. Saturday and 1:30 p.m. Sunday; and "shabby" lamp shade demonstrations are at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

An interior decorator from KH Homes in Clarkston will be on hand to answer questions and offer decorating ideas. Donations will be accepted and proceeds will benefit SCAMP for handicapped children in Oakland County.

Free antique appraisals will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. both festival days.

The Michigan Craft Beer Garden with live entertainment also will run both days. The Michigan Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall will be on display and a flag raising will be at noon both days. Desert Angels will receive donations for Miracle Boxes that will be sent to active military personnel. Boxes include socks, snacks and other items. Festival patrons may submit names and addresses of military men and women.

For more information about the Michigan Antique & Collectible Festival, visit [miantiquesfestival.com](http://miantiquesfestival.com); 989-687-9001.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Decks & Dogs Deck open house

The Northville Lumber Company, located at 615 Baseline Road in Northville, will host the Decks & Dogs Deck Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 3.

Meet a variety of deck builders, deck designers, and manufacture's representatives. If you are thinking about building a deck, this is an opportunity to see all types of deck options.

The Homeward Bound Rescue League, a non-profit, no-kill animal rescue organization dedicated to finding homes

for rescued dogs and cats, will be the special guests at the open house. Northville Lumber and Trex Decking will be making a donation to Homeward to aid efforts.

For more information, contact John Cruse at 248-349-0220.

### Master weaver visiting gallery

Master weaver Sondra Hoffman will bring her textile creations to Dancing Eye Gallery, 101 N. Center Street in downtown Northville, for the First Friday Experience from 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 2.

Hoffman is a Northville resident and weav-

ing instructor at Forma Studio, in Whitmore Lake. Her work takes the form of scarves, baby blankets, table runners and wraps. Her mix of color, texture, and technique creates luxurious and unique functional art pieces to grace a homes and wardrobes.

Hoffman earned her bachelors and masters degrees in fine arts, textiles and K-12 teaching from Eastern Michigan University. She currently teaches ceramics and jewelry making at West Bloomfield High School.

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Upcoming events

**Drop In Crafts: Beaded Bracelets for Mom**  
**Time/Date:** 4-5 p.m., Thursday, May 8  
**Details:** Make a lovely beaded bracelet for a Mother's Day gift she will treasure. All ages. Just drop in.

**Drop-In Little Me Storytime**  
**Time/Date:** 10:30-11 a.m., Friday, May 9  
**Details:** Babies and little ones along with caregivers enjoy music, simple stories and playtime. Just drop in, fun for preschoolers, too.

**Games Unplugged for All Ages**  
**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m., Saturday, May 10  
**Details:** Challenge friends and family to board and card games during Screen Free Week. There will be a variety of old standards and new ones to teach you. Feel free to bring your favorites. All ages. Just drop in.

**Walter Chrysler: His Company & His Life**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 14  
**Details:** Russell Dore, automotive history writer, presents a fascinating look at this self-made man who built one of the Big Three auto companies. Hear about his early

life in the locomotive business, his success at GM and the creation of the Chrysler Corporation. Call 248-349-3020 to register.

**Drop-In Evening Family Storytime**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 14  
**Details:** Kids wear your pajamas and enjoy a lively "In the Garden" storytime. Best suited for children 3 and older, but all ages welcome. Just drop in.

**Tween Event: Felt Flower Bouquets**  
**Time/Date:** 4:15-5 p.m., Wednesday, May 21  
**Details:** Just for Tweens ages 9 - 12. Make your own colorful felt flower bouquet. Limit 30 attendees.

**Kidz Time**  
**Time/Date:** 4:30-5:15 p.m., Thursday, May 22  
**Details:** Join library staff for this fun after-school program featuring stories, games and crafts. Register starting May 1 for Miss Mary's "Librarian's Choice" of fun stories and activities.

**Hooray for Lego Day**  
**Time/Date:** 4:30-5 p.m., Wednesday, May 28  
**Details:** Kids in 1st-5th grade make a fun hand-sized LEGO creation to be displayed in the youth area of the library. Registration begins May 1. Limit 30.

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**A little spring break reading**

Sonia Sun reads a book to her son Jianyang Su, 6, during an April 21 visit to the Northville District Library. The library saw a lot of young, school-age visitors that day as Northville schools were out on spring break. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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**Join Independence Village of Plymouth Events**  
**Fashionista Runway**  
**Thursday, May 8**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
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**RSVP by May 5.**

**Spring Fling**  
**Wednesday, May 20**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
Spring is in the air! Come and celebrate with us! New Generations musical group will perform and sampling plates of delectable desserts will be served.  
**RSVP by May 18.**

**Memorial Day Celebration**  
**Friday, May 23**  
**12:00 p.m.**  
Veterans from VFW Post 6695 will join us as we honor and remember those who have given so much for our freedom. We will have color guard, flag raising and patriotic music. Every veteran will receive a commemorative pin. An old-fashioned cookout style lunch will be served.  
**RSVP by May 19.**

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**Join Independence Village of White Lake Events**  
**Cinco de Mayo Celebration**  
**Monday, May 5**  
**12:30 p.m.**  
Get in the spirit of Cinco de Mayo and celebrate the Spanish Holiday with Mariachi Motown. The trio includes Guitar, Trumpet and Accordion.  
**RSVP by May 3.**

**Mother's Day Fashion Show**  
**Wednesday, May 7**  
**12:00 p.m.**  
Enjoy a Mother's Day Tea, Luncheon and Fashion Show. Everyone is welcome to enjoy shopping for the latest Spring Fashion's following the show. Cash and Carry.  
**RSVP by May 5.**

**Elder Law Workshop**  
**Thursday, May 22**  
**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
Join us as Attorney Nicole Wipp with Family and Aging Law Center provides information regarding VA Benefits, Estate Planning, Long term care insurance and Tax Planning. Please register at: (248) 278-1511.

**Presentation of Greece**  
**Thursday, May 29**  
**2:30 p.m.**  
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# Eat, inspire, love with reality show stars at women’s show

The Michigan International Women’s Show brings Bravo’s reality series *The Millionaire Matchmaker* Patti Stanger, Food Network’s *Extreme Chef* Chef Jerome Brown and author and empowerment speaker Sharon Frame to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi May 1-4.

“It’s an eclectic mixture of food, fashion and fun experiences that will appeal to women of all ages and interests,” said Beth Anderson, executive show manager of Southern Shows. “Be inspired and entertained with your mom, sister, daughter or girlfriend at fashion shows, cooking demonstrations, makeovers and shopping.”

Medical lifestyle talk show host, Dr. Parth Nandi, M.D., FACP, will share his insight, advice and



Patti Stanger, from Bravo’s reality series “The Millionaire Matchmaker” will tell about her experiences .

expertise on how to live a happy, healthier and fuller life as seen on the *Ask Dr. Nandi* television show known for well-being, compassion and a focus on medical topics.

Inspiration Uncorked of Ferndale will encourage originality with information on its scarf decorating, wine glass painting, mosaics and jewelry making classes during its creative pres-

entations.

Chef instructors, organizations and southern cooking radio host chef Lisa Lofton Shively will prepare recipes and provide cooking tips in the Stonebridge Kitchen & Bath Cooking Theater. United Dairy Industry of Michigan registered dietitians will offer recipes.

Spring makeup trends and helpful cosmetic tips will be part of the makeovers offered by Macy’s beauty experts, along with an array of new spring scents.

Kroger Pavilion will feature ice cream tastings, makeovers from L’Oreal, cooking demonstrations, blood pressure screenings from the Kroger Pharmacy and women’s health and skin safety discussions from Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute commu-

nity educators along with a raffle to benefit the Institute.

Fire Fighters’ charity fashion show will heat up the runway with modeling of their dress blues and bunker gear. Guardian Angel Animal Rescue will sponsor “Pawject Runway-Fido Fashion Show” featuring canine couture, essentials and adoption information.

Other features include Scavenger Hunt with gifts hidden throughout the show each day; special gifts to the first 100 show attendees each day; Friday’s Girls Night Out with free gifts and discounts for attendees entering after 5 p.m.; Sunday’s Mother & Daughters Day sponsored by United Dairy Industry of Michigan with an insulated tote given to the first 500 show attendees, gifts and

## DETAILS

**Event:** The 19th annual Michigan International Women’s Show  
**Location:** Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi  
**Hours:** 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday  
**Admission:** \$10; \$5 for ages 6-12; free for children age 5 and younger with a paying adult. Online advance tickets are \$8 online. Discount tickets are available at Kroger for \$7. Group tickets for four or more are offered in advance online for \$8. Thursday admission after 3 p.m. is \$3. Happy Hours tickets after 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday are \$5.  
**Parking:** On site is available for \$5.  
**Web:** www.InternationalWomenShow.com  
**Phone:** 800-849-0248

prizes; and more than 400 exhibitors displaying cosmetics, fragrances, lingerie, purses, shoes, gifts, décor items, food, arts and crafts, clothing, fashion and accessories.

“We’re celebrating Pink Friday, instead of Black Friday, with dis-

counts, specials and doorbusters from vendors exhibiting pink balloons in their displays,” Anderson said. “And attendees will be able to win \$20 in show bucks every 20 minutes during show hours everyday to spend at exhibitor displays.”

# ‘Monsters’ indie film to shoot in metro Detroit in mid-May

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

*Monsters* is an indie film, a fantasy-thriller, in which the crew is scouting metro Detroit locations.

“This is a passion project for everyone involved,” said Josh R. Jones, a Pontiac resident and locations manager for *Monsters*. Filming is set to start May 16, 17 and 18 at a to-be-determined metro site.

“We’re trying to keep this under wraps as much as possible,” said Jones, 23, who earned a bachelor of science degree in mass communications from Rochester College, and has worked in the industry since 2011.

*Monsters* was penned



Jaden

by local musician and author Josh Malerman. Last January, Malerman met Luke Jaden at the Detroit premiere of Jaden’s documentary film, *Madman or Martyr*?

Jaden is founder and owner of the Detroit-based production company, SOS Productions. Malerman is frontman for Detroit band, The High Strung, and author of *Bird Box*. The High Strung’s song, *The Luck You Got*, can be heard on the Showtime Channel’s *Shameless*, starring William H. Macy and Emmy Rossum.

Malerman’s book, *Bird Box*, will be released through HarperCollins everywhere on May 13 and was recently picked up by a major Hollywood studio to be made into a feature film.

“Josh (Malerman) actually wrote the film we’re working on,” Josh Jones said of *Monsters*.

Malerman met Jaden and they hit it off. Jaden will direct and produce *Monsters*.

Jaden said, “Detroit is an interesting city. I truly believe it’s going to be the start of something new.” He calls it the “comeback city.”

“I think *Monsters* is a story that needs something mysterious and unique,” Jaden said. “Detroit is a city that’s very surreal. It has a never-ending list of artistic possibilities. I chose Detroit for a reason,” he added, noting *Monsters* could have been filmed in L.A. or New York City.

The crew is looking for the perfect house, which on the outside will have an appearance of normalcy. The “haunted house” will be central to *Monsters*.

## DePaul-bound

Jaden, 18, of northern Oakland County is headed

to DePaul University in Chicago. “I’ll attend college and study film and television,” Jaden said. After DePaul, he plans to head to L.A. to pursue a film career.

“Pretty much school’s over for seniors,” the director/producer said of his final year at Detroit Country Day wrapping up. He’s eager to get working on *Monsters*.

“I’m very looking forward to it,” Jaden said. “It’s a fantasy that hasn’t necessarily been told before. There are many elements dealing with fantasy and horror,” as well as a thriller. “It should be pretty interesting how it turns out.”

He compares it to work of David Lynch. “It’s dark,” Jaden said. “It’s fantasy-like. It’s quite out there.”

Jones said some homeowners are happy to work with the film crew.

“As of right now, we do

have some hot prospects we’re working with,” he said. That portion of filming will be three days, not too much of an inconvenience for the residents.

“We want the homeowners to be as much a part of this as possible,” Jones said of the collaborative effort to “support local artists.”

“We’re a small operation. We’re not going to have a large cast,” Jones said. The *Monsters* story will be told through “sensory visuals” of sight and sound.

## ‘Awesome script’

“It’s an awesome script Josh (Malerman) wrote,” Jones said. There’s no release date yet for *Monsters*, which will be introduced to national audiences through film festivals.

Jaden’s documentary *Madman or Martyr*?, about abolitionist John Brown, attracted atten-

tion and critical praise, Jones said. “This is looking to take it a step farther. I was very impressed with his level of professionalism. He’s definitely the youngest director I know.”

Jaden has filmed his last two productions locally, including *The Neverlands* in post-production and set to wrap up this summer.

“I definitely think I’ll be back in Detroit doing some kind of film,” Jaden said. “That’s definitely on my radar.”

For more information about *Monsters*, check out SOS Productions on Facebook for updates and show times.

Other producers on *Monsters* are Michael Zervos of Northville (director of the new feature film *Papou*) and Cort Johns of Ann Arbor (producer on *The Neverlands* and *Anagram*).

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Pablo and Stephanie Carbajal of Northville (with daughter Olivia) are currently serving as leaders for the youth in the Detroit River Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

## Area volunteers plant 400 trees to ‘green’ up Detroit

After record-breaking temperatures and snow-fall, warm sunshine was a welcome reprieve to 180 volunteers under the direction of “The Greening of Detroit.” Along the northwest portion of Outer Drive, they planted 400 young saplings help to reduce one million gallons of run-off water and save the city \$54,000 in environmental costs.

Wearing bright yellow “Mormon Helping Hands” vests, many of the youth volunteers came from congregations of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from all over western Wayne County, including Northville, Riverview, Trenton, Canton, Detroit, Livonia, Redford and South Lyon.

Alison and Olivia West, 12-year-old twins from Canton, decided to spend the Saturday before their 13th birthday planting trees.

“I like being outside and helping others,” Olivia said. “We don’t have school on our birthday, so we’ll sleep in late and open presents then.” Their first task was to

carry a five-gallon bucket of water to each sapling. Antonio Ordaz, 12, Garden City, said, “My shoulders hurt because I made the mistake of carrying two buckets at a time.”

Pablo, 40, and Stephanie Carbajal, 32, of Northville are currently serving as leaders for the youth in the Detroit River Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They left their house at 8 a.m. with their 6-month-old daughter Olivia in tow, to drive to Detroit and pick up some youth who committed to help.

When they arrived, Elier de la Cruz Garcia, 13, of Detroit and his friend, Lisandy Felix, 13, of Detroit were still asleep, but were ready to go within 10 minutes.

Samantha Barrera, 14, of Detroit and Hannah Ferencz, 14, of Canton had met at a church girls camp the previous summer and were delighted to see each other again. When asked why she came, Hannah said, “I like to see my friends and go to activities,” and shyly admitted to have a

school project that required a group service project.

The Westland Michigan Stake (a stake is similar to a diocese) of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints encompasses much of western Wayne, Monroe and parts of Oakland counties.

## BRIEFS

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[www.friendsofmaybury.org](http://www.friendsofmaybury.org).

### Flower Sale

Northville’s 27th Annual Flower Sale, sponsored by Dick Scott Automotive Group, will take place 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, May 23 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 24 in downtown Northville (along E. Main and at Town Square).

More than 20 local growers and greenhouses will be selling ornamental accent plants, perennials, herbs, annuals, roses, shrubs, exotic plants, and trees. This “colorful” event also brings quality garden art and accessories for those final touches in your garden or for that perfect gift.

For more information, visit the Northville Chamber of Commerce website at [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org), or call 248-349-7640.

### Local artist exhibit

Northville artist Barbara Eko Murphy will

exhibit a collection of her drawings and paintings done in charcoal, inks, and watercolors from April 28 to May 30 at Co Reutter the Salon (Menagerie Gallery), located at 116 N. Lafayette in downtown South Lyon.

Murphy is an award-winning artist, who has been featured in more than 190 juried shows since 2001. She is a member of Lawrence Street Gallery in Ferndale. She currently has a piece in The Detroit Historical Museum, as part of The Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors. And she is in the Everywoman Show at U of M - Ann Arbor-Rackham.

Co Reutter the Salon (Menagerie Gallery) is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call the gallery at 248-446-0411.

### Blood drives

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Sunday, May 18 at Our Lady Of Victory, 133 Orchard Drive in Northville. Contact Diane at

3133-549-7052 or [Diane.Risko@redcross.org](mailto:Diane.Risko@redcross.org) to make an appointment

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### Ramsey program

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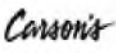
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**Location:** M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-668-7014 or CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org  
**Web:** www.brightmoorchurch.org  
**Celebrate Recovery**  
**Time/Dates:** 7 p.m. Mondays  
**Details:** Worship, teaching or testimony, and open-share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

Church of the Holy Family

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

Crosspointe Meadows Church

**Location:** 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile

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

Destiny Worship Center

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

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia  
**Web:** www.emmanuel-livonia.org  
**Contact:** 248-442-8822  
**Sunday worship:** 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
**Youth group:** 7 p.m. Wednesdays  
**Women's Coffee Break Bible Study:** 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; *God Revealed* by Fred Sievert  
**Special Needs Ministry:** Contact Judy Cook, 248-442-8822  
**Men's Breakfast:** 7:30 a.m. Saturday, May 3

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 Saturday of every month

First Church of the Nazarene

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

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

First Presbyterian Church

**Location:** 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

First United Methodist Church of Northville

**Location:** 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville  
**Contact:** 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org  
**Summer Sunday Worship (Memorial Day-Labor Day):** 8:30 and 10 a.m.  
**Summer Sunday School (Memorial Day-Labor Day):** 8:30 a.m. - Nursery; 10 a.m. - Nursery-sixth grade  
**Sunday Worship (September-May):** 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.  
**Sunday School (September-May):** 8 a.m. Nursery; 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery-sixth grade  
**YOUTH MUSICAL**  
**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. May 10; 9:15 and 11 a.m. May 18  
**Location:** First United Methodist Church Northville  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. May 16  
**Location:** Northville Town Square

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

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

**Sunday Worship:** 7:45 and 10 a.m.  
**Sunday School and Nursery Care:** 10 a.m. worship service  
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Hope Lutheran Church

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

Lakes Baptist Church

**Location:** 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Livonia Church of Christ

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

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)  
**Location:** 23455 Novi Road, Novi  
**Contact:** pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665 or visit www.legacychurch.us  
**Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages:** 9:45 a.m.  
**Worship Services:** 11 a.m.  
**Bible Study/Prayer:** Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

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

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

Orchard Grove Community Church

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

Northville Christian Assembly

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

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

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

Novi United Methodist Church

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

Oak Pointe Church

**Location:** 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-912-0043  
**Web:** www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups  
**Worship Services:** 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday  
**ReNew Life Group Ministries:** 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet weekly)  
**Women's Life Groups Ministries:** 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday  
**Men's Life Groups Ministries:** 6 a.m. Friday; at the church and various locations

Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church

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

Orchard Grove Community Church

**Location:** 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake  
**Contact:** 248-926-6584; www.orchardgrove.org

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

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

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

**Location:** 12000 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth  
**Contact:** pastor Bill Burke at 734-927-0891  
**Wednesday Bible Study:** 7 p.m.  
**Sunday Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

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BOUCHER, NEIL F.

A long time resident of Milford, died at this home on April 28, 2014 at the age of 81. He leaves his beloved wife, Sally; sons, Jeff (Maureen) Boucher and Kelly Boucher; daughter, Stacy (Rick) Tabor; grandchildren, Michael, Heather, Ryan Boucher, Brittany (Josh) Acker, Mason Tabor; great grandchildren, Haylie, Rylie, and Kaylie Acker, Kaelyn and Peyton Boucher; sisters, Joyce (Dave) Brock and Carolyn Clarke. He is preceded in death by sons, Daryl and Shawn. Mr. Boucher served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War and worked as a millwright with Chrysler and later Ford Motor Co. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Thursday, May 1, at 7PM. Friends may visit on Thursday from 5PM until the time of service. Burial and Military Honors will be held at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly on Friday, May 2, at 9:30AM. Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans or to the Michigan Humane Society. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

BRADLEY, IRENE

Passed away peacefully on April 24, 2014 at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital with her family by her side. Irene was born on October 24, 1928 in Hurst, Kentucky, one of eleven children. She moved to Michigan as a young woman where she married her beloved husband Tom in 1949. Together they settled in Farmington where they raised their three children. She worked for Cunningham Drug for twenty years. Irene was a kind and spirited woman. She delighted in sharing the company of others, especially enjoying many long evenings spent playing cards with her sisters and her husband. She relished winning these games. She loved cooking for her friends and family, quilting, and selling the vegetables that she grew in her garden, but nothing was more important to her than her family and her faith. She is survived by her beloved husband of sixty-five years, Thomas Bradley, Sr.; her daughter, Linda Haggerty; and her son, Wayne King. She was preceded in death by her son, Thomas Edwin Bradley, Jr. She was a loving grandmother to Lisa Smith, Colleen Haggerty, Shawn King, and Denise Bradley. She was a great-grandmother of three and a cherished sister and aunt. We were blessed to have her in our lives and will miss her until we meet again. Visitation was held on Sunday and a Funeral Service was held on Monday at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com.



BROWN, AUDREY J.

A long time resident of Highland, died on April 21, 2014 at the age of 84. She is survived by Norman, her beloved husband of over sixty-three years; children, Kenneth (Karen) Brown, LeRoy (Jeanne) Brown, Theresa (Steven) Hall; twelve grandchildren, nine great grandchildren; brother, James (Barbara) Turnbull; sister, Shirley (William) Littlepage and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by a son, Dennis (Kim) Brown, a daughter, Jeannie Brown, and brother, Larry (Marion) Turnbull. A Funeral Mass was held at Church of the Holy Spirit, 3700 N. Harvey Lake Rd., Highland, on Friday, April 25, at 10a.m. with Fr. Wayne Ureel officiating. Burial Christian Memorial Cemetery, Rochester Hills. Visitation was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Thursday, April 24, 3-9p.m. Rosary and Scottish Lodge Service, Thursday 7p.m. Memorials may be made in her name to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America or to Shriners Hospital For Children in Chicago. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit: LynchFuneralDirectors.com



CHENOWETH RITA MARIE,

Loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and lifelong South Lyon area resident, Rita Marie Chenoweth, passed away on April 24, 2014 at the age of 93. Born in Detroit on June 3, 1920, to Frank and Della Weinburger, the family moved to a farm in the South Lyon area in 1925. Rita attended South Lyon schools, graduated in 1937, and a year later, married Vane Chenoweth. The two spent nearly sixty years together, raising their family, working side by side and traveling. He preceded her in death in 1997. Rita was a homemaker and partner with her husband in their electrical contracting business, South Lyon Electric Service, for 36 years. She was a devoted member of the First Presbyterian Church in South Lyon, a member of the South Lyon Business and Professional Women's Association, and an advocate for education as an active member of the South Lyon School Board for 12 years. Her passions included baking, traveling, gardening, crosswords, and most of all, spending time with family and friends. Rita's feisty spirit, generosity, and unwavering faith were an inspiration to many. Rita was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Ann Mary; husband, Vane; sister, Bernadine Thorne, and brothers, Albert, Francis, Vincent, Joseph, and Mick Weinburger. She is survived by her children and their spouses: Richard and Sue Chenoweth of Conyers, Georgia; Connie and Tim Fitzpatrick of Sierra Vista, Arizona; and Betty and Larry Baran of South Lyon; seven grandchildren: Lynda, Steve, Siobhen, Bryan, Kevin, Matt and Lisa; nine great-grandchildren and thirty-three nieces and nephews. Visitation was held at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon on Tuesday, April 29 from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. Funeral service was held at the First Presbyterian Church in South Lyon on Wednesday, April 30, 11:00 a.m., a luncheon followed. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, South Lyon, Michigan.

HEINRICH, JEAN

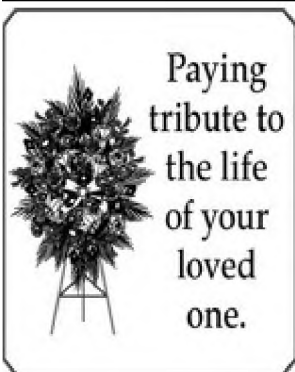
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KRAYER, VIRGINIA

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LeFEVERE, DONALD

Age 79, of Brighton, passed away April 22, 2014, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on July 21, 1934, in Garden City, son of the late Nelson and Donna LeFevere. He was a proud, longtime mason and owned and operated L & L Masonry. Donald was a beekeeper and enjoyed tending to the many beehives he had on his property. He was an avid deer hunter and loved riding his four-wheeler. He was generous with his time and talents and helped each of his children build and improve their homes. He will always be remembered for his selfless, generous nature and for always helping someone in need. He is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Elizabeth; his loving children, Ronald (Ruth), Randy, Debbie (Patrick) Allen, Mark (Michele), and Jeffrey (Cynthia Neumann). He is also survived by 23 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; his sister, Betty June Rougeau; and many nieces and nephews. Donald was preceded in death by his sons, Michael in 2002, Kevin in 2006, and his brother, Richard in 2013. Visitation was held on Thursday, April 24, from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, April 25, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Reverence Hospice. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com.



LEWIS, CLAYTON D. "DENNY"

Age 78, of Richmond, Virginia, passed away April 27, 2014. Denny was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan and was preceded in death by his parents and twin brothers, Robert and Wilfred. He is survived by his loving wife, Judy; son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Shannon Lewis; daughter and son-in-law, Dana and Bill Haraway; grandchildren, Robert, Alaina and Christian Lewis. Denny will be best remembered for his quick wit and fun-loving nature. He was an outstanding educator of teachers and a school administrator who worked throughout his career to foster safe and secure learning environments for children. A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, May 1 in Hollywood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38015, www.stjude.org.



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**Contact:** 248-697-8158 or visit [www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org](http://www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org)

Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church

**Location:** 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth  
**Contact:** 734-453-0190, Ext. 16,

or visit [www.stjohnsplymouth.org](http://www.stjohnsplymouth.org)

Praise Baptist Church

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

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

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

St. James Catholic Church

**Location:** 46325 10 Mile, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-347-7778  
**Pastor:** Monsignor John Kasza

**Mass Schedule:** 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

St. John Lutheran Church

**Location:** 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills  
**Contact:** 248-474-0584 or visit [stjohn-lutheran.com](http://stjohn-lutheran.com)  
**Saturday Worship:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Sunday Worship:** 9, 11:15 a.m.  
**Sunday School:** 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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

Unity of Farmington Hills

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

Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington

**Location:** 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills  
**Contact:** [www.uufarmington.org](http://www.uufarmington.org)  
**Youth Interfaith Journey:** 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays  
**Details:** This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. Classes are grouped into grades K-five, six-eight and

nine-12 with age-specific education materials for all.  
**Contact:** Jennifer Teed at 248-478-7272 or [dre@uufarmington.org](mailto:dre@uufarmington.org)  
**Lifelong Learning Forum:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays  
**Details:** Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation is suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington.  
**Contact:** 248-478-7272 or [uufarmington.org/uucf/re-lifespan](http://uufarmington.org/uucf/re-lifespan)  
**Multigenerational Services:** 6:45 p.m. Fridays  
**Details:** Family members of all ages can gather for drumming, chanting, and meditation fol-

lowed by a brief participatory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing. A religious education activity will follow. The evening will close with a light snack and a short time to socialize, ending at 8:30 p.m.

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville ( behind the shopping center at the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty)  
**Web:** [www.wardchurch.org](http://www.wardchurch.org)  
**Contact:** 248-374-7400  
**Sunday Worship:** 8 a.m. Liturgical in the Chapel; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary in the Sanctuary; 11 a.m. Traditional in the Sanctuary; 11a.m. Post-Contemporary in Knox Hall

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248-437-3585 • [www.southlyoncoc.org](http://www.southlyoncoc.org)  
  
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10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship  
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OUR VIEWS

Do the research

Deadline kicks off real work for candidates, voters

It may be more than three months until the August primary election, but political television ads and emails are coming fast and furious.

If you are tired of the all the claims and counter-claims – and of not being able to “delete” a TV commercial the same way you would an email – just wait. There are plenty more to come.

April 22, marked the filing deadline for the August primary. That means that unless a candidate decides to conduct a write-in campaign, the candidate had to file with the appropriate governmental agency by that date in order to appear on the ballot. So far, there has been a cacophony of interest in open seats for the upcoming election.

You can thank U.S. Sen. Carl Levin for that. The Democrat earlier announced that he would not run for re-election and end his distinguished career with the current term. That prompted U.S. Rep. Gary Peters, a Democrat who now represents areas from Southfield to southwest Detroit to Grosse Pointe, to bolt from the starting gate in a bid for that seat.

The attack ads have been many, as Terri Lynn Land, a former Michigan secretary of state and a Republican, is contesting Peters.

The moves by Levin and Peters haven’t just had a trickle-down effect – it’s been more like a waterfall, as other officials, both term-limited and not, have tumbled over each other to announce which race they are running for.

In the running

Two years ago, Republican Kerry Bentivolio of Milford rose from relative obscurity to win Michigan’s 11th District congressional race.

The Tea Party favorite, former school teacher and builder known for raising reindeer was largely ignored in the race until former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia dropped out and resigned amid a petition signature scandal.

Now, the incumbent faces a fierce challenge from someone inside his own party, lawyer/businessman Dave Trott of Commerce. As of the first quarter of this year, Trott had more than \$1 million in his campaign war chest compared with Bentivolio’s \$130,000.

Trott has lined up a powerful string of endorsements and recently aired his first TV ad, introducing himself as a job creator.

The 11th District, which was redrawn in 2013, is considered Republican, but Democrats view both Bentivolio and Trott potentially vulnerable.

Four contenders have filed to run on the Democratic side of the primary ballot: Bobby McKenzie of Canton, Nancy Skinner of Birmingham, Dr. Anil Kumar of Bloomfield Hills and Bill Roberts of Livonia.

The state Senate 7th District, which is newly-drawn and includes Livonia as well as Plymouth and Canton, will see incumbent Patrick Colbeck, a Canton resident, and Matthew Edwards of Plymouth, the youngest son of Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards, vie for the GOP nomination. Canton Democrat Dian Slavens is running unopposed.

More action

But the biggest race may well be the one for Wayne County executive.

Beleaguered incumbent Robert Ficano waited until the day before the filing deadline to announce his intention to seek a fourth term. He’s facing challenges from Westland Mayor William Wild, state Rep. Phil Cavanagh, Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara, former Detroit Police Chief Warren Evans and Sigmunt Szczepkowski Jr. of Detroit.

Ficano’s time in office has been rocked by scandal, including a federal grand jury probe of corruption in county government and the failed Wayne County Jail project, not to mention former appointees who have been convicted of bribery or charged with such things as conspiracy, fraud, extortion and obstruction of justice.

The battle lines have already been drawn, with attorney Robert Davis filing a challenge with the Wayne County Elections Commission to remove McNamara because a sitting commissioner is ineligible to run for county executive. McNamara has countered that Davis’ “challenge is an attempt to limit voters’ choices during the primary election and keep the status quo.”

With such a crowded field, Ficano stands a chance of getting the Democratic nomination as the contenders battle for votes.

Wild has a strong following in the Westland area and has the backing of Bill Ford Jr. McNamara has name recognition as the son of the late Ed McNamara, who had the job before Ficano. Cavanagh also has name recognition among Detroiters. His late father, Jerome P. Cavanagh, was mayor of Detroit in the 1960s. And Evans is just as well-known, having served as Wayne County sheriff and Detroit police chief, although his departure from the DPD job followed what then-Mayor Dave Bing described as compromising decisions.

More local races

The primaries in the state House 20th District race are uncontested. Republican incumbent Kurt Heise of Plymouth, seeking his third term, will face off in November against the only Democrat to file, Nate Smith-Tyge, also of Plymouth.

Two Republicans and two Democrats are expected to run for the 9th District seat on the Wayne County Commission. The candidates include Republicans Terry Marecki and Tom Berry, along with Democrats Timothy J. Olszewski and Patrick O’Neil. All reside in Livonia. The district is made up of Northville, Northville Township and the majority of Livonia.

The point of all this is that voters cannot afford to sit on the sidelines until the November general election. Many of the political races will be determined in the August primary. It may only be May 1, but it’s not too early to start scoping out the candidates.

A lot will be said and done during the next three months, so voters should prepare for a busy election season by determining to stay informed and involved.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What’s your best advice for the younger generations?

This question was asked at Allen Terrace senior living community.



“Take your time to discern and know what’s going on in the world, and keep Christ in your heart. That’s what I try to teach my grandchildren.”

Karen Brehm  
Northville



“Stay in school and get as much education as you can.”

Glenn Doonan  
Northville



“Stay out of any more wars. We’ve had too many in this country.”

Ed Gaffka  
Northville



“Listen more.”

June Gill  
Northville

LETTERS

Convenience store doesn’t fit

Poll any household in the vicinity of the now-in-limbo Citgo 76 service station at the corner of Rogers and Fairbrook (Seven Mile) and none, I would conjecture, had an issue with the fact that a commercial enterprise shared space in their placid neighborhood. Yes, the station enjoyed special status due to the fact that it was grandfathered-in prior to the area being zoned residential, but that isn’t why area residents accommodated it. The car care operation run by the late Rick Asher was like a quiet friend who takes pains to be unobtrusive, allowing others to dominate conversations while he sits almost unnoticed, his primary focus the happiness of those around him.

I think I can speak for adjacent residents when I say that, were the Citgo 76 station we knew to be purchased and continue on in the manner it had been for decades, the perpetuation of such a low-key business, even though non-compliant with zoning rules, would be welcomed.

Now a businessman/developer comes along – an individual who does not reside in the neighborhood adjacent to the gas station property and therefore would be immune to any fallout an ill-suited development there would bring – with a plan for the site that is philosophically 180-degrees removed from Rick Asher’s. This individual’s vision for a convenience store isn’t about serving the community as was Asher’s, but purely about making money 24/7. Think lights all night long, unlike Asher’s limited hours. Or unending traffic, including semis and peeling rubber. Or crime – what a temptingly isolated target for armed miscreants.

Accordingly, I predict a concomitant uptick in “business” for the Northville Police Department at that corner – not a pleasant thought. And what about the basic fact that the character of the neighborhood would be forever altered? People who bought houses fully cognizant that a small family-owned gas station was around the corner might rue their decision once a place à la 7-Eleven occupies the spot. This gentleman requires a

variance to allow him to go forward with his scheme, and therein lies the opportunity for those of us who don’t cotton to his idea to deny him his foothold.

I say no to the convenience store and the variance that would allow it to happen, and trust that the rest of the neighborhood will join me in voicing opposition to it.

Ken Kilpatrick  
Northville

Teacher shortage coming

I read your editorial last week (New tests for teachers only a beginning,” April 24) and thought it was excellent. Let’s hope that the politicians in Lansing read it. I wonder how many politicians are sending their own children to a university for four years to go into teaching as a career?

As a retired teacher, I would like to go back a step further and look at the university standards set in the college of education. I attended many classes in which the instructor, across the board, just passed everyone. This practice is especially prevalent in the masters and specialist programs. This would never happen in the college of engineering. I, also, experienced that many of the professors in the college of education weren’t teaching. On day one, they would come in and put students into groups and assign each group a presentation project. So, basically, the students taught the class and paid for it.

We must also raise the standards for the students in our public schools. We must have a zero tolerance policy for students that are behavior problems. Behavior problems in the classroom are a major obstacle in teaching. In some classes I spent more time disciplining than teaching. The very best teacher cannot teach students that are unmotivated, disruptive, and have not learned the value of education in their home. Uncooperative students are a major problem.

I predict a major teacher shortage in the future.

Carol Maynard  
Northville

GUEST COLUMN

Building department the first line of defense when it comes to safety

By Eric Anderson, Joe Leeson and Mike Sarb

America will celebrate Building Safety Month during May. The theme is “Building Safety: Maximizing Resilience, Minimizing Risks.” Each week of Building Safety Month spotlights a specific area of building safety: Code Officials: Keeping Fire in its Place, May 5-11; Code Officials: Helping Homeowners Weather the Storm, May 12-18; Code Officials: Surround Your House with Safety, May 19-25; and Code Officials: Building a Brighter, More Efficient Tomorrow, May 26-31.

The Northville Township Building Department is a Building Safety Month supporter and participant. First observed in 1980, the goal of Building Safety Month is to raise public awareness of critical safety issues from structural to fire prevention, plumbing and mechanical systems, and energy efficiency. Building safety impacts everyone.

Last year, a presidential proclamation declared Building Safety Month nationally and governors, mayors and other elected officials across America signed proclamations supporting the public safety effort. This year, the community is continuing to work together to ensure public safety.

At the Northville Township Board of Trustees March 20 meeting, the board adopted a resolution designating the month of May as Building Safety Month (BSM). We will be having a weekly rotating display in the Township Hall vestibule relating to the subject matter of the week. Among the 50,000 members of the International Code Council that created Building Safety Month are code officials, plan reviewers, fire inspectors, architects, builders, engineers, contractors and others in the construction industry, including staffers in the Northville Township Building Department who work to ensure the



Northville Township Building officials (from left) Eric Anderson, Fredrick Leeson, and Michael Sarb look over a set of blueprints. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

safety of the buildings where we live, work, learn, worship and play. Those officials provide the first line of defense against building disasters. We are silent but vigilant guardians who work daily to ensure safety in the built environment.

In 2013, Northville Township issued 2,495 permits, and performed 6,713 inspections, all for construction valued at \$68,692,488. They also held their first Building Safety Month activities last year, which were a great success.

At Township Hall, educational materials are available for schools and the community at large. They include children’s activity books; and brochures about flood cleanup, mold prevention, green building and preparing for natural disasters.

The public is encouraged to participate and learn about the essential safety work of the Northville Township Building Department.

Eric Anderson, Joe Leeson, Mike Sarb are Northville Township building officials.

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**Saturday:** 10 a.m. docent orientation in School; 1 p.m. Hudsons Tea (sold out) in Cady and Church  
**Sunday:** 10 a.m. Girl Scouts #40844 in Cady; 3 p.m. Eagle Court of Honor in Church; 6:30 p.m. Crew 8 in Cady  
**Monday:** 8 a.m. Quilters in Church  
**Tuesday:** 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #737 in Cady  
**Wednesday:** 9 a.m. Basket Guild in Cady; 1 p.m. AAUW Bridge in Cady; 6:45 Mindfulness Meditation in Cady

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Longtime Plymouth Whalers head coach and general manager Mike Vellucci is leaving the OHL team to join the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

## LOYALTY, EXTRA EFFORT PAY OFF IN A BIG WAY FOR VELLUCCI: WHALERS GM-COACH NABS JOB IN NHL WITH CAROLINA HURRICANES

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

During countless interviews, Plymouth Whalers president, general manager and coach Mike Vellucci stressed the importance of young hockey players doing things the right way on and off the ice. Those who did would get rewarded. That now applies to the 47-year-old Farmington native himself, who Monday was named assistant general manager and director of hockey operations for the Carolina Hurricanes of the National Hockey League. Both the Whalers and Hurricanes are owned by Peter Karmanos Jr., who announced Vellucci's hiring during a press conference in Raleigh, N.C. Also at Monday's press conference, it was announced that the Hurricanes' longtime general manager, Jim Rutherford (former coach of the Detroit Jr. Red Wings), was stepping down and being replaced by Ron Francis.

Vellucci will report to Francis, overseeing scouting and player development, jobs he excelled at with the Whalers. "You get out what you put into it and I pride myself on being a loyal employee and somebody that works hard every day," Vellucci said Monday. "In return, people will take notice. And being able to work in the National Hockey League has been a dream of mine. "To work with somebody like Ron Francis is a very prestigious thing and a cool thing. I'm proud I'm getting the opportunity." As of Monday afternoon, decisions about the future management team of the Whalers were not known by those around Compuware Arena — not only home of the Whalers, but a highly successful youth hockey program run by Vellucci. "They haven't decided anything on that," Vellucci said. "We'll get a chance to talk to Mr. Karmanos today or tomorrow and get his ideas and see if he wants me involved in helping with that or if he's

going to do it himself. "So we'll know in the next couple days what we're going to do." **Getting rewarded** Shortly after the announcement by the Hurricanes, Whalers assistant coach Don Elland said it is appropriate that Vellucci's hard work and dedication are paying off with an NHL job. "Mike obviously practices what he preaches; he did the same thing," Elland said. "He's been totally committed, he's done a great job and he's been rewarded for it. It's a great opportunity. "I haven't talked to him, so I can only imagine how happy and ecstatic he is about what a great opportunity it is for him and how excited he is to embark on the next chapter." Elland said he was en route to Compuware Arena to run an afternoon practice for the Whalers play-

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## CC lacrosse falls to Brother Rice

Shamrocks put up fight, but can't come away with win

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Heading into the lacrosse game against Brother Rice last week, Detroit Catholic Central knew it would find one of two teams waiting. Either the Warriors, who had just suffered through their first in-state loss in 12 years, would be dejected or they'd be on the rebound. Unfortunately for the Shamrocks, they found themselves facing the latter and Brother Rice began working on a new win streak as it escaped with a 15-9 victory. In the game prior, the Warriors were defeated by Detroit Country Day. It was their first loss to a Michigan team in more than a decade. The Warriors weren't going to make it back-to-back losses, despite Catholic Central's best efforts.

Brother Rice raced out to a 13-1 lead, but had to hold off a rejuvenated Shamrocks squad in the second half to preserve the win. The Shamrocks were the first to score, as Justin Baker found the back of the net less than a minute into the game. It would be more than 30 minutes before they were able to repeat the feat. In the third quarter, trailing 13-1, the Shamrocks' offense began to surge. They went on a four-goal run and then added two more in the opening minutes of the fourth to cut into Rice's advantage, 14-8, but the rejuvenated offense showed up too late. Leading the Shamrocks was Jack Van Acker, who had three goals, while Baker and Sean Birney had two goals each and Connor Holton and Sean Staners added one each. Catholic Central fell to 5-1, while top-ranked Brother Rice climbed to 7-2.

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## Area teams earn top rankings

Northville, Novi, CC feature some of state's top squads

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

It has never been much of a secret that the teams from Northville, Novi and Detroit Catholic Central are some of the state's best, but it's always nice when the coaching polls verify it. This spring sports season, all three schools are boasting several top-ranked teams in the polls, which are typically voted on by the respective coaching associations for each sport. The top-ranked team from the area is the No. 1-ranked Northville girls soccer team, which has remained undefeated so far this season, including a 3-0 victory over Novi, which is the No. 6-ranked team in the state. In girls tennis, Northville has earned itself a No. 4-ranking. Grosse Pointe South is the top-ranked team. Catholic Central is earning itself much-deserved recognition on the boys lacrosse field, picking up a No. 3



Northville is the top-ranked girls soccer team in the state after recently defeating Novi, which is ranked No. 6. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ranking from laxpower.com, which ranks teams. Northville is also ranked in the boys

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# Figure skating team ends strong

Northville squad enjoys success at state finals

The Northville High School figure skating team completed its season by competing March 22-23 in the Michigan High School Figure Skating State Championship at East Lansing.

Northville's Kelsey Evans and Alyssa Mills competed with their individual programs. Evans took first place for PrePreliminary Test Track and Mills ranked fourth in the Juvenile Test Track event.

Northville 'C' team competed in moves, spins and jumps and placed fourth overall in the initial round. The 'C'



Northville coach Sheri Combs (from left) and skaters Morgan McCarter, Susan Doong and Elizabeth Rourk, who was fourth overall in the initial round of the state championships.

team is composed of skaters Susan Doong, Morgan McCarter and Elizabeth Rourk.

"The Northville girls worked very hard. This is our fifth year in a row to make it to states. It's an honor and a challenge to compete with the best teams in our state. It was an amazing season. I am proud of each skater on our team," coach Sheri Combs said.

# Former CC hockey standout headed to MSU

Gatt signs national letter of intent to play for Spartans

**By Sam Eggleston**  
Correspondent

Anyone who follows Detroit Catholic Central hockey is going to recognize the name Carson Gatt.

The former CC standout was a key member of the Shamrocks from 2010-13. During that time, the defenseman collected 43 points on nine goals and 34 from assists. He played in 82 games during that span.

Gatt was drafted by the Muskegon Lumberjacks of the USHL during

the sixth round as the 83rd overall pick. There, he picked up five goals and eight assist in 38 games.

Gatt has signed a national letter of intent to play this fall for Michigan State University.

"What got me interested in ultimately playing for the Spartans was the brand of hockey that coach (Tom) Anastos instills in his players and the fact that it is a great academic institution," Gatt said. "Coach (Trevor) Nill gave me great insight that if I play my cards right and do what



Gatt

I'm supposed to do both on and off the ice while at East Lansing, then I will be set for life.

"All-around, Michigan State is the right fit for me."

It helped that Michigan State plays the type of hockey Gatt is used to – strong defense with an aggressive offense. Having played for the Lumberjacks, he said, helped groom him for this next step.

"My one year in Muskegon was a life-changing experience on my junior career, as the USHL provided you with an opportunity to go up against the best talent in the United States," Gatt said. "Also, I couldn't have asked for a better situation, being drafted by a USHL team

in my home state, as I remained close to home and it didn't take long for me to get comfortable in my surroundings."

Gatt's older brother Nickolas also plays for the Spartans as a senior defenseman. He played 41 games for MSU last season and is also a CC graduate.

Gatt will join several other former Catholic Central players on the MSU roster: Ryan Keller (sophomore), Justin Hoomaia (sophomore), Brent Darnell (junior) and Michael Ferrantino (sophomore) all attended CC.

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# Knights pick up first win of year

Rugby team shut out twice, too

**By Sam Eggleston**  
Correspondent

Taking two losses to start the season is always a rough way to begin, but it's how a team responds to that adversity that decides what the remainder of the year will bring.

The Northville Knights Rugby Club, coached by Ron Cornell, suffered a 17-0 loss against Brighton to open the season April 3 and then was bulldozed by Howell, 28-0, a week later.

But the squad came back April 16 to earn a victory over a scrappy Berkley squad.

The Mustangs found themselves trailing, 10-0, with just 10 minutes remaining in the match when Joel Atallah took the ball and scampered into the end zone for a try from approximately five meters out as he powered his way down the sideline. Ricky Lenczewski tried for the extra point, but his kick hit the left upright and bounced out.

Northville took the ensuing kickoff, however, and began grinding its way forward as time rolled off the clock.

The Knights moved the ball to the right, pitching it out wide to Luke Sims, who drew the wide defender before tossing a lateral to Matt McNamara.

McNamara raced 10 meters, setting the ball in end zone for the try

with less than a minute left to tie the score, 10-10.

The team scrambled back from the conversion kick, which was set to the right side of the goal post. The right-footed Lenczewski hooked the shot through despite the tough angle, making it a 12-10 game with time expiring.

Northville then received the kick off and kicked the ball into touch to run out the clock and earn the win.

The victory puts the Knights at 1-2 on the season.

To open the year, they fell to Brighton, 17-0, on a cold and rainy night.

"We played good defense, but had no ball movement and a lot of drops and missed tackles that led to the Brighton scores," said Cornell of his squad, which had trailed just 7-0 at the half.

Against a very tough Howell team, the Knights were short-handed due to Novi's spring break and the rest of the team played poorly.

"We got down early on a missed tackle on the outside, which led to a 50-meter try," Cornell said, recalling the play that deflated his team. "They were bigger and more aggressive than we were."

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ers who attend Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"I bet you half the guys that we go out on the ice with today don't even know," Elland said.

Vellucci (with his coaching staff of Joe Stefan, Elland and Stan Matwijiw) recently coached Plymouth to its 23rd consecutive playoff appearance in his 14th season as head coach.

During his career with the Whalers, Vellucci led them to a 468-322-36 record, was the first American to win the Matt Leyden Trophy as Ontario Hockey League coach of the year and presided over the Whalers' lone championship in 2007.

Last year, he won the

Leyden award for the second time and also was honored as the OHL's top executive for 2012-13.

Prior to joining the Whalers, Vellucci coached Detroit Compuware of the North American Hockey League. He also played professionally as a defenseman from 1986-92, including two games in 1987-88 for the NHL's Hartford Whalers (who later became the Hurricanes).

### Prime example

"I think his record speaks for itself, not only as a coach and a manager, but as a mentor as well," Whalers assistant GM Brian Sommariva said. "The little things like the win-loss record and the playoff record and all that stuff, those are just as important as some of the other things he's done."

Pete Krupsky, director of communications for the team, said it was "business as usual" around the Compuware offices following Monday's press conference.

That would be underscored by Elland running a practice of players still attending high school weeks after the Whalers were eliminated by Guelph in the first round of the OHL playoffs.

"We got to keep them structured. They can't be just running around, got to make sure they're coming to the rink," said Elland, who formerly

Farmington native Mike Vellucci, shown in this June 2013 photo, proudly receives OHL honors as top executive and coach for 2012-13. It was announced Monday he is leaving the Plymouth Whalers for the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes. AARON BELL | OHL IMAGES

coached Compuware midget majors before joining the staff of the Whalers. "I'm still going to the rink every day and doing my job and whatever's asked of me."

Elland said seeing Vellucci finally get a chance to make it to the NHL after decades of work, perseverance and loyalty to one organization is "unbelievable" and a prime example for

others to follow.

"I'm sure he's got stuff to take care of here before he goes to get this (Whalers) all situated. I'm sure that's weighing on him," Elland said. "But I couldn't be happier for him. It's well-deserved and it's pretty cool."

"To work with a guy and have that much respect for him and admiration for him and

learn from him and to see him go to the NHL, that's unbelievable."

Rutherford, the long-time Detroit Red Wings goalie, will remain with the Hurricanes as president, in an advisory role.

"Jimmy was one of the first guys to hire me years ago when I started with the organization," Vellucci said.

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# Mustangs top Rockford

Northville comes back from five-goal deficit

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

No doubt there has been plenty of talk about what everyone did on spring break and while a lot of folks were ending their break last Saturday and getting geared up to go back to school, the Northville boys lacrosse team was already back at the grind.

The squad, coached by Greg Durham, played against Rockford last week and came away with a 10-7 win, coming from behind after a poor first-half showing.

“Just coming off of spring break, I knew this wasn’t going to be an easy game,” Durham said. “Rockford came out hard and played very well in the first half. We looked like we were still on spring break in the first half, playing poorly at the midfield and defensive side of the ball.”

The Mustangs may have been dreaming about beaches and relax-

ation, but Rockford was obviously keyed in on taking advantage of any mental lapses as it raced out to a 6-1 lead.

Durham called a time-out, stopping the momentum Rockford was building with each passing minute.

“(We) stressed the importance of playing better defensively and to control the ball,” Durham said.

Northville came out and scored two goals before the end of the half to trail, 6-3.

The Mustangs made some halftime adjustments, pushing John Cooke and Brennan Sweeney up the field on the wings and giving Alec Melucci the chance to get into the open on multiple occasions.

Melucci and the gang made the most of the adjustments, scoring six unanswered goals to go up 9-6 against Rockford.

While the star of the show was no doubt Melucci and his five goals and two assists, Alex Fuller added three more scores and the Mustangs were thrilled with the

growth they’ve seen in Alex Justice in goal. He had 10 stops against the Rockford offense.

“Alex played great in the cage,” Durham said. “He is really coming into his own as our starting goalie. After making a few minor clearing mistakes, he settled down and created a couple of fast breaks that eventually led to a couple of goals in the six-goal run.”

Also scoring were Cooke and Brennan Sweeney, who each had an assist. Conner Sweeney added two assists.

Northville has had some strong leadership off the bench, too. Senior captain Nate Ray has helped spur the Mustangs all season.

“He is so important to us as a leader and it shows in practices and game,” Durham said. “He is our unsung hero and he continues to show the true meaning of the ultimate teammate.”

Northville is now 5-3.

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

# CC golf team playing well

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Detroit Catholic Central golf team has been making the best of the spring now that it has apparently arrived.

The squad went out last week and collected a win at the Indianwood tournament, as well as a fourth-place finish.

Wait – two places in the same tournament? “We had two teams participating (at) Indianwood,” assistant golf coach Rick Williams said. “One on the Old Course and one on the New Course.”

Catholic Central’s Blue squad cranked out

some impressive scores to take home the tournament victory with a 300.

Ben Smith shot an impressive 72 on the Old Course, while James Piot carded a 74, Glenn Piot shot a 76 and Dan Ault recorded a 78. Jimmy Ryan also played, shooting an 84, but only the team’s top four scores were counted.

On the New Course, the White team shot a 332 for fourth place. Max Palmer shot a 74, while Joe Amori carded an 82, Steve Magagna had an 84 and Eddie Allen recorded a 92.

Also playing but not being scored was Nazir Jairazbhoy, who shot a

92.

The Shamrocks also participated with a third team at the East Lansing Invitational, where they finished eighth in a field of 21 teams with a 331 on the day.

The Shamrocks played the Walnut Hills Country Club and were led by senior Jackson Bushway, who shot a 79, including a solid eagle on the eighth hole. Ryan Bomya, Ryan Burke and Alex Hayes each shot an 84, while Josh Stein recorded an 86.

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# Mustangs loss to Chiefs, 4-3

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Coming from behind may have worked for the Northville baseball team earlier this spring, but last week against Canton it proved to be just out of reach.

The Mustangs, coached by John Kostrzewa, put up a good fight in the late innings, but fell to Kensington Lakes Athletics Association foe Canton, 4-3.

With the tying run on base, the Mustangs couldn’t get the runner across the plate in the

seventh.

Earning the win on the mound was Canton’s Nick Hazergian, who threw two innings of relief.

The Mustangs and the Chiefs found themselves tied in the fifth inning at 2-2, but Northville took the lead, 3-2, in the top of the fifth when it scored a runner with a sacrifice fly. Canton came back and took the lead for good when James Hall smacked a two-run home run to make it a 4-3 contest.

Northville fell to 8-2

with the loss. The Mustangs are first in the Central Division with a 5-3 record, South Lyon (3-1) is in second place.

Canton climbed to 9-3 overall with the win and is in first place in the South Division at 5-1.

The junior varsity and freshman teams each suffered the same fate against the Chiefs, falling 7-3 and 9-2, respectively.

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# RANKINGS

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lacrosse poll as the No. 23 team in the state. The top-ranked team is – unsurprisingly – Brother Rice. South Lyon is ranked No. 15.

Northville’s baseball team isn’t ranked in the top 10 by the coaches association, but it is ranked No. 6 in the Mlive.com Detroit rankings. The softball team is ranked as honorable



The Northville girls tennis team is ranked fourth in the state. The team is shown here accepting the first-place trophy after winning the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational.

mention of the same poll.

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## Charter Township of Northville Introduction New Ordinance and Amendment

The Public Safety Department introduced an amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Section 28-8, Schedule of Fines, to provide for consistency with the 35th District Court’s fine schedule for parking and standing violations, at the April 17, 2014 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The **proposed amendments** to Section 28-8 – Schedule of Fines, are:  
The amount of fines for parking and standing violations processed by Parking Violations Bureau shall be as follows:  
A. Prohibited/posted sign violations: Refer to 35th District Court schedule of fines.  
B. Handicap parking violations: Refer to 35th District Court schedule of fines.  
C. Hines Park parking/standing violation: Refer to 35th District Court schedule of fines  
D. Fire Lane violations: Refer to 35th District Court schedule of fines.  
E. All other parking violations: Refer to 35th District Court schedule of fines.

The **proposed new section to 28** will be 28-9 – Handicap Parking Violation; Failure to Display Handicap Parking Permit.  
In the event that a recipient of a handicap parking violation failed to display a handicap parking permit, that he or she lawfully could use, that individual may appear at the Parking Violations Bureau prior to requesting a court hearing at the 35th District Court and pay a violation fee for failure to display handicap parking permit in the amount of \$15.00. If the recipient of a handicap parking violation requests a court date and failed to display a handicap parking permit, then the fine established in the 35th District Court fee schedule shall be applicable for handicap parking violations.

The proposed amendments and new section of the ordinance will be before the Board for adoption at the May 15, 2014 meeting at Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168 at 7:30 p.m.

A copy of the ordinance addition and amendments is available in the Clerk’s Office Monday – Friday, 8 to 4:30 p.m.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk  
Charter Township of Northville

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## SYNOPSIS APRIL 17, 2014 – REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**DATE:** Thursday, April 17, 2014  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** 44405 Six Mile Road  
**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.  
**ROLL CALL:** Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Marv Gans, Trustee  
Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Symantha Heath, Trustee  
Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer Mindy Herrmann, Trustee  
Fred Shadko, Trustee

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas: Approved**
  - Approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items:
    - Minutes – Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of March 20, 2014
    - Minutes – Historic District Commission Meeting of March 27, 2014
    - Northville Youth Assistance Program Report
    - 2014 First Quarter Financial and Investment Reports
- Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
  - Plante Moran Audit Presentation for 2013 – Received and Filed
  - Charitable Gaming License Resolution – Approved
  - Parkinson’s Awareness Month – Approved
- Public Hearing:**
  - Open Public Hearing – Industrial Development District and application for Industrial Facility Tax Exemption Certificate – Approved
  - Industrial Development District – Approved
  - Industrial Facility Tax Exemption – Approved
- Brief Public Comments: None**
- New Business:**
  - Sharland Estates – Concept Plan – Approved
  - Parks & Recreation Budget – Approved
  - T.A.P. Grant Resolution – Approved
  - Liquor License – Food on Wood Restaurant – Approved
  - Ballot Language for Township Millage – Tabled
- Unfinished Business: None**
- Ordinances:**
  - Introduction of amendment to Section 28-8 and proposed addition to Section 28 of the Code of Ordinances. – Approved
- Check Registry:**
  - In the amount of \$4,263,169.40 – Approved
- Board Communication & Reports:**
  - Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herman, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider
- Any other business for the Board of Trustees: None**
- ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

A draft of the complete minutes will be available April 30, 2014.

Respectfully submitted:  
Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, May 21, 2014, at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The ZBA will consider a variance request to Chapter 145, Sign Ordinance (monument sign location) for a business located at 19091 Northville Road (Parcel ID#8277-037-99-0001-000); variance requests to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 34, Land Division, Combination or Reconfiguration (median lot size) for residential property located at 44560 Country Lane (Parcel ID#’s 8277-038-99-0006-700, 8277-038-99-0007-700, 8277-038-99-0011-700); and Article 18, Schedule of Regulations (Setbacks) for residential property located at 18153 Edenderry Street (Parcel ID#8277-033-04-0057-000). Written comments regarding this request will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair  
Zoning Board of Appeals

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# Mich. State Police: Reduce chances of a break-in at your home

Home break-ins can never be prevented entirely, but there's a lot you can do to reduce your likelihood of becoming a victim.

Good locks, simple precautions, neighborhood awareness, and common sense can help prevent most property crimes, according to the Michigan State Police.

MSP officials urge that you:

» Install and use good deadbolt locks in your doors (about half of all burglars enter through unlocked doors and windows).

» Secure sliding glass doors with locks or a rigid wooden dowel wedged in the track.

» Lock double-hung windows by sliding a bolt or nail into a hole drilled at a downward angle through the top of each sash and into the frame.

For outside your home, MSP officials say:

» Trim back shrubbery hiding doors or windows. Cut back tree limbs that could help a thief climb to second story windows.

» Make sure all porches, entrances, and yards are well lighted.

» Maintain the neighborhood. Dark alleys, litter, and rundown areas attract criminals.

There are also some other common-sense tips:

» Do not hide house keys in mail boxes, planters, or under doormats.

» Do not put personal identification on key rings.

» Leave only your ignition key with mechanics or parking attendants.

» If you lose the keys to your home or move into a new



home, change the locks immediately.

In answering your door:

» Install a peephole or viewer in all entry doors so you can see who is outside without opening the door.

» Do not trust door chains. They can be easily broken.

» Don't open the door to anyone you don't know. Insist service personnel verify their identity before allowing them in.

If you're going away:

» Make your home appear occupied when you go out.

» Leave lights on and the radio playing.

» Keep your garage door closed and locked.

» Use timing devices to turn inside lights on and off.

» If you will be gone sever-

al days, arrange to have the mail and papers stopped or picked up. Half of all home burglaries occur during the day when alert neighbors could spot and report the thieves.

MSP officials share these 10 things people can do to improve their neighborhoods:

» Work with public agencies and other neighborhood-based or community-wide organizations, on solving common problems. Don't be shy about letting them know what your community needs.

» Make sure that all the youth in the neighborhood have positive ways to spend their spare time, through organized recreation, tutoring programs, part-time work, and volunteer opportunities.

# Heed ruling of N.M. court on common area

**Q: I live in a remote subdivision that includes a common outdoor recreation area. The HOA is responsible for maintaining all "common easements" defined to include all roads within the subdivision, including a road that serves my area. However, the HOA voted to amend the documents to redefine common easements to include only those roads that served the common outdoor recreation areas which excluded my road which meant that I am still obligated to pay common assessments for the other roads, but have to bear the cost of maintaining my road. I think this is unfair; what do you think?**



Robert Meisner

A: In a similar factual setting, the Supreme Court of New Mexico took the position that a claim of non-uniformity of the covenant was not valid in that the complainant in that case was claiming that the covenant was not uniform in effect, rather than not being uniform on its face. The court reasoned that it was uniform because the covenant applied to every lot in the subdivision just as it had before. The court declined to extend the law to cover claims of non-uniform effects. In fact, your lawyer will have to be very cautious about making this argument, but should also claim that the amendment is unreasonable.

**Q: We live next to a land fill and are really upset with the odor. Do we have an action for trespass, by of example?**

A: Well, it depends on the state in which you are involved. In a recent case out of South Carolina, the court there indicated that it adheres to the traditional trespass rule that requires an invasion by a physical, tangible thing. Accordingly, the impact from odors, because they do not interfere with possession, cannot give rise to a trespass claim. Some courts, on the other hand, have taken the position that they must apply a substantiality test in the case of invasions by apparently intangible things, but which can be conceptualized as consisting of microscopic particles. However, the court in South Carolina explained that such a rule risked blurring the distinction between trespass and nuisance, particularly because a substantiality requirement was already present in nuisance determinations. The court also indicated that because both trespass and nuisance claims pertain to interference with property interests, damages are recoverable only for injury to property and for lost rental value up to the full market value for permanent trespass or nuisance. You are best to consult with an attorney regarding your situation.

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## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### Homebuyer Workshop

Ted Lyons of Forum Mortgage will present a free workshop 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, at ERA Country Ridge Realty, 21005 Farmington Road. Seating is limited. Reserve a seat by calling Audrey at 248-345-1268. First-time buyers, those "moving up" and investors are welcome.

### Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email [june.quantum@gmail.com](mailto:june.quantum@gmail.com) for your reservation or additional information.

### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are

at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The May speaker will be Stephen M. Guerra, a partner at Makower Abbate.

For more information call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayde Koehler at 313-819-0919.

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 6-10, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>CANTON</b>	
47579 Ashford Dr S	\$355,000
46382 Briargate Dr	\$230,000
2552 Brookfield St	\$165,000
300 Cherry Stone Dr	\$120,000
404 Cherry Stone Dr	\$253,000
46758 Creeks Bnd	\$194,000
51248 Federal Blvd	\$87,000
51362 Federal Blvd	\$81,000
46975 Larchmont Dr	\$270,000
216 N Village Way	\$164,000
1404 Ranier Blvd	\$176,000
1651 S Sheldon Rd	\$162,000
45672 Savannah Dr	\$320,000

44411 Westminister Way	\$199,000
<b>GARDEN CITY</b>	
31520 Cambridge St	\$67,000
<b>LIVONIA</b>	
36914 Ann Arbor Trl	\$75,000
17671 Bell Creek Ln	\$263,000
38268 Bloomfield Dr	\$183,000
20250 Brentwood St	\$112,000
9415 Cardwell St	\$98,000
31826 Delaware St	\$100,000
18256 Doris St	\$190,000
30057 Fairfax St	\$87,000
18661 Inkster Rd	\$92,000
9211 Lamont St	\$98,000
38124 Mallory Dr	\$259,000
19545 Shadyside St	\$300,000
19593 Stamford Dr	\$255,000
28508 Sunnydale St	\$143,000
18270 University Park Dr	\$91,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
153 Fairbrook St	\$310,000

46065 Fonner Rd	\$380,000
47855 Forest Ct	\$425,000
19731 Hayes Ct	\$119,000
401 W Dunlap St	\$460,000
41505 Wheatley Dr	\$366,000
<b>PLYMOUTH</b>	
46511 Bettyhill	\$610,000
770 Deer St	\$116,000
215 E Ann Arbor Trl	\$100,000
50500 Elmwood Ct	\$350,000
50591 Elmwood Ct	\$400,000
41813 Lindsay Dr	\$218,000
41202 Marlin St	\$208,000
46850 N Territorial Rd	\$815,000
51366 W Hills Dr	\$322,000
12435 Woodgate Dr	\$137,000
<b>REDFORD</b>	
18315 Brady	\$53,000
17710 Denby	\$95,000
18238 Indian	\$50,000
17746 Kinloch	\$23,000

16925 Norborne	\$52,000
19773 Sumner	\$56,000
24601 W Chicago	\$17,000
26254 W Chicago	\$63,000
<b>WAYNE</b>	
34280 John St	\$40,000
3248 Laura St	\$46,000
<b>WESTLAND</b>	
1160 Abbey Ct	\$191,000
37101 Amhurst Dr	\$95,000
32463 Avondale St	\$99,000
38502 Deer Creek Blvd	\$87,000
435 Filbert St	\$93,000
33693 Glen St	\$98,000
35460 Glen St	\$82,000
8148 Huntington St	\$32,000
1762 Leslie St	\$69,000
7559 Maple Dr	\$227,000
1545 S Schuman St	\$105,000
38315 Warren Rd	\$226,000

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 9-13, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>BEVERLY HILLS</b>	
16219 Elizabeth St	\$190,000
30760 Vernon Dr	\$480,000
<b>BINGHAM FARMS</b>	
23630 W 13 Mile Rd	\$215,000
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	
684 Bird Ave	\$370,000
1431 Cole St	\$507,000
1564 Cole St	\$182,000
2655 E Maple Rd # 9	\$46,000
1696 Hazel St	\$240,000
1893 Humphrey Ave	\$215,000
500 Lewis Ct	\$580,000
1315 Lyonhurst St	\$790,000
951 N Adams Rd	\$145,000
850 N Adams Rd Unit 2	\$91,000
475 S Adams Rd # 10	\$85,000
2020 Yorkshire Rd	\$165,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS</b>	
236 Wendy Ln	\$350,000
3020 Betsy Ross Dr	\$317,000
162 E Hickory Grove Rd	\$133,000
538 Kingsley Trl	\$395,000
1271 Rugby Cir	\$284,000
764 Satterlee Rd	\$332,000
2256 Sudbury Way	\$535,000
431 Wishbone Dr	\$718,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP</b>	
765 Briar Hill Ln	\$420,000
344 Concord Pl	\$80,000

340 Concord Pl # 2	\$58,000
2110 Eagle Pointe	\$203,000
220 Hadsell Dr	\$405,000
5516 Priory Ln	\$345,000
4642 Ranch Ln	\$420,000
309 S Glengarry Rd	\$248,000
7202 Saint Auburn Dr	\$290,000
3836 South Blvd	\$165,000
4807 Tully Rd	\$379,000
529 Westbourne Dr	\$355,000
<b>COMMERCE TOWNSHIP</b>	
4351 Bluebird Dr	\$260,000
5694 Lancaster Ln	\$363,000
5370 Plantation Dr	\$370,000
3816 Ranya Dr	\$338,000
3069 Royal Blvd	\$149,000
<b>FARMINGTON</b>	
23177 Hawthorne St	\$101,000
33129 Orchard St	\$60,000
22628 Power Rd	\$130,000
36502 Saxony Rd	\$225,000
<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b>	
37747 Amber Dr	\$230,000
22040 Arbor Ln	\$225,000
32810 Ardwick Rd	\$230,000
27920 Berrywood Ln Unit 34	\$75,000
22730 Camille Ct	\$268,000
27955 Copper Creek Ln	\$385,000
29278 Earth Ln	\$555,000
37613 Glengrove Dr	\$282,000
21615 Hancock St	\$55,000
33672 Heirloom Cir	\$70,000
22247 N Brandon St	\$133,000
21425 Randall St	\$115,000
33529 Rhonswood St	\$120,000
31560 Rocky Crst	\$150,000

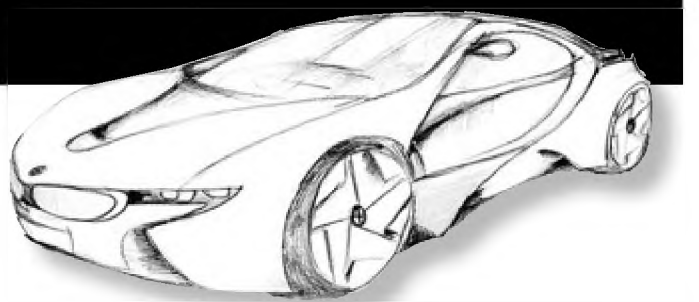
26500 Rose Hill Dr	\$230,000
26101 Springland St	\$130,000
35451 Valley Crk	\$287,000
36700 W 11 Mile Rd	\$240,000
30056 W 12 Mile Rd Unit 84	\$46,000
28420 W 8 Mile Rd # 2a2	\$21,000
32521 Woodvale	\$300,000
<b>LATHRUP VILLAGE</b>	
17561 Coral Gables Ave	\$185,000
28625 Sunset Blvd W	\$137,000
<b>MILFORD</b>	
814 Abbey Ln	\$172,000
737 Byron Dr	\$125,000
3070 Delrose St	\$155,000
710 Milford Glen Dr	\$272,000
1448 Orban	\$427,000
434 Peters	\$210,000
642 River Oaks Dr	\$198,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
41778 Broquet Dr	\$121,000
21230 E Glen Haven Cir	\$106,000
42171 Pellston Dr	\$125,000
21136 W Glen Haven Cir	\$138,000
<b>NOVI</b>	
27550 Albert St	\$311,000
23921 Argyle St	\$625,000
27604 Belgrave Pl	\$289,000
27354 Benjamins Way	\$270,000
30476 Bristol Circle Ct	\$305,000
20731 Emily Ct	\$355,000
27041 Maxwell Ct	\$277,000
190 Penhill St	\$131,000
41689 Sleepy Hollow Dr	\$182,000
27563 Sloan St	\$274,000
44831 Stockton Dr	\$450,000
24441 Willow Ln	\$192,000

<b>SOUTH LYON</b>	
58677 Bridge House Ct	\$113,000
24444 Brompton Way	\$383,000
741 Challenging Trl	\$178,000
25950 Cobblers Ln	\$290,000
24098 Copperwood Dr E	\$368,000
61350 Creekview Dr	\$185,000
1141 Fountain View Cir	\$120,000
726 Kestrel Ct	\$200,000
21939 N Lyon Trl	\$332,000
521 N Reese St	\$143,000
1097 Paddock Dr	\$233,000
61276 Saddlecreek Dr	\$377,000
61279 Saddlecreek Dr	\$379,000
978 Westbrooke Dr	\$189,000
<b>SOUTHFIELD</b>	
27030 Belmont Ln	\$145,000
29133 Candlewood Ln	\$80,000
30783 Everett St	\$51,000
21620 Frazer Ave	\$40,000
26474 Isleworth Pt	\$133,000
22230 Ivanhoe Ln	\$175,000
27990 Lahser Rd	\$166,000
24394 Lois Ln	\$156,000
19101 Magnolia Pkwy	\$104,000
17248 Mount Vernon St	\$113,000
23099 Plumbrooke Dr	\$100,000
30069 Rambling Rd	\$100,000
<b>WHITE LAKE</b>	
8819 Newport Dr	\$284,000
10690 Oxbow Hts	\$218,000
1263 Round Lake Rd	\$142,000
294 Serra Dr	\$143,000
1282 Union Lake Rd	\$303,000
8738 Williamsport Dr	\$238,000



# Car Report

## Ford Ramps Up Attention to Coming Launch of New Mustang



By Dale Buss

with a variety of marketing initiatives designed, among other things, to broaden the traditional market for each new version of its iconic muscle car.

These gambits range from the big splash that the new Ford Mustang made at the New York International Auto Show last week, to co-branded promotions with nail-polish brands and fashion designers, to clever new product placements on hit TV shows such as The Blacklist.

Each of these moves is designed to help restore Mustang to the place of high cultural relevance that

Ford has a pretty clear field for promoting the new 50th-anniversary version of Mustang these days, right up until the car goes on sale in the fall. And the company is taking maximum advantage

of the opportunity

it still enjoyed long after the original pony car's debut in 1964. And with about six months to go until launch of the 2015 Mustang -- and no new-model introduction scheduled in the meantime by any other brand that could match Mustang's star power -- Ford will command a lot of media discussion and consumer attention for its biggest move of 2014.

Take The Blacklist placement. Mustang, of course, has been celebrated over the years for its effective and trailblazing role on TV and in movies ranging back to its first on-screen appearance, in Goldfinger, to the Mustang convertible driven by Efreem Zimbalist Jr. in The FBI television series in the late Sixties.

More recently, Ford scored an appearance for the new version of Mustang as the hero car in the movie

Need for Speed.

Ford's latest placement twist involved a clever TV commercial for the car about half-way through the latest episode of the hit drama, The Blacklist, that drew on a significant plot twist that occurred in the show just seconds before the ad was aired.

It's unlikely to be the last innovative example of placement undertaken by Ford before the Mustang's launch. The car probably would have served as a great getaway vehicle for Jack Bauer in next month's revival of the 24 franchise on Fox -- but the show is set in London this time.

Meanwhile, Ford also this month announced a "global fashion collaboration" marking Mustang's 50th anniversary and heralding the new version. It will cooperate with five top fashion designers from around the world -- including Detroit's Anna Sui -- in Mustang Unleashed, a limited-edition line of 15 Mustang-inspired t-shirts.

Mustang has always been a big seller for Ford in its mammoth licensing business, ranging from apparel to key chains to metal and plastic models of Mustang and even a Mustang-themed pool table. Expect the revelation of many more licensing deals for Mustang wares in the months ahead.

Not coincidentally, Ford also announced another Mustang tie-in to



The fashion designers behind Mustang Unleashed

fashion as it attempts to broaden the demographic for the 2015 version to include more women, especially Millennials. Ford announced the OPI Fore Mustang collection of nail lacquers designed to put the "pedi to the metal."

Developed by the co-founder of the Coy-owned major brand in nail care, Ford Mustang by OPI will sport six shades when it hits U.S. stores in July, including Race Red, Queen of the Road, and Girls Love Ponies. You get the idea.

All of this news came only after Ford pulled a remarkable stunt during the press preview at the New York auto show by displaying the 2015 car on top of the Empire State Building, just as it did in a 1965 stunt with the original Mustang.

Ford had a prototype of the new version cut into pieces and took it

up the freight elevator of the world's most iconic skyscraper to the famous observatory on the 86th floor, then reassembled it and displayed it as part of a New York-based celebration of the 50th anniversary.

During the hubbub, Ford Chairman William C. Ford II also announced a 50th Anniversary Limited Edition of the car that would be available only in 1,964 copies -- to commemorate the year of the car's launch.

No, Ford isn't missing a trick so far in building pre-launch hype for its new Mustang. And at a time when its main rival is hobbled by bad news about a recall that is obfuscating the appeal of GM's cars and brands, Ford could end up making more hay out of its celebration of the new Mustang than its marketers imagined even two months ago.



A bird's eye view of the new 2015 Ford Mustang

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Whether you're a practice manager, billing administrator, registered nurse, or physician assistant, you need a resume to find a job in today's healthcare industry. This is especially true if you plan to utilize job boards when searching for your next position. While employers can use social media as a tool to get to know potential job applicants, most prefer job boards when they're ready to hire. In fact, a recent survey by Job Board Doctor found that 68.4 percent of hiring managers and recruiters rely on job boards due to the higher quality of candidates found.

Unfortunately, many healthcare professionals make mistakes on their resumes that hamper their ability to connect with the employers who use these job boards. Some oversights will prevent managers from ever viewing your resume. Others will land it in the discard pile. If you want to maximize your employment chances, avoid these top five healthcare resume mistakes at all costs.

### 1. Paltry proofing

Submitting a resume with poor spelling, grammar, and punctuation may not mean you don't know how to suture, draw blood, or run a medical office—but it could still turn off an employer. In fact, one survey on the topic found that more than 60 percent of hiring managers immediately discard resumes with typos. Frequent mistakes include neglecting punctuation entirely, misusing words such as "which" and "that" or "affect" and "effect," and commonly misspelled words.

Fortunately, you don't need a PhD in English Composition to produce a well-

written resume. Editing and proofreading are key strategies, to recruit a few peers to review yours or hire a professional resume writer.

### 2. Believing one size fits all

Anyone who has ever purchased a "one size fits all" t-shirt knows that the phrase is anything but accurate—and it doesn't work for resumes, either. More than 19 percent of employers consider submitting a generic resume to be the biggest mistake a job applicant can make.

Fortunately, crafting a resume for a specific position is not rocket science. It's as simple as changing the language in your objective or career summary, rewording your experience descriptions, and switching up references to highlight the skills relevant to this particular job.

### 3. Ignoring keywords

Hiring has always been a time consuming business, but modern technology can make it easier. For this reason, many busy healthcare employers use applicant-tracking systems (ATS) to sort and rank resume submissions. These software programs basically work by scanning the data included in each resume before assigning a relevance score. Professionals with the most relevant resumes move to the front of the line.

Keywords are one thing ATS always look for, so include them throughout your resume. Your objective or professional summary, skill descriptions, and accomplishments are all perfect places to include keywords. Refer to the employer's job description to identify some keywords for your resume.

For example, a medical office manager may write,



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### 4. Telling rather than showing

Healthcare jobs are demanding, and employers look for candidates who can deliver results under those conditions. Use your resume to communicate your abilities with details and specifics. Numbers are important and more likely to attract favorable attention than a list of "responsible for" statements.

For example, a hospital admissions professional might write, "responsible for checking in patients." A better description would be, "Facilitated a 50 percent improvement in check-in efficiency by reducing patient wait time to less than 10 minutes."

### 5. Using complicated formatting

Leave the fancy fonts and graphics to professionals in creative fields. It won't impress a healthcare hiring manager and may even

confuse the ATS, resulting in a lower resume relevance score. In the study mentioned previously, 14.8 percent of employers responded that poor format is a big resume mistake.

For best results, whether you're dealing with an ATS or submitting your resume directly to a hiring manager, keep your name and contact information at the top of the document. Avoid creative section headings, sticking instead to standards such as "summary," "employment history," and "education." And if you're going to include lists, use standard bullet points, as the ATS may not recognize others.

Avoid these top five mistakes in your resume and improve your chances of landing a new job. For more insight into the healthcare industry, job search tips, and thousands of postings from physician offices, hospitals, clinics, and other medical facilities across the nation, visit HEALTHeCAREERS Network.

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**Hosted by Dianne Giovinazzo (248) 513-8586**



OPEN 1-4 | 446 Indian Trail, Orion Township  
Beautiful 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home in the  
desirable Lakes of Indianwood Sub. \$395,000  
**Amy Chermiside (248) 213-7826**



OPEN 1-4 | 1212 Olympia, Rochester Hills  
Beautiful Thornridge Colonial, backing to nature  
preserve. Spacious open floor plan. \$459,000  
**Nancy Ritter (248) 365-7114**



Open 1-4 | 2834 Steamboat Springs, Rochester Hills  
Beautifully updated Colonial in desirable Shadow  
Woods Sub. Kitchen w/tons of cabinets. \$314,999  
**Margie Kelly (248) 639-4465**



OPEN 1-4 | 611 Timberline Dr., Rochester Hills  
Appealing 2681 sqft home overlooking park.  
Beveled and cut-glass windows. \$310,000  
**Jeanne Bechler (248) 365-7108**



OPEN 1-4 | 5141 Saddle Creek Ct., Salem Twp.  
Plymouth mailing address & schools! Stunning  
home on 2.82 wooded acres. \$1,000,000  
**John Goodman (248) 639-4904**



OPEN 12-4 | 8132 E. Pearson, Shelby Township  
This builder's custom ranch is both sprawling  
and immaculate. Up to 6 bedrooms. \$349,900  
**Scott Jesnig (586) 782-3598**



OPEN 1-4 | 48410 Amber Lane, Shelby Twp.  
Great neighborhood, park like setting. Great  
room with cathedral ceilings. \$319,000  
**Nancy Shelby (313) 214-2317**



OPEN 2-4 | 1011 Troon, St. Clair  
Love the charm of a Victorian but hate the  
maintenance? Try this newer home. \$399,900  
**Laila Abud (313) 214-2320**



OPEN 2-4 | 20900 Bayside, St. Clair Shores  
Kitchen updated 8 years ago. Backyard is perfect  
for summer entertaining. \$160,000  
**Nick Howard (248) 918-0547**



OPEN 1-3 | 1715 River Rd. #83, St. Clair  
St. Clair River View! End unit 2nd story ranch  
condo, lots of light and privacy. \$145,000  
**Barbara Mueller (586) 270-5040**



OPEN 1-3 | 1501 North River Rd. #207, St. Clair  
Million dollar view at a great price! Premium  
upper corner, fab riverfront location. \$95,000  
**Don Alcorn (586) 200-1224**



OPEN 1-3 | 35128 Wellston Ave., Sterling Hghts  
Custom built brick ranch. Well maintained with  
plenty of updates. Open floor plan. \$249,900  
**Jeffery Alasina (248) 639-4958**



OPEN 3:30-5:30 | 39410 Helena Ave., Sterling Hghts  
Bright and open house with nice curb appeal.  
Well maintained and clean home. \$224,900  
**Jeffery Alasina (248) 639-4958**



OPEN 1-4 | 12755 Daily, Sterling Heights  
A spacious family room, natural field stone  
fireplace, cathedral ceiling. \$219,918  
**Christine Obarto (586) 522-4450**



OPEN 11-1 | 22325 Haskell, Taylor  
Brick ranch in Taylor's Fairfield Park Sub.  
Walking distance to schools. \$52,900  
**Michelle Jarrait (313) 486-4320**



OPEN 11-1 | 2606 Edgemont St., Trenton  
Meticulously maintained & beautiful home on  
corner lot in desirable Breton Woods. \$167,971  
**Stacy Damman (734) 447-3632**



OPEN 1-4 | 1715 Carpenter Dr., Troy  
Beautifully maintained home indesirable Oak  
River East sub. Gourmet kitchen. \$619,900  
**Amy Chermiside (248) 213-7826**



OPEN 1-4 | 464 Burgess Dr., White Lake  
Cedar Island Lake - Oakland County's best kept  
secret! A true all-sports lake. \$398,000  
**Karen Thomas (248) 639-4916**



OPEN 12-3 | 9001 Haymarket St., White Lake  
Wow -- what a deal! Move Right in - READY to  
go. Well maintained Brick Colonial. \$289,000  
**Chuck Rivers (248) 365-7263**



OPEN 12-4 | 420 Dons Court, Ortonville  
Come home to the best ranch in town on private  
3/4 acre. Completely updated. \$184,900  
**Rich Childs (734) 796-2071**



Sale Pending

SALE PENDING | Ann Arbor -  
Warm inviting well-maintained home with light  
filled south exposure. \$394,500  
**Glenda Gerbstadt (734) 389-7709**