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U-M alumni dinner

Former University of Michigan football coach Lloyd Carr will be the guest speaker at the U-M Greater Northville Alumni Club



Carr

annual Scholarship Fundraiser dinner to be held at 6 p.m., May 14 at Lyon Oaks Banquet Center, 52251 Pontiac Trail in Wixom.

All proceeds from the event will be used to pay for scholarships for incoming U-M freshman next fall.

Carr was recently inducted in to the College Football Hall of Fame, and was the last U-M coach to achieve a national championship.

The event will feature dinner and a silent auction. Bid on sports items, designer jewelry, tickets and much more.

Admission is \$40 for U-M Alumni members and \$50 for non-members. To purchase tickets visit <http://alumni.umich.edu/clubs/northville/involved> or call 800-847-4764

School district experiencing a changing of the guard

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Northville Public Schools are going through a big shift in leadership right now with some familiar faces leaving and new ones coming into important administrative positions.

This past year principals Sue Meyer, Pat Messing and Alicia Parsons all announced they would be retiring from NPS. At the other end of the spectrum, just this past week, the NPS Board of Education announced

the hiring of a new assistant superintendent for Instructional Services and a supervisor at Cooke School.

Parsons saying goodbye

Last Friday was Parsons last as the leader at Ridge Wood Elementary School after six years of seeing the school grow and thrive. She was also NPS's Coordinator of Student Growth and Achievement Data.

"It's sad to leave this group of people and students behind because I have come to call them

my second family and really grew connected with many of them," Parsons said of her tenure at Ridge Wood and in NPS.

She has accepted a full-time position with Franklin-Covey to serve as a coach and facilitator for "The Leader in Me" process, which NPS has implemented into its educational environment.

Heather Bauer, assistant principal at Ridge Wood, will take on the primary leadership as interim principal for the remainder of the school year as

district leadership begins the process to fill the role.

"During her tenure with Northville Public Schools, Ms. Parsons' leadership has been instrumental in strengthening our work in intervention and instructional support and curriculum alignment, in addition to advancing Ridge Wood's journey in The Leader in Me process," said Mary K. Gallagher, NPS superintendent. "We wish her well in this new endeavor."

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The Podporas, Donna and Larry, pose for a photo along with shop dog Casey at their Novi Road business, Donna and Larry's Flowers. The pair have been in business together at the same location for 30 years. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A beautiful floral arrangement

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

For 30 years, Donna and Larry Podpora have been helping the Northville and Novi communities with their flower needs.

The married couple went into business in 1984 at their location on Novi Road and they have provided great service and make people smile ever since.

"Our longevity and success has been about our relationship with our customers. We see this as a family business, so we want our customers to feel they can rely on us," Donna

said. "We wouldn't be here without them."

Many people in the community know the shop well, thanks to the different family dogs over the years that spent time at the shop as well as Larry's mother who, before her passing, gave everyone a smile and really connected with a lot of customers.

Through good economic times and bad, Donna and Larry's Flowers has remained the longest lasting florist in the Northville community. Being family owned and operated, it has built a reputation for quality and service.

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Johnson Creek chemical spill traced to Northville Downs

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The oily sheen that passersby noticed on Johnson Creek last week in Northville, and which caused a response from the Western Wayne County HAZ-MAT team, was a result of transmission oil leaking into Wayne County's only designated trout stream.

According to Ryan Schwarb, an environmental quality analyst at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Southeast Michigan District Office, City of Northville staff along with Wayne County staff traced the material through the storm sewer to a freight elevator at Northville Downs.

"The elevator had leaked the oil into the pit below where a sump pump pumped the material into a storm sewer which led to Johnson Creek. The amount that had been discharged was less than 50-55 gallons as that is the maximum capacity of the freight elevator," Schwarb said.

"This was the first time we have ever experienced anything like this that I know of," said Michael Carlo, Northville Downs Operations Manager.

Carlo said they had a hydraulic oil spill from their freight elevator shaft, which is a very lightly used elevator. He said the seals on the elevator had deteriorated and oil leaked out of the system.

"Under the elevator shaft is a sump pump that is connected to a drain. We assumed for many years that the pump was tied to a sanitary line and not the storm drain line," Carlo said. "We found that the pump was tied to the storm drain and caused the spill."

According to Northville City Fire Chief James Allen, on the night of April 25 an employee of the MDEQ was walking by the creek in Hines Park and first noticed a filmy substance in the water.

It was reported to Northville Township, but it was too dark so it was the next morning that it was traced back to the bridge within Northville City over Seven Mile Road near the Sheldon Road pathway. At an early point in the discovery/cleanup process Northville City Fire Captain/

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"We always try to give it our best," Larry said. The couple met 30 years ago while they were both at different flower shops. It was a blind date through a mutual friend and they hit it off and haven't looked back. Their connection shows through the business.

The establishment of the business coincided with their marriage, so it

was a big leap at an early stage. But it's worked.

"We've always worked well together," Larry said with a smile.

He's the main designer and creator at the flower shop and she runs the business side, which makes for a perfect combination.

The shop has a large inventory of fresh flowers, tropicals and plants and specializes in European/dish gardens, contemporary and traditional arrangements, high-style floral arrangements and silk arrangements, dried floral arrangements, weddings and funeral designs. It also has an extensive gift line with gourmet and fruit baskets, gift baskets, greeting cards, candles and plush.

Next up for the shop will be a major facelift, with renovations expected to give it a fresh, new look. This is something the Podporas have always wanted to do.

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"We've been blessed," Donna said.

With Mother's Day coming, up a trip to this shop might be worthwhile and an opportunity to congratulate a true mom-and-pop shop.

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Fire Marshall Greg Westfall said a petroleum-based substance appeared to have been coming from the 10-12 inch pipe near Sheldon Road that dumps into Johnson Creek, which is home to a thriving population of brown trout – a species that can only survive in clean, cold waterways.

Over that weekend Western Wayne County Hazardous Materials Response Team responded by placing chemical spill booms, which are like absorbent roll pads, into the water. However, with the heavy rain at the

start of that week the water level shot up to around two feet causing the booms to become displaced.

The HAZMAT team, which is composed of emergency response personnel from a number of area departments including Northville city and township, again went to the creek to put them back in place.

The job of retrieving the booms was made more difficult by a quick current and higher water level. Westfall said the drain and pipe takes in water from the Rouge River.

According to Schwarb, the pit and storm sewer have been cleaned of the oil and protective booms are still in place in the creek for the time being. He said DEQ Water Resources staff is currently working with Northville Downs to prevent this type of discharge from happening again.

"Once the oil was traced back to our facility, within four hours we had licensed cleanup experts on the premises cleaning up and disposing of any contamination," Carlo said.

To avoid this in the future, Carlo said they will work with the city of Northville building department, public works and MDEQ to make sure the Downs follows all guidelines and recommendations to avoid this from happening.

"It is my understanding that the current drainage methods are the proper ones used by everyone. The current plan is to build a small watertight barrier (levee) to keep contamination in the elevator room and not pump out. There is good possibility that we may tie the drain to the sanitary line as we first assumed it was. I assume we will need some clearance from the city to do that," Carlo said.

Johnson Creek is one of the few waterways in southeastern Michigan with brown trout.

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The Northville market is open for business

Farmers Market
'looking forward
to a good season'

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Dave Zurek of Northville Township owns Honey Bear Farms with wife Linda. He was among the vendors to open shop at the opening day of the Northville Farmers Market on Thursday, May 1.

"It was rough on the bees this year," he said. "I think I lost 60 percent of my hives."

The Zureks get bee packages from California, but need to guess in January how their bees will do.

"It's a challenge," he said. "But the market's back and I'm looking forward to a good season."

They live nearby the farmers market location

across from Northville Downs, and have been in the business about nine years.

Open through October

The Northville market, sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Thursday through Oct. 30. It's in the parking lot adjacent to Northville Downs.

Zurek has done the Northville market about six years, and also does Plymouth's on Saturday.

"Those are my mainstays," he said. "I prefer these two markets. As soon as I leave here, I have to take care of my bees. Just a busy guy. Seem to be always moving."

Visiting the market that morning were Chikako Donahue of Novi and her daughter, Amelia, 4.

"We are looking for more vegetables," she

said. "I think we should wait a few weeks."

"The face-to-face interaction, how to cook, how to grow vegetables," is what Donahue likes about the market. "They know a lot of the knowledge for the plants. They recommend the good ones for me."

Market manager Sher Watkins, a Novi resident, was a busy woman opening day but took some time to talk.

"We're looking forward to another great season," Watkins said, adding they plan to expand toward the lot's back. "We are just excited to be beginning again. Just excited to be back and open."

The market has about 75-80 vendors each week on average, she said, with organizers carrying some 125 on the roster.

New vendors include fish and also mushrooms. Planning for the North-

ville market starts in January with vendor contacts, "figuring things out," Watkins said.

The popular Chefs at the Market will start May 15, also the start day for the Sprout kids' programs. Sprout has different projects focused on recycling.

One she recalled had kids reach into a box to guess a market product.

"We thought it was just for kids," Watkins said. "We had grown-ups of all ages."

June 19 is the official opening for the Gourmet Corner, although some of those vendors will participate sooner. That's usually the date for more produce rather than flowers, Watkins said.

The market is on Facebook. Donations of produce for Northville Civic Concern are encouraged at the market after July 4.



Phillip Stahl of Stahl Greenhouse tends to his wares on May 1, the first day of the Northville Farmer's Market. The market, which will continue every Thursday through October from 8 a.m. to 3p.m., didn't see a lot of visitors that first day due to dark skies and cool temperatures – but vendors expect more and more shoppers as the weather warms. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

NHS HOSA

A total of 24 Northville High School students attended the HOSA State Conference April 24-25 in Traverse City.

Riya Malhotra and Urvashi Gupta – both co-founders, officers and event leaders for Northville HOSA chapter that is in its first year – won a gold medal in “Forensic Medicine.” Nihitha Pinnamaraju and Amanda Cui took silver medals also in “Forensic Medicine.” James Chen won a



HOSA medalists in the “Forensic Science” category included Riya Malhotra, Urvashi Gupta, Nihitha Pinnamaraju and Amanda Cui.

silver for “Nutrition” and Emily Guo won silver for “Pathophysiology.”

All six students will represent Michigan in their individual events at

the HOSA National Leadership Conference June 25-28 in Orlando, Fla.

This is huge achievement for the Northville chapter in its first year and validates the hard work put in by officers and team members.

HOSA is an organization that develops future leaders in the health care industry.

NHS spring concerts

Celebrate a year of vocal music excellence at Northville High School's spring choir

concerts. All choirs will be featured over two performances, at 7 p.m. on both Wednesday, May 14 and Thursday, May 15. Some choirs will sing both nights. \$7 tickets can be purchased via prycema@northvilleschool.org and between 2:20 and 2:45 p.m. Monday through Friday at the school's box office. Tickets may also be purchased on both concert nights at the box office.

Five NHS choirs earned excellent or superior ratings at the Michi-

gan School Vocal Music Association's district choral festival in March. And, after a nine-month search for the finest artistic talent in Michigan high schools, Chamber Choir (20-voice mixed ensemble) was chosen to perform at this month's Michigan Youth Arts Festival at Western Michigan University.

Less than one percent of student applicants were selected. The TrebleMakers (a 10-voice women's ensemble) were also finalists.

CHANGES

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Parsons said her dream and goal was to have a positive impact on the field of education, which she and others feel she has accomplished. This new position will continue to see her involved with education, but she will miss the daily interaction with the Northville school community.

“This community is phenomenal in the way that it works together to build such great schools,” she said. “There is such a huge level of support in Northville for the students and schools.”

Prior to coming to Northville, she taught and was principal in the Pinckney Community School district.

New assistant superintendent

Last week at a special school board meeting, the NPS Board of Education unanimously approved the appointment of Deanna Barash, currently principal of Seaholm High School in

Birmingham, as Northville's new assistant superintendent for instructional services, and Jennifer Bugar, currently Cooke acting program supervisor, as the program's permanent supervisor.

Both will assume their new posts on July 1.

“Northville Public Schools has an outstanding reputation and I am excited about the opportunity, as my passion is curriculum and instruction,” Barash said. “I look forward to working with all members of the Northville school community — staff, students and parents. I believe it is important to involve all stakeholders in discussions about curriculum and instruction as we continue to enhance our students' educational experience.”

Barash succeeds Robert Behnke who left Northville Public Schools in February to become superintendent for Adrian Public Schools in Adrian, Michigan. Longtime educator and school administrator Barbara R. Lott has been serving as interim assistant superintendent for instructional services since that

time.

An educator and school administrator for 17 years, Barash has been principal of Seaholm High School, part of Birmingham Public Schools, for the past three years.

Barash previously served in several leadership roles at the Talawanda School District in Oxford, Ohio, including as principal of Talawanda Middle School for two years; principal of Bogan Elementary School for three years; and assistant principal of Talawanda High School for four years.

“Deanna brings strong administrative experience at the elementary, middle and high school levels to the position, along with a clear understanding of quality instruction, curriculum and best practice from kindergarten through graduation,” Gallagher said. “She also has a strong commitment to leadership, a focus on learning for all students, and a dedication to data-driven decision making.”

She earned her Bachelor of Science in communication education and her Master of Education-



Barash



Bugar

al Leadership from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. And she is also a member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Cooke Supervisor

Bugar, a 1989 graduate of Northville High School, succeeds Mary Meldrum, who accepted a position with the Macomb County Intermediate School District in October 2013.

“Jennifer is a talented and compassionate leader who has strengthened teacher, staff and parent involvement in school improvement processes at Cooke over the past two years,” Gallagher said. “She values the voices of parents, staff and students in fostering



Ridge Wood Elementary School student Jonah Koipillai gives a hug to departing principal Alicia Parsons during her April 30 good-bye party. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

a strong culture of leadership and learning at Cooke, with an unrelenting focus on the holistic needs of students.”

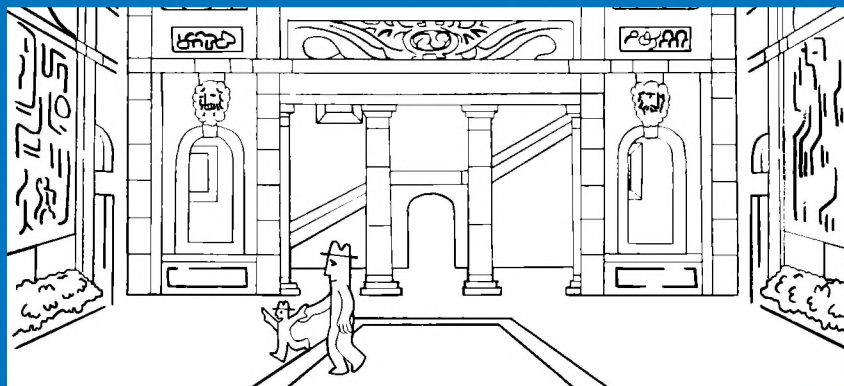
As acting Cooke program supervisor for the past year, Bugar has overseen the day-to-day operations of the district's special education center program — financed through the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and staffed by Northville educators. The program serves severely cognitively and multiply impaired students from preschool to age 26 from school districts across western Wayne County.

“I am thrilled to con-

tinue to lead our innovative Cooke team as we create curriculum, align with the Common Core Essential Elements, and support our students' individual needs,” Bugar said. “Our opportunities are great to continuously improve our programs, create connections within our community, and use resources and best practice to provide great services for our students at all ages. We look forward to helping each student grow in the ability to communicate and demonstrate learning, both academically and functionally, in order to fulfill individual goals and engage in meaningful life experiences.”

Bugar has a Bachelor of Science in special education – emotionally impaired and a Master of Special Education – learning disabilities from Eastern Michigan University (EMU). She also has a Specialist in Arts, Special Education Administration and Supervision Degree from EMU.

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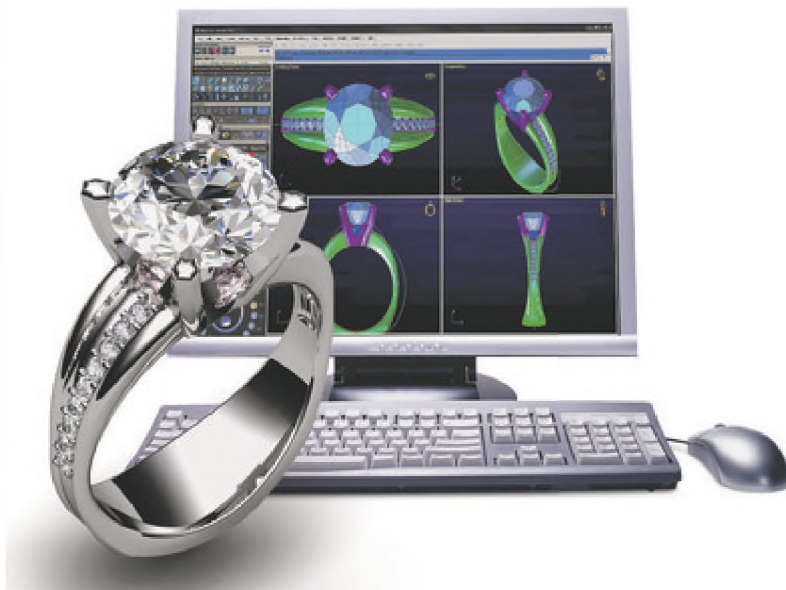
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Meads Mill Mlddle School students go green for Maybury Farm

Nearly all the students and staff at Meads Mill Middle School showed up for school on March 14 wearing the color green. It was no coincidence. They were all participating in the "Wearing of the Green" fundraiser for Maybury Farm.

The students and their teachers organized the annual community outreach project. Leading up to the project, St. Patrick's Day posters were put up throughout the school to promote the fundraiser and students looked forward to the event the entire week. The day of the fundraiser students were green and purchased shamrock beads for \$1 to wear for St. Patrick's Day. This year more than 200 beads were sold and many students were very generous and donated more than \$1 for their beads.



Meads Mill Middle School students and staff presented Maybury Farm with a check for \$303.33 on April 15.

On April 15, Meads Mill Middle School students and teachers presented Maybury Farm with a check for \$303.33. Maybury Farm will use the money to purchase a male pygmy goat and its care for a year. Maybury Farm, which is operated by the Northville Community Foundation and located on Eight Mile just west of Maybury State Park, receives no state

funding and is run entirely on donations. For more information about Maybury Farm, including how to adopt a farm animal for 2014, visit www.maybury-farm.org/donate.html or call 248-374-0200. Maybury Farm is open noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is \$2.50 per person and children 2 and under are free.

Skate Club's ice show



The Skate Club of Novi, a nonprofit run by volunteers, presents its annual ice show at 7 p.m. May 16 and at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. May 17 at the Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Nick Lidstrom Drive. The show features figure skaters of all ages, from beginners to elite level soloist. This is a full-blown production, including lighting and costumes. Tickets are available at the door for \$10. For more information, call 248-347-1010.

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Township approves August ballot language for public safety millage

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Northville Township officials have settled upon the ballot language that will confront voters when they head to polls for the Aug. 5 primary election.

Township voters will have two questions to consider for the public safety/shared services millage rate. First they will be asked to renew the former millage rate of 5.575 mills (\$5.575 on each thousand dollars of taxable valuation), which actually expired Dec. 31, but is levied this year. Township officials are asking for a seven year renewal.

Secondly, voters will say yes or no to an increase of 1.55 mills (\$1.55 on each thousand dollars of taxable valuation) for seven years. If approved, 1.25 of the increase would go towards public safety, which includes fire and police services, and the rest (about .3 of a mill) would go towards shared services, which includes senior services, parks and recreation and youth services.

The board of trustees unanimously approved the language at a special meeting last week. Clerk

Sue Hillebrand has sent the language to the Wayne County Clerk's Office, so it can be approved by the county's election commission. Once the county accepts the language, it will be added to the ballot. This is usually done by late May or early June.

"Absentee ballots must be delivered to my office for distribution no later than June 21," Hillebrand said.

The township will bulk mail the first batch of absentee ballots by Friday, June 27, then daily after that.

Township officials decided to ask voters for the increase because the public safety and shared services budgets have been supplemented by rainy day funds since 2008. The township has reached the point where it no longer has the funds to do so. In fact, the township is looking at a \$1.2 million budget shortfall in public safety for 2014. The public safety fund balance is getting dangerously low. At the end of 2014, it is expected to drop to \$2.6 million, which may seem like a lot but it is lower than auditors suggest municipalities have in case of unforeseen emergencies.

If voters approve the increase, the additional levy will provide an estimated revenue of \$2,859,550 in the first year.

According to Hillebrand, the township board was faced with a difficult decision back in 2008 when the last public safety/shared services renewal occurred. She said leaders knew then that the current rate wouldn't be enough to cover the services provided, but they made the decision not to raise taxes because of the poor state of the economy. However, she said the time has come to bite the bullet. Either residents will agree to the increase, or the board will be forced to reduce services.

"We have been supplementing those budgets since 2008. We just can't sustain it any longer," she said.

Although township officials can't use public resources to advocate for the renewal, Hillebrand said people can visit the township's website at www.northville-mich.com for information about the ballot requests, as well as budget information that might be helpful in their decision-making process. She

recommended that residents subscribe to the township's listserv to get updates on all the current information.

A committee has been set up of local residents that will advocate for the requests. Chairman Jim Petrie, a retired teacher, said the committee will host informational meetings for the public at Township Hall on June 5. There will be two sessions, at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. He recommends that if anyone has questions, those are the meetings to attend.

Petrie said he and the other dozen or so members of the committee are just regular citizens from across the spectrum.

"We are developing literature to pass out and distribute to anyone who needs information about this," he said. "There are both informational and advocacy components to what we are doing. We really hope people are going to support both the renewal and increase."

Petrie said he got involved because he likes the current levels of service the township provides, and would hate to see that change.

"The people on our committee want to continue the current levels

BALLOT LANGUAGE

Millage Increase
Shall the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Northville, Wayne County, Michigan be authorized and empowered to levy an increase of 1.55 mills (\$1.55 on each thousand dollars of taxable valuation) of the general ad valorem property tax for a period of seven (7) years, 2014 through 2020, both inclusive, and being in addition to the aggregate amount of ad valorem property taxes imposed for all other purposes?
The purpose of such new levied tax is to fund and maintain the current level of services and operations of Public Safety (Police & Fire), and Shared Services (Parks, Recreation, Seniors and Youth).
If approved, the millage increase of 1.55 mills will be allocated as follows: Public Safety (Police & Fire) 1.25 mills (\$1.25 on each thousand dollars of taxable valuation) and Shared Services (Parks, Recreation, Seniors and Youth) 0.3 mills (\$0.30 on each thousand dollars of taxable valuation).
If enacted, this levy will provide estimated revenue of \$2,859,550 in the first year.
YES or NO

Millage Renewal
Public Safety, Shared Services and General Operating
Shall the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Northville, Wayne County, Michigan be authorized and empowered to levy a general ad valorem property tax to renew 5.575 mills (\$5.575 on each thousand dollars of taxable valuation) which has expired for Public Safety (Police & Fire); Shared Services (Parks, Recreation, Seniors and Youth) and General Operating for a period of seven (7) years, 2014 through 2020, both inclusive, and being in addition to the aggregate amount of ad valorem property taxes imposed for all other purposes to be used for the operation, maintenance and expenditures for these township services.
If approved, the millage renewal of 5.575 mills will be allocated as follows: Public Safety 5.000 mills (\$5.00 on each thousand dollars of taxable valuation), Shared Services 0.4574 mills (\$0.4574 on each thousand dollars of taxable valuation) and General Operating 0.1176 mills (\$0.1176 on each thousand dollars of taxable valuation).
If enacted, this levy will provide estimated revenue of \$10,285,199 in the first year.
YES or NO

of service, especially when it comes to public safety," Petrie said. "Our community is continuing to grow, which means more calls for service. I don't think we can afford to go backwards."

District comes out against RESA millage proposal

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The Wayne County RESA Enhancement Millage does not have the support of the Northville Public School district.

The NPS Board of Education approved a motion at their meeting stating they were "not in favor of a resolution in support of a regional enhancement millage."

The proposal is asking for a two mill tax increase over the next six years as a new additional millage to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for the more than 30 Wayne County school districts that are part of the intermediate school district.

In general, the Northville school board believes it's not a good investment for them.

"For every \$1 of tax revenue collected, Northville would receive approximately .56 cents back," said Board President Jim Mazurek.

"Not really a great return on investment of our community, therefore we don't support it ... I don't think it's right for this community," said Mazurek.

If passed, two mills would generate \$5,031,467 of revenue in the first year from Northville for which NPS would receive \$2,834,692. The school board said NPS is a "donor" district already and can't ask their community to give even more money of

which almost half wouldn't come back.

It's estimated by the Wayne RESA proposal that \$80,000,000 would be generated by the proposal when it would be first levied in 2014. Because of property values across the district and dissemination of millage revenue on a per pupil basis across the county, some districts would receive more money than others, according to NPS officials.

The NPS school board defines a donor district as one that receives fewer dollars back than the revenue collected.

NPS Superintendent Mary K. Gallagher provided background information for the school board and said RESA recently commissioned a

poll of 600 Wayne County residents to gauge support for a potential county-wide enhancement millage of two mills for five or 10 years as well as three mills for five or 10 years.

She said survey results suggested that putting forth a ballot proposal of either two or three mills for five years may be successful.

Each local school board will be asked to consider a resolution in support of Regional Enhancement Millage. If districts representing at least 50 percent of the total student population support the enhance millage, RESA will take Board action on May 19 to authorize a County Enhancement Millage proposal on the Aug. 5

Wayne County election ballot.

The NPS school board knows it has a smaller population compared to other districts like Detroit, so this proposal might yet appear later this summer on the ballot.

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Learning about kit homes



Husband and wife duo Andrew and Wendy Mutch present a program on April 30 at Northville's Mill Race Village on the history of kit homes in America. Attendees learned that the kits, which could be ordered from the Sears or Montgomery Ward catalogs or from the Bay City-based company Aladdin, were often meant to be do-it-yourself-ers, and sometimes contained more than 300,000 pieces of lumber, nails and assorted trim. They were built in the U.S. mostly in the '20s, '30s, and '40s. The Mutches themselves reside in a Sears' kit home in Novi. Many kit homes still stand in Northville. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Livonia Public Schools Opens Renowned Academically Talented Program To Out-Of-District Students

Eight seats are open to students entering 1st or 2nd grade, and Eight seats are open to students entering 3rd or 4th grade for the 2014-15 school year.

Limited Registration window: May 9-May 23, 2014.

Livonia Public Schools is opening its Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (ACAT) program to Limited Schools of Choice for the 2014 - 2015 school year.

This program is geared toward academically talented students looking for a specialized learning experience.

Registration will be open from May 9 - 23, 2014 at Webster Elementary School, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia, MI 48152 from 8:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. Monday - Friday.

All candidates MUST meet the ACAT selection testing criteria.

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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.

Letter Carriers Food Drive

The National Letter Carriers' Food Drive will take place Saturday, May 10 throughout Northville.

Place your non-perishable and non-expired donations in a bag near your mailbox by 10 a.m. on Saturday morning. Northville Civic Concern volunteers and Northville letter carriers will collect and deliver the donations to the Civic Concern office. All food collected in Northville will be distributed to Northville residents.

Donations may also be dropped off on this Saturday at Civic Concern's office, 43261 West Seven Mile Road (in the Highland Lakes Plaza) between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Call 248-344-1033 for more information.

The Simply Give Program, benefiting Civic Concern at the Northville Meijer (8 Mile and Haggerty) continues through this weekend. Look in the checkout area for the Simply Give displays. Meijer matches each \$10 donation.

Spring Gala

The Northville Democratic Club, and three other area Democratic

clubs, will host their 5th Annual Spring Gala Saturday, May 17 at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville Township.



Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mark Schauer will be the keynote speaker. There will also be a tribute to retiring U.S. Sen. Carl Levin.

Cost is \$100 for Host level, and \$65 (\$60 if purchased before May 15) for Supporters. Students can purchase discounted tickets for \$45. To purchase tickets, contact Lisa DiRado at 248-982-6602 or Dirado23@gmail.com. For more information contact Susan Nichols at 248-767-1141 or SNich96@aol.com.

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.

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, or call 248-349-7640.

Snyder appointment

Gov. Rick Snyder recently reappointed Northville's Suresh Mukherji to Michigan's Certificate of Need Commission.

The 11-member commission regulates and balances cost, quality and access to Michigan's health care system. It also develops, revises and determines approval or disapproval for Certificate of Need standards. No more than six members can be from the same political party.

Members serve three-year terms expiring April 9, 2017. Their appointments are subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

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 313-549-7052 or Diane.Risko@redcross.org to make an appointment.

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

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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Police agencies seeking man after high speed chase, break-ins

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Police from several jurisdictions are on the lookout for a man responsible for stealing a vehicle in Redford Township, and then leading police on a high-speed chase that began in Southfield and then went through Farmington Hills and Novi. Police believe he is also responsible for several breaking and entering cases in the Northville community.

The Northville City Police reported that on the evening of Saturday, May 3 around 9:30 p.m. the Novi Police were in pursuit of a stolen Ford F-150 truck, which was reported stolen out of Redford Township. Novi ended its chase at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads, but informed Northville of the suspect vehicle. Northville City Police were waiting for the stolen truck along Eight Mile, but it never passed.

"The truck was later found abandoned on Clement Road near Bloomcrest," said Northville City Police Chief

Gary Goss.

It was emphasized by police that the case is still under investigation, so some details have not yet been released.

However, after looking at the time line and trail of events, police suspect that from there the vehicle theft suspect may have attempted to went break into to several Northville homes, and was successful in one case, again getting away with a vehicle.

The first reported breaking and entering case occurred at a home on Greenridge Drive and was reported to Northville Township Police. The homeowner spotted a suspect inside the home, but the suspect quickly ran away. This happened just after 10 p.m.

The next case occurred at 2:30 a.m. at a residence in the Northville Estates neighborhood. The suspect reportedly found and used a ladder to get up to a higher floor and then attempted to push in an air conditioning unit through a window in order to gain

entry. The homeowners were home and pushed it back causing the suspect to run off again.

The third home invasion occurred at a home on Chigwidden Drive later on in the early morning hours. As the homeowners were asleep the suspect broke in and grabbed vehicle's keys and some credit cards. It was not revealed yet if the stolen vehicle was recovered.

Afterward that suspect was traced to the Chase Bank at Eight Mile and Haggerty attempting to use the cards at the ATM, but was unsuccessful. However, the suspect did use a card at a Speedway and 7-11, charging more than \$200 on the card.

At this point in the case, the only description of the suspect is that he is male, but police do have some leads from the ATM camera footage and some witnesses.

The case is still under investigation and details will be updated as soon as they become known.

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Seven Mile closed for 2-3 weeks

Seven Mile Road from Edenderry Street to Rodgers Street in Northville has closed to through traffic. The construction closure began Monday and is expected to last two to three weeks depending on weather.

The \$1.18 million project is mainly a resurfacing. However, the area from Edenderry to Rodgers Street will require extensive concrete base repair due to the current condition of the road. Once repaired, the concrete will need time to cure.

Access to Fish Hatch-



Seven Mile Road, near Rodgers, shows that work has already begun on its heavily pot-holed sections in this May 3 photo. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ery Park and residents within the closure will be maintained.

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Hundreds attend O&E Media’s Spring Expo

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Stopping at the *Observer & Eccentric* Media’s Spring Expo is something Adelle Zawacki tries to do every year.

The vast amount of information offered to attendees makes it a destination as spring starts, she said.

“This is one of the best places to come for info,” the Farmington Hills resident said. “I think it prepares you more for the future.”

Zawacki was one of hundreds of people who attended the Spring Expo – this year titled Live in Go – held Tuesday at the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. In addition to gathering information on a wide array of services that included health, legal and other information, many of those in attendance showed up to try their luck at winning one of many prizes of-



Laura Loneragan, a representative of the Manor of Novi (right), talks to expo visitor Judy Morante at the VistaTech Center. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ferred by vendors.

Farmington resident Shirley Ziembra said she arrived well before the event started to try her luck at winning a prize for being one of the first 100 people through the door. She didn’t win this time, but admits she was still happy to stop by early and play some Family Feud.

“It was fun playing Family Feud,” she said. “We love the giveaways.”

Ziembra’s daughter-in-law, Livonia resident Mercedes Ziembra, came to the expo for the first time. She said she was happy she came and looked forward to sampling the food being offered by the vendors.

“I’m still waiting for the food,” she said. “It’s a lot of fun.”



Hundreds of people crowded Livonia’s Vista Tech Center at Schoolcraft College on April 30 for the *Observer* and *Eccentric* “Life on Go, Spring Expo”. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

One couple, John and Virginia Kay of Livonia, arrived and headed to the back of the food line to try some of the goodies. Tuesday was their first visit to the Spring Expo, a trip they made to attend a seminar done by attorney Nicole Wipp on trusts and wills.

“As you get older, your needs change,” John Kay said. “The best thing to do is get that advance (knowledge).”

Novi residents Larry and Laura Jansen came to the Spring Expo to gather more information to take back to their caregivers support group at Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Novi.

Laura Jansen said they planned on attending the wills and trust seminar as well and hoped to bring back some literature and info to the group, which meets the second Saturday morning of each month at the church, 40700 W. 10 Mile, in Novi.

She said attending the Spring Expo is a convenient way to get all the info they need.

“We’re always looking for good information to pass along,” she said. “(The Spring Expo) puts everything under one roof.”



Saint Joseph Mercy Health representative John Elkins (left) talks to Novi’s Arthur Giessler during the Spring Expo. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Helen Torrance and Fran Lee, both of South Lyon, try the dementia simulator, sponsored by Botsford Commons. They experience the frustration with the loss of sensory input experience like those with Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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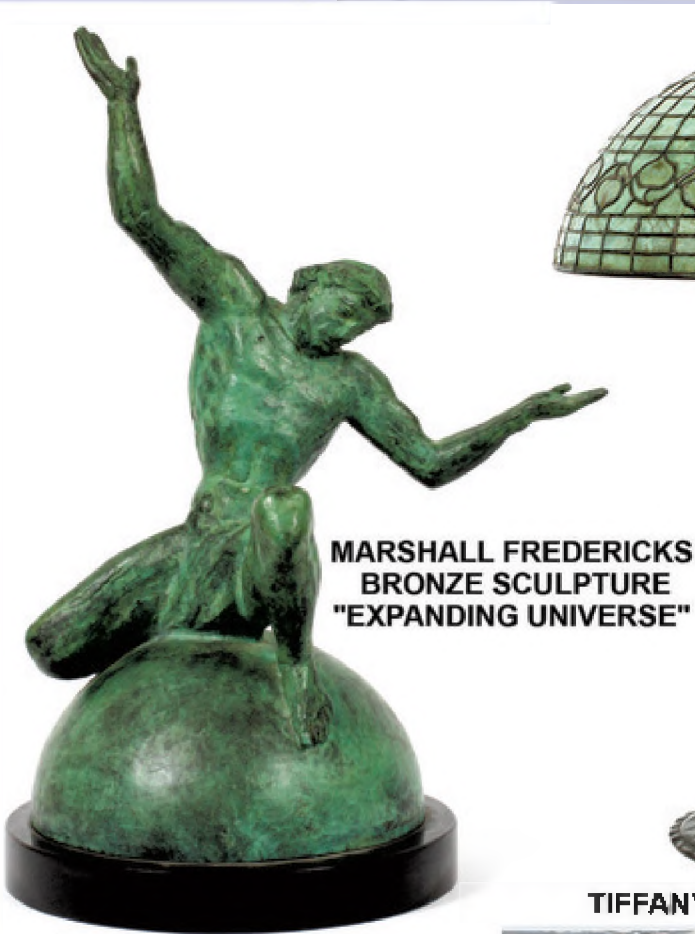
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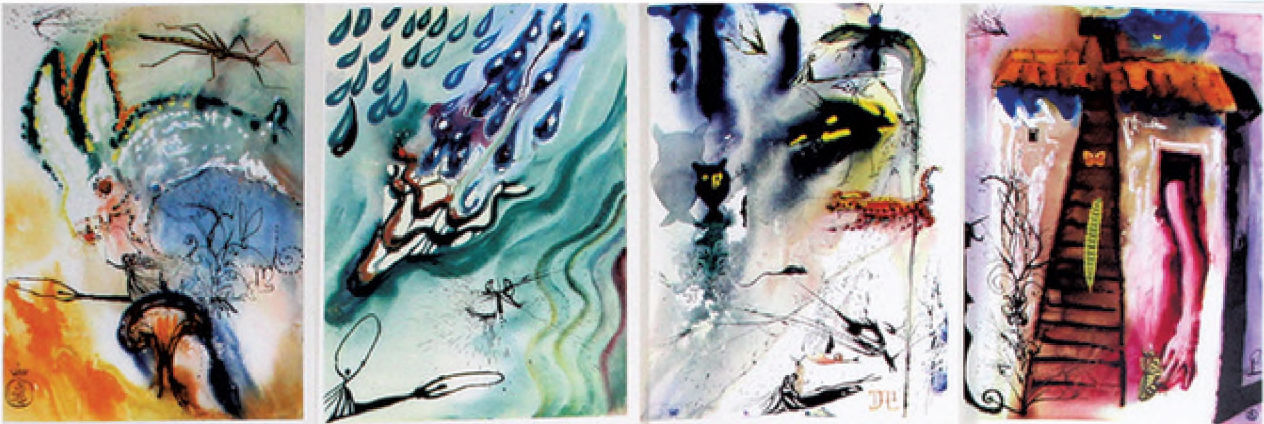
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Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org

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Mass Schedule

Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday 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.
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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
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Contact: 248-437-2875

First Presbyterian Church

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GRONER PATRICIA L.

Age 70, passed away May 4, 2014. She was born on February 20, 1944, in Northville, daughter of the late Warren & Amy Simpson. Known for her devoted love to her husband, children and grandchildren, Patricia was the rock of the Groner family. She was very proud of her home and could often be found decorating the house for holidays, especially Christmas. She enjoyed baking, was an excellent cook and loved to go on color tours with her husband, Martin, in the fall. Patricia will always be remembered for her kind, generous spirit and her love for her family. She is survived by her beloved husband of 49 years, Martin; her loving children: Dwayne (Janet) Roy, Christine (Robert) Kotoucek, Kelly (Russell) Collins and eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three brothers. Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and one brother. Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 8, from 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. with a funeral service on Friday, May 9, at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Make a Wish Foundation. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

**SELBY-HELE, HENRY GEORGE**

Born June 21, 1952 in Victoria, BC. Passed away on April 30, 2014 in Maple Grove, MN. An avid sailor, world traveler, Pantera owner and musician (clarinet). George (tried) spending as much time on the water as volunteering as a foster parent, YMCA Indian Guides leader, member of the church choir, council, and men's group. He completed his Bachelor of Music Performance at University of Victoria and his Associate of Electronics Technology at Brown College. His love of technology would lead him to work for such cutting edge companies as Varian Associates, Live Works Inc, Sony and Best Buy. Proceeded in death by parents and brother. Survived by wife Rosella; sons H. Lucas (Joanna) Selby-Hele, John Selby-Hele; sister Linda (Daniel) Mitchell; grandchild H. Aidan Selby-Hele; many other relatives and friends. Celebration of life June 22, 2014, 4:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church of Crystal. Visitation one hour prior. Interment: Rush Creek Cemetery.

**VanLOO, JASON B.**

Age 37, of Canton, formerly of Northville and Charlevoix, passed away April 29, 2014. He was born on July 26, 1976 in Goldsboro, North Carolina to Bryan R. and Sheri L. (nee Wolgamott). Jason grew up in Charlevoix and graduated from Charlevoix High School. He received an Associate's Degree from Lansing Community College and later graduated from the Radcliff Center Fire Academy. He moved to Northville in 2001 and Canton in 2010. He was the owner of Jay's AAA RC, a RC repair company and also worked as a demonstrator and salesman for Extreme RC. Jason was also a volunteer firefighter for the City of Northville and the City of Charlevoix. Jason's family was his world; he was a loving father and adored his children. He was a lot of fun and very charismatic; he was everyone's friend and "that guy" who was always living in the moment. Jason was very athletic; his favorite sports were football, wrestling, and running, in which he still holds a high school record. His favorite hobby and passion were RC cars and helicopters. Jason was truly in his element when he was outdoors; he loved hunting, fishing, ice fishing, morel mushroom hunting, and four wheeling. He is survived by his adored children, Kylie, Racheal, Ellarie, and Jace; his parents, Bryan R. VanLoo and Sheri (Bill) Fels; his brother, Bryan R. VanLoo, Jr.; his grandparents, Barb (Les Spires) Storey, Faye (Dr. John Lignell) VanLoo, and Gordon Wolgamott; his fiancé, Melissa Jo Garner; the mother of his children, Courtney Hamilton VanLoo; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Papa Roxy. A Celebration of Life was held May 5, 2014 at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville. A Celebration of Life will also be held at a later date in Charlevoix. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to the Charlevoix Fire Department, 201 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720. Online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

**TOBEL, LAURIE ANN**

Age 55, of Oak Creek Canyon, Arizona passed away April 21. Private services were recently held in Novi, Michigan. She is preceded in death by daughter, Amanda Marjan Shadmani and her father, Charles I. Tobel. Loving mother of Roya Shadmani, beloved daughter of Darle Lynn Tobel, survived by brothers Kevin (Mary Lynn), Charles (Carol), sisters Lynn Wieties (William) and Beth Tobel. Loving partner of her fiancé Danny Morton.

TURNER, THOMAS E.

Age 86 of Lake City, Michigan, passed away April 13, 2014. Survived by his loving wife of 62 years Frances; sons Timothy (Ruth), the late Jeffrey and Brian (Patty) Turner, all of Highland. Grandfather of Jane (Brett) Wolfe, the late Steven McKim, Connie (Jeff) Fox, the late Charity Turner, Amanda (Jim) Frazer, Crystal (Josh) Leach and Tommy Turner. Great grandfather of Ashlei (Josh) Johns, Eddie Durfee, Alexa Nash, Austyn Nash, the late Tyler Weathers, Shane Fox, Allison Fox and Cody Frazer. Great great grandfather of Olivia Allen, Mia Durfee, Connor Johns, Avacyn Johns and Ayden Fox. Tom retired from the GM Proving Grounds in Milford after 30 years. He and Fran moved to Lake City and enjoyed 20 years of fun and farming on their 30-acre farm. Memorial service Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 1 p.m. at the VFW Post 9914 on North Duck Lake Rd. The Pastor Terry Klaus officiating.

RACKHAM KATHERINE M.

passed away May 1, 2014 at the age of 82. She was born in Detroit to Harry George and Harriet Amelia (Pagel) Rackham. She is deeply loved and will be dearly missed by her sister Joanne A. Rackham. She loved her Chinese Pug "Winston" and loved to Show Chinese Pugs in dog shows. Services were held Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Burial followed at Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.

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Juvenile mischief

A 50-year-old Northville Township resident, who has been the target of teen pranks in the past, called police around 10:30 p.m. on April 26 after a dozen eggs were thrown at his home on the 47000 block of Merion Court.

According to police reports, this was the 22nd time the man's home has been targeted by teens.

The man told police that he was just getting ready for bed when he heard several loud thumps coming from the front of his house. He jumped up, grabbed a flashlight and ran out-

side. He noticed what he thought was a dark Camaro parked out in front of his home, which then fled westbound on Merion Circle.

The man was able to get a partial license plate number, which he provided to police.

After interviewing the man, the officer found a Chevy Malibu parked in a nearby driveway, with a plate that had some matching numbers. Using his thermal imaging device, the officer could tell the engine was still warm and had been driven not long before. The officer knocked on the door and four teens were at the home. However, they said they had

just gone to Arby's. The officer checked the car, and found no evidence to suggest they were involved.

The victim said his home has been vandalized many times. Several juveniles were caught in the past, and he learned from them that it has become a game among some Northville High School students to target his home.

Trespassers

A Northville Township Police officer busted four people for trespassing on the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property in the early morning hours of April 25, and as a bonus arrest-

ed two of the suspects for possessing narcotics paraphernalia.

According to police reports, earlier in the evening the officer saw a Buick parked behind Rocky's of Northville, which is often used to park by people who enter the off-limits property across the street. The officer checked the unoccupied car, and could see in plain view multiple marijuana pipes, a marijuana grinder, a metal pipe and a machete.

The officer checked the property but could not see anyone. A short time later, the same officer observed the vehicle turning east onto Seven Mile, so he quickly got

behind them, noticed the license plate light wasn't illuminated and attempted to pull them over. The vehicle continued to drive, however, until finally pulling over.

The officer approached the vehicle with his sidearm drawn, but everyone in the car was compliant.

The driver, a 40-year-old Lapeer man, along with one of his passengers, were placed under arrest for possession of narcotics paraphernalia. All four were cited for trespassing.

No driver's license, citizenship

The Northville City Police detained a man for

being in the country illegally after pulling him over for running a red light.

The traffic stop happened on the evening of April 25 at Eight Mile Road and Lexington Boulevard. The police were parked nearby when they spotted the driver run the light. The 29-year-old driver handed police a Mexico identification and said he did not have a driver's license and was in the country illegally.

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OUR VIEWS

How appropriate?

Law firm’s conclusion pins little blame on district

What would you do if your child came home from school upset and told you they had been pulled out of class, taken into an office and questioned by two administrators about what they knew concerning a popular teacher telling them to cheat on a test? And what if this all occurred without anyone from the district informing you about it?

It seems natural that you might be upset, especially when you learned that your child, a special education student, was not alone. The more you looked into the matter – without getting much information from the district leadership – you came to learn that the same two administrators questioned many special education students in the same way. In fact, some of the students said the two administrators intimidated them and made threats about what would happen if they didn’t tell them what they were looking for.

So what would you do if your child was – as some parents came to believe – “interrogated” in this way during an investigation that forced out Northville High School special education teachers Jennifer Warnock and Lynn Traxler?

All of these questions were not hypothetical to a group of Northville parents, who encountered this very situation. Many of the parents were outraged by what happened to the popular Warnock and Traxler, but they were even more upset that their students were subjected to what they felt was inappropriate treatment by district leadership, more specifically Northville High School Assistant Principal Katie Shirk and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Dave Rodgers, who conducted the interviews with students.

After getting stonewalled by district administrators, many of these parents and students approached the school board with their complaints and finally began publicly protesting the district’s actions outside district headquarters.

Finally, after months of complaints, the school board agreed to hire an independent law firm – Bloomfield Hills-based Beier-Howlett – to examine whether or not the district’s investigation was inappropriate and could have been handled better.

“Our Board of Education, along with district administrators, do not take questions or concerns expressed by parents, students or the community lightly. When an issue of concern arises, we take action to review it, for the safety and well-being of our students as well as our staff members,” school board president Jim Mazurek said at the time.

Well, that report was released to the public last week, as well as an internal investigation into the matter.

And probably to nobody’s surprise, the Beier Howlett report concluded the district didn’t do anything wrong. It said the accusations by parents that the students were bullied were unfounded and that Shirk and Rodgers had acted according to district policy during their investigation and furthermore did not break any laws.

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.”

Ultimately, the firm’s report blamed the entire firestorm that captivated many in the community (and many outside) for several months on “perceptions” – yes, perceptions.

“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,” the report concluded.

Yet, apparently the only perceptions that hold any water here are those of district administrators.

If you dig into the report, there is a section about the media’s involvement in this affair. The law firm determined many of the parents turned to the media with their complaints, which only inflamed the situation. Yet they concluded the media involvement in this matter was “inappropriate” and was “counter-productive to the efforts of most of the Northville Public Schools’ families to move forward from these events to create a better educational environment.”

We take that to mean the parents and their children should have been ignored by the *Northville Record* and other media outlets, as if our reporting is what tarnished the “educational environment” at NHS. Clearly, we don’t agree with that assessment and we’re guessing neither do the thousands upon thousands of readers that gravitated to this ongoing story. Most importantly, the parents and students impacted by this ordeal don’t agree.

From this point of view, the law firm’s report looks a lot like the district would have hoped when it hired the firm in the first place. Of course, that is probably an assessment that the Beier Howlett firm would deem “inappropriate.” But then again, we’re not paying them.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What did you learn from your mother?

Mother’s Day is this Sunday, May 11. This question was asked in downtown Northville and at the Novi Public Library.



“My mother was a wonderful woman who taught me to be open minded, to listen to suggestions, and she always stressed treating people the way you would want to be treated.”

Dennis Smith
Northville



“Patience.”
Michael Higgins
Northville/Catholic Central senior



“Everything. All the good and the bad.”
Paul Frigon
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“Patience.”
Linda Hensley
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LETTERS

Grow up

I would like you to imagine having your first job. You are 14-16 years old. You may make mistakes but everyone makes mistakes. Now imagine that every time you do this job that adults are constantly yelling at you even when you have not necessarily made a mistake. Not only are there adults always yelling at you, but their children are yelling at you with the parents encouraging them.

Here are some of the things that I have heard yelled by adults at a 14-16 year old referee: loser, you are worthless, stupid, idiot, you don’t know anything, you are clueless, blind, you have no idea what you are doing, you must be deaf, you are dumb, what are you doing, are your eyes even open, where is your brain, you don’t belong here and so many more things even some things that cannot be printed here.

Next time you are at soccer game, think about the example you are setting and what your children are learning from your behavior. Imagine that it was your child out in the center of the field or along the sidelines trying to do the best they can at a really difficult job with 20 or more adults constantly yelling things at them. What would that do to your child’s self-esteem, self-worth or self-image? Think about it.

Denise Stacer
Northville

Another ‘bold’ idea

I saw on the news this week that the Republicans in control in Lansing are contemplating an election year tax break of \$76 for Michiganders. If you even whisper about taxing the wealthy or corporations more fairly, and ask them to contribute even a penny more to benefit others, Republicans scream “redistribution of wealth.” However, when you tax the pensions of senior citizens, and then pass

the cash generated by this new tax they recently enacted along to everyone else, it quickly becomes another one of their bold new ideas.

Steve Lawrence
Northville Township

Community generosity appreciated

The night before spring break on April 17, a wonderful event took place in the heart of town at Genitti’s Hole-in-the Wall. “Cabaret for a Cause!” raised funds to benefit arts and music enrichment for Northville Public Schools Sprouts Autism K-5 housed at Thornton Creek Elementary School. Genitti’s provided a celebratory atmosphere, delicious food, excellent service and went the extra mile in helping us plan and prepare for this event. Laura Genitti is a Northville treasure.

For the second year, “Encore!” a group of highly talented vocalists and thespians from Eastern Michigan University theater delighted the audience with songs that left the audience laughing, reflecting and wanting more!

It was touching to see so many people, including the staff that works directly with the students, the Thornton Creek PTA, SEPAC, Sprouts families and their friends, as well as other members of the community partake in the event. Everyone was very generous in bidding on the items donated for the silent auction. The profits will go directly to the program. Nate Mansfield, a Northville middle school student, played the piano entertaining guests at the event.

We would like to extend special thanks to Megan Cox for being the chairperson for the event and delivering a wonderful welcome speech and to Kate Colaluca, the amazing Sprouts’ teacher, who shared with us some touching reflections. Devon Bracken announced the silent auction winners and entertained everyone with her wit and

sense of humor.

The closing remarks by Laurie Kondek shed light on the hardships and love we experience, along with the gifts of unique perspective and appreciation for little things we learn as parents on this journey. Our children with autism were honored and recognized as valuable members of the community. Genitti’s, EMU’s Encore, and everyone who attended made a significant and long lasting difference supporting the Sprouts and bringing everyone together for a great cause.

Thank you all for your time, loving spirit, generosity and the empowering feeling that these children and families are not alone, but live in a “village” that truly embraces them.

The silent auction was a huge success thanks to the many Northville and area businesses support and generosity. We thank Fiona and John Doskocz, the Haartz Corporation, Sandra Hughes O’Brien and law office, Todd Knickerbocker and the Knickerbocker Group of Raymond James, Pro Sports Zone at Laurel Park and Northville’s Melucci DESIGN Interior Design, Simple Organizing Solutions, Patio Plus, Dancing Eye Art Gallery, Utopia Spa & Salon, Julie Woodward and Peggy Kerwan offThe Northville Art House, Main St. Massage, The Whalers, Tipping Point Theater, Little Bird Photography, Lorla’s Shoes & Accessories, the Detroit Red Wings, Zoup!, Phoenix Movie Theater at Laurel Park, Pump it Up Wixom, Big Tommy’s Comedy Club, Yellow Door Art Market, Moni Jones Hair Stylist, Novi Sports Club, and the Relaxation Station and Bella Nina Day Spa in Ann Arbor.

One final “thank you” to the *Northville Record* for your help in spreading the word about this important event and helping us spread autism awareness within our community.

Sprouts Autism K-5 family

GUEST COLUMN

Common goal more important than turf

This is a watershed moment in Michigan history. The political climate has clearly deteriorated over the past 25 years. We have seen a growth of meanness, bitterness and excessive partisanship that can only work to our detriment.

We all know the focus of public policy and political campaigns should be on the issues which are important to the people. Political discourse these days is often focused on “spin” and protecting one’s “turf” rather than involving a genuine exchange of ideas and concepts. Case in point, the construction of an amphitheater in Plymouth Township.

When you are “spinning your message” and you are more concerned about your “turf” than the public good, you aren’t going anywhere.

Making progress toward a



John Stewart

common goal is more important than protecting turf. Developing responsible public policy is more important than scoring “spin” points. Of course, we will have our differences and they can be intense at times, but we will only be able to resolve them in a climate that maintains a sense of civility, respect and intellectual honesty.

There has never been a shortage of strong-willed people nor a shortage of people who have felt passionately about the issues. Over the course of my six years as state representative (2000-06), I cast more than 9,000 votes. I was able to disagree one day on a

particular issue and agree the next day on another. I knew that disagreeing on an issue did not make the other person an enemy. We must stay away from the drama, emotion and negativity and keep personality out of it.

As state representative, it was always my goal to “vote my district.” I tried to gather as many facts as I could and strive for the closest approximation of truth. Credibility is always the most significant issue and I didn’t have time for anything that wasn’t based on the truth.

I have not witnessed the leadership in our elected officials to strive for delicate compromise and consensus. We can do better, we must do better.

John C. Stewart is a Plymouth attorney who served three terms as a state representative in the 20th District.

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Safety precautions important when boating

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Sgt. Mike Wasil of the Wayne County Sheriff's Marine Unit is a big fan of life jackets for boaters.

"Life jackets worn, your chances go way up if you're wearing one," Wasil said of surviving a boating accident. "We wear our life jackets all the time. A lot of time, there isn't time to find your life jacket (in an emergency)."

Wasil has headed up the Marine Unit since 2009, and with colleagues patrols Lake Erie, Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River and the inland Belleville Lake. This includes 38 miles of international border and 140 square miles of water.

Life jacket use and avoiding excessive alcohol are two key messages Wasil likes to get out, especially now as boaters take to the local waters.

"Most of the accidents when you look at them could be avoided," he said. A drowning last year on Belleville Lake involved a victim without a life jacket. Wasil noted



The Wayne County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit patrols to keep boaters safe. WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

that since he began his tenure in 2009 there have been no Wayne County boating fatalities with life jackets in use.

"It's not against the law to drink while you're on the water," he said. The impaired standard of .08 blood alcohol content now used for road drivers is higher for boaters, something law enforcement would like to change.

Operating under the influence on a boat is .10 BAC, he said, and there's been talk with lawmakers about lowering that. "But nothing I've heard has come from it."

There were three OWI arrests in 2013 on Wayne County waters.

Like driving on roads, he calls the designated boat operator who doesn't drink at all the best. "You add in waves, sun, being out all day, it has a greater effect,"

Wasil said of drinking on a boat. "It seems to enhance the effects of the alcohol."

"Most of the boats you (sheriff's deputies) stop have alcohol on them. People are usually going on boats for pleasure. Alcohol seems to be a big part of it."

Safety precautions

Back to the life jackets, Wasil and his colleagues now wear the

inflatables, "comfortable, light weight and they work well." Older styles weren't as comfortable, but that excuse is long gone.

Boats often have a horn to summon help, and many life jackets include a whistle you can use if you fall overboard.

"It's a way to get people's attention," Wasil said. "It definitely could help to have one attached to your life jacket."

A "pea-less" whistle with no small ball inside is recommended for boaters, as it will work when wet.

A recent case of a man's body found in Lake St. Clair near where his boat capsized is under investigation. Law enforcement officials repeat their boating safety warnings each spring.

In recent years, Wasil said, a couple larger boats have run over smaller ones, one case involving alcohol and the other inattention.

"In both cases, everybody lived. Just ended up in the water," he said.

There was also a drowning in recent years his unit worked on in the Detroit River, but in Canadian waters. "A Jet-Ski ran into a boat," and the ski operator died soon after, Wasil said.

Classes offered

He encourages attendance at the Sheriff's Office boating safety classes at Westfield Activities Center in Trenton. Information on registration is at 734-675-2660.

You can learn boating laws in the classes. "A lot of people know the road laws," he said, but not boating ones. Their next class is scheduled May 20 and 27, continuing with monthly sessions through September.

Some boaters take online boating safety courses due to busy schedules.

"I think the personal interaction works out better," Wasil said of the local classes, where you can ask questions.

Those born after July 1, 1996, now need a safety certificate to drive a boat – a new law. Also, those born after Dec. 31, 1978, need a safety certificate to use personal watercraft like a Jet-Ski.

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Bentivolio mobile service center schedule announced

Congressman Kerry Bentivolio's office has announced the Mobile Constituent Service Center schedule for the coming weeks, including a stop in Farmington.

The mobile office will visit different locations across the 11th District to provide constituents with greater access to federal services.

The schedule includes Plymouth Township Hall, May 5-9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Canton Township Hall, May 13-16, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Clawson City Hall, May 19-23, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Farmington City Hall, June 2-6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Among the items the office can assist with are veterans/military benefits and recognitions, IRS/tax issues, mortgage fore and property tax issues, federal grants and loans, identity theft, immigration, work or travel VISAs, passport issues, unclaimed property inquiries, social security/disability claims, Medicare/Medicaid issues, small business resources and information, congressional commendations, flags flown over the U.S. Capitol, military academy nominations, D.C. tours and tickets.

The Mobile Constituent Service Center can also be found on Facebook.

Talent For The Title! will bring top contestants to Northville

The sixth annual music and dance performance competition Talent For the Title! hosted by Broughton Music & Art Center, and Starring "The Gallery" is gearing up.

Applications are now available for vocalists, singer/songwriters, instrumentalists, solo, duo/trio, band, dance solo, duo, trio and group. All interested competitors will need to submit an application and audition tape by May 17. Judges will select finalists to compete in a series of public performances throughout downtown Northville. The final showcase will take place June 7. Laurie Jarski of Broughton Music & Art Center, and Mary Starring of Starring "The Gallery" are serving as co-chairs. This year also marks the first time that one of the preliminary rounds will be held in Kalamazoo.

"This talent show is a wonderful opportunity for talented performers to further develop their performance skills," said Jarski. "There is so much talent throughout the state of Michigan. Northville is home to a world-class music school, a 60-year old dance studio, a professional theater, a dinner theater and a children's theater within one square mile. It's only natural to bring extraordinary talent to a town dedicated to the performing arts."

Starring said Northville has a growing reputation in the arts community.

"Northville is being recognized throughout the state as a community of artists," she said. "The Talent For The Title event brings visitors from all over to our town to enjoy a unique afternoon and evening filled with wonderful musical performances, community support and a heart-warming hometown atmosphere."

On Thursday, May 22, and Friday, May 23 there will be elimination rounds at BMC The Annex in Northville, and at BMC The Lab in Kalamazoo on Saturday, June 1. The finalists will be narrowed down for a final performance showcase.

For the final showcase on June 7, a host of prominent judges will be on hand the crown to winners. Audience members will also have the opportunity to participate in selecting the junior and senior winners. The title brings a cash prize, musical equipment, performance opportunities and an artisan designed trophy. The total winnings for the overall winner are valued at more than \$1,500. Also, this year will mark the third year that a cash award will be awarded to the second and third place overall winners.

Some top performers will be invited to perform at the annual BMAC Invitational & Faculty Showcase as featured guest performers, Saturday, June 14, at Northville's Town Square. Details (including rules) are available at the participating sponsors or by contacting the Talent for the Title hotline at Broughton Music & Art Center at 248-374-5596 or visiting the website talentforthetitle.com.

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In addition to honoring the graduates, the college presented the Distinguished Alumni Award to Commissary Senior Petty Officer Derrick Davenport, USN, and an Honorary Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree to Graham W. J. Beal, director, president and CEO of the Detroit Institute of Arts, who served as the keynote speaker for the ceremony.

Davenport is a graduate of the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Program. After graduation he went on to work in several fine dining



Board chairman Brian Boderick of Plymouth and Schoolcraft President Dr. Conway Jeffress present the Distinguished Alumni Award to Commissary Senior Petty Officer Derrick Davenport, USN. PAUL JARONSKI

establishments and competed in culinary competitions. In 2000, he enlisted in the United States Navy. After training, he was stationed on the USS Annapolis, and then in Afghanistan, where he set up the Afghan Army's first bakeshop. After his tour of duty in the Middle East, he was promoted to his current position as Executive Chef for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 2008.

In March 2011, Davenport lead the first ever

Pentagon Culinary Arts Team and was the first Navy chef to compete at the IKA/World Culinary Olympics in Erfurt, Germany, on the United States Army Culinary Arts Team in 2012. In 2013 he won the Armed Forces Chef of the Year competition, cementing his reputation as one of the best cooks ever to come out of the United States Navy.

Since joining the DIA's leadership in 1999, Beal has overseen two major capital campaigns



Schoolcraft College celebrated its 49th Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 3, at Compuware Arena in Plymouth. PAUL JARONSKI

and the renovation and expansion of the facility, and guided the reinstallation of the museum's world-renowned collection in new ways. Beal has continued to build on the museum's reputation with regard to art acquisitions and exhibitions, and has greatly expanded the DIA's community outreach through programming and innova-



Jacqueline Charniga of Livonia delivers the Student Reflection address. PAUL JARONSKI

tive art installations. Under Beal's leadership, the DIA has co-organized exhibitions, sharing the great works of Van Gogh, Medici, Michelangelo, Degas, Whistler, Rodin, Camille Claudel and Rembrandt with the metropolitan Detroit community and visitors from around the globe who visit the DIA each year.

Jacqueline Charniga, editor-in-chief of the college's student-run award-winning newspaper, *The Connection*, was selected to present the Student Reflection. Although she earned an Associate of Arts Degree in English, Jackie played upon Schoolcraft Col-

lege's Culinary Program as she shared some of her experiences at the college, enjoying the "buffet of opportunities" the college provided her and encouraged her fellow graduates to "satisfy their appetites" and be sure to "fill their plates" as they move on to explore their futures.

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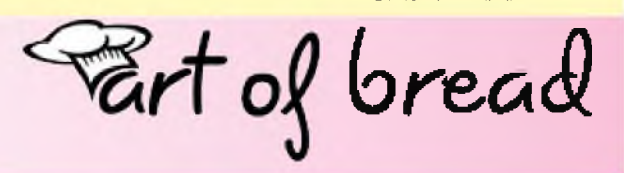
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Girls track team hitting on all cylinders

Squad tops Novi, has quality showing at Golden Triangle

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville girls track and field team continues to work at high-octane levels, earning a solid victory over Novi last week before running against some of the state's best athletes at the Golden Triangle Invitational at Saline.

Against Novi, the Mustangs took home an 89-48 victory.

"It was a big win for us," coach Tim Dalton said. "We knew Novi would be ready and our kids responded."

The victory moved the Mustangs to 4-0 in the Central Division standings.

Northville picked up wins in the 3,200, 400 and 1,600 relays and had several athletes take individual first-place finishes: Mary Catherine McLaughlin (long jump), Chloe Abbott (100 and 200), Lexa Barrott (1,600 and 800), Morgan Robertson (300 hurdles), Clara Kim (pole vault) and Rachel Coleman (3,200).

Northville had second-place finishes in the 110-meter hurdles, the 100, 200, 400, 800, 1,600 and 3,200 races.

Last week, the Mustangs also held senior night after practice April 30 and

they bid farewell to 13 seniors: Symone Abbott, Audrey Baetz, Serena Chouman, Rachel Coleman, Molly DeDona, Kara Ernst, Nicole Mosteller, Aya Pickett, Morgan Robertson, Alison Robinson, Taleen Shahrigian, Chloe Smither and Erin Zimmer.

Golden Triangle Invitational

Northville also competed in the Golden Triangle last weekend in Saline.

"This is a highly competitive meet," Dalton said.

The team had three records set during the meet. Coleman set the mark in the 1,600 while taking first place (4:49.96), and then set the new mark in the 3,200 with a first-place finish as well (10:32.28). Chloe Abbott won the 100 (12.59 seconds) and took second in the 200 (25.57), breaking a record she already held.

In the freshman 1,600, the Mustangs had Emma Smith finish third and Taylor Gattoni take fifth.

The 3,200 relay team of Coleman, Barrott, Shahrigian and Zimmer took second, while Morgan Robinson took

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Northville's Erin Zimmer heads down the track to make a hand-off during a relay race against Novi.
JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

STILL UNDEFEATED



Northville's Alissa Moore (right) tries to play keep-away from two South Lyon East defenders.

TOP-RANKED MUSTANGS GIRLS SOCCER TEAM RECORDS NINTH VICTORY OF THE SEASON

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It's been a great start to the season for Northville as the No. 1-ranked girls soccer team in the state continued to roll along last week with two victories to remain undefeated.

The team, coached by Eric Brucker, picked up a 1-0 victory over Saline – the No. 7-ranked team in the state – after collecting a solid 6-1 Central Division win over South Lyon East just a few days prior.

"This was a good game for us. It's great to play some quality opponents from outside of the KLAA," Brucker said. "(Saline coach) Dana (Restrict) always puts together a great team and it was no different this time. Close games like this are good for the mental side of the game. Everyone stays focused and plays hard for the entire 80 minutes."

Every bit of those 80 minutes counted, too, as the Mustangs and Hornets were very evenly matched. Northville found the chink in the defenses of Saline in the 14th minute, as senior Lauren McBroom received a pass from Northville's back line and moved it up along the sideline. As she reached the offensive third of the pitch, McBroom fired a pass right to the feet of senior Jamie Cheslik, who was about 15 yards away from the Saline net. Cheslik spun her defender with a quick turn and then blasted a shot into the far side of the goal for the game-winner.

From that point, the game was full of intense, physical play and Northville's defense proved up to every challenge – including the final minutes of the contest, when Saline began to move additional players forward in hopes of tying the contest.

Northville climbed to 10-0 with the

victory, while Saline moved to 10-2-2, its only other loss coming to Novi.

Northville 6, S.L. East 1

It's always important to get division victories and visiting South Lyon East was not taken lightly May 1 as Northville came away with a convincing victory.

"Another great team effort," Brucker said. "Jamie and Megan did an outstanding job of putting pressure on the South Lyon East defense all night. I thought our midfield did a great job of limiting the amount of touches of the Cougar playmakers."

"We did go back to a few bad habits, but we will get that corrected in the next couple of practices. It's a good night when you can get 20 players some playing time. Overall a good win."

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Baseball team hitting a groove

Mustangs post 3-1 record during busy week

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It was a good week of baseball for Northville, despite one loss that will likely be used as motivation throughout the remainder of the season.

The Mustangs, coached by John Kostzrewa, picked up wins against Livonia Franklin, Brighton and Southgate and split a doubleheader with South Lyon East.

"After a slow start offensively this season, I feel we turned the corner a bit this week," Kostzrewa said. "As a team, we hit the ball hard and were very fundamental in executing our offense. Our pitching was fantastic all week long."

In the contest against Franklin, the Mustangs had to use some late-inning runs to get a 5-3 victory.

The two teams had seven lead changes before the Mustangs took the lead in the sixth and held on thanks to an error that scored Eric Fox as the go-ahead run.

Duggan Darnell went 2-for-4 for the Mustangs, while Evan Flohr earned the win on the mound. He threw three shutout innings, striking out five while walking none and allowing just one hit.

Doubleheader split

The Mustangs split their doubleheader with South Lyon East. They controlled the opener from the start, turning it into a runaway 10-0 victory that started with five runs in the first three innings. Wilds had three RBIs on four hits in the winning game, while Flohr earned the win over the mercy-rule shortened game. He scattered three hits while fanning eight batters.

Unfortunately, the Mustangs couldn't muster the same magic in the nightcap and the Cougars got the best of them with a 5-3 decision.

Taking the loss on the mound was Matt Wheatley, who threw three innings and allowing five runs, walking one batter and striking out three.

Fox had a solid performance though, knocking in two runs on a homer in the sixth inning.

The Mustangs took a 1-0 lead in the first, but East answered three runs to close the inning. The Cougars added one more in the second and one in the fourth.

Northville did put two runs across home plate in the sixth inning, but couldn't put together a final push to earn the win.

"After struggling to pull out a win against Franklin, we swung the bats, pitched well and played good defense against South Lyon East in the first game," Kostzrewa said. "Unfortunately our defense and inconsistent offense hurt us in the second game against East. We had a major letdown in the second game and really struggled. We pitched well, but our defense and offense really struggled."

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Coleman, Sims and Abbott rewrite NHS record book

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

There isn't a track coach in the state who doesn't wish they had Northville High School's top distance runners on the boys and girls track teams, as well as some of their record-setting sprinters.

Dan Sims and Rachel Coleman are as talented as they come in distance running at the high school level and they've proven themselves time and time again as the runners to emulate. Chloe Abbott is young, but she's speedy and she's determined, which makes her career potentially a very promising one.

And the three Mustangs have made it clear that they plan on keeping their names and race times around Northville High School for as long as possible.

Last week, during the Golden Triangle Meet at Saline High School, Coleman again set the school mark in

the 1,600-meter run. And if that weren't enough, she also set the record in the 3,200-meter event at the same race.

Her new time in the 1,600 – which eclipses her own record – is 4:49.96, while her time of 10:32.28 in the 3,200 surpasses her own record-setting time.

Sims was no slouch, either. He raced a 4:13.87 in the 1,600 to break the school record. Sims is also currently the 3,200 record holder.

Also at the Golden Triangle, Abbott won the 200-meter dash and set the school mark with a time of 25.57 seconds, which bettered her own school record.

"Everyone knows Dan Sims is good, but he showed how great he can be by breaking the school record in the (1,600) by throwing down a college-level performance," boys track coach Brandon Langston said.

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Rachel Coleman and Dan Sims pose after both setting the Northville High School record in the 1,600 at the Golden Triangle Invitational meet. LISA COLEMAN

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second in the 100 hurdles.

Behind Coleman's first in the 1,600, Barrott finished third with a personal-best 5:00.77, while Cayla Eckenroth (5:17.92) and Emma Herrmann (5:26.86) both ran personal-best times.

"It was awesome to see all four of those girls run life time PRs on the same day," Dalton said.

The 800 relay team of Gracie Goble, Chloe Abbott, Robertson and Robinson ran to second place, while the 1,600 relay team of Chloe Abbott, Goble, Robertson and Lindsay Walters finished second as well.

Walters also took fourth in the 400 and Erin Zimmer was fourth in the 800, with Robinson taking fifth.

Other Mustangs to compete at the Golden Triangle were: Molly DeDonna, Jenna Manske,



Northville's Serena Chouman makes an attempt at the pole vault. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kara Ernst, Serena Chouman, Aya Pickett, Clara Kim, Audrey Baetz, Aimee Montambeau, Chloe Smither, Symone Abbott, Megan Krings, Eveline Que, Emma Ryding, Mary Catherine McLaughlin, Nicole Mosteller and Paige Zimmer.

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Against Brighton, Northville used a strong first inning to put away the Bulldogs as they scored four runs to open up a game that would end in a 10-5 victory.

Brighton tried to mount a comeback in the second, scoring two runs on a home run, but the Mustangs added six more over the next five innings to keep the Bulldogs down. Brighton scored three in the bottom of the inning to finalize the score.

Leading the way was Zach Wilds, who had three RBIs and

three hits for the Mustangs.

Earning the win on the mound was Tim Eis, who gave up five runs with seven hits and walked three while striking out seven.

"We turned it around and played much better defense and swung the bats real well as a team versus Brighton," Kostrzewa said. "It was nice to see us rebound after losing to East and play well."

In the first game of a doubleheader against Southgate, the Mustangs got to go home early thanks to a 10-0 victory that resulted in the mercy rule stopping play.

Northville scored nine runs in the first three innings and added one in the fourth to stop

the game after Southgate failed to score in the top of the fifth.

Chris Komorous went 2-for-3 on the day with one RBI and two runs scored.

Wheatley earned the win, allowing just three hits while walking one and striking out two over four innings.

Northville also defeated Southgate in the nightcap, scoring eight runs with Ian Borthwick earning the win on the mound.

Northville is now 13-3 overall and 7-3 in the Kensington Lakes Athletics Association.

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Loss, injury cast pall on track

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The return from spring break wasn't a kind one to the Northville boys track and field team.

Sure, there were highlights, but there were some definite lows, too, as the Mustangs took a loss to division rival Novi, 90-47, in their first meet back and then competed in the Golden Triangle Invitational and had Anthony Sourges get injured.

"It was very challenging coming back from spring break and having our toughest opponent knocking on the door," coach Brandon Langston said. "I think it was important for the kids to see that simply showing up isn't good enough to win against good competition. Every day they have to make a choice to get better or worse because as (with) the conference and regional come up, staying the same won't cut it."

Northville did have some strong performances in the loss. The 3,200 relay team of Dan Sims, Jason Ferrante, Nick Noles and Sean McCullough took first place, while Andrew Hopkins, John Hamilton and Matt Priebe swept the high jump. Sims and Ferrante took first and third, respectively, in the 1,600, while Sims and Jimmy Castellano took first and third, respectively, in the 800. Alex Kerns and Clay



Northville's Dan Wickett competes in the high jump. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Alexander were first and third in the pole vault and Conor Naughton and McCullough were first and third in the 3,200. Taking second and third, respectively, in the 200 were Adam Ghabra and Nick Milewski.

Taking third places for Northville were Joni Shaska (110 hurdles), Ghabra (100 dash), Leo Keyes (long jump), Max Dedona (shot put) and Bobby Dune (discus).

Golden Triangle Invitational

In the Golden Triangle Invitational, hosted by Saline, the Mustangs put on some nice performances against some of the best competition in the state. Unfortunately, a dark cloud hangs over those results as the Mustangs' Sourges – one of the top 400 runners in the state this year – injured his Achilles tendon during the 1,600 relay and will not be

able to compete for the remainder of the season.

"Losing Anthony Sourges to an Achilles injury is devastating," Langston said. "His speed doesn't come around often at Northville and he can't be replaced. I'm fortunate that I won't have to replace his leadership, because he will continue to be part of the team and push his teammates to work harder and finish stronger."

Northville had several top-10 finishes. Ben Cracraft was seventh in a field of 69 runners in the freshman 1,600, while the 800 relay team of Ghabra, Jomi Ogunfiditimi, Matt Jankowski and Milewski took eighth.

Dan Sims took third in the 1,600, setting the school record, while McCullough finished 10th.

Jacob Kamm took 10th in the 400, while Ferrante was eighth in

the 800 and Naughton was eighth in the 3,200. Ghabra finished seventh in the 200.

"The Golden Triangle is one of the most prestigious meets in the state of Michigan and it showcases many of the best runners," Langston said. "It's one of the meets that everyone looks forward to each year. It's a great litmus test to see where our guys stand as the regionals and state meet loom on the horizon."

Langston added that a meet the caliber of the Golden Triangle allows the Mustangs to see what they need to fix in their own events in order to compete with the elite of the state.

"We've got some correctable mistakes to shore up, which is good because we know it's not a question of talent – we've got that," he said. "We're going to continue to showcase it throughout the month of May."

Lacrosse squad upends Gabriel Richard, Canton

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville boys lacrosse team came together as a single unit last week, using teamwork in every facet of their games to earn wins over tough squads from Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard and Canton.

Against Gabriel Richard, Northville won, 16-3, and had the first 12 goals of the game scored by 12 different players.

"We shared the ball extremely well," Northville coach Greg Durham said. "Every player contributed on the squad."

Scoring their first goals of the season were Matt Bryndza, Rob Sneed, David Maier and Paul Lindow.

John Cooke used the game as a showcase for his return following an injury that kept him sidelined for four games. He scored two goals and had five assists. Nate Ray added three goals and one assist, while Connor Sweeney had a goal and three assists, Brennan Sweeney had a goal and two assists, Alec Melucci had two goals and one assist and Jimmy Steslicki had one goal and one assist.

"The defense held their own and shut down (Gabriel Richard's) best player," Dunham said. David Morrissey dom-

inated face-offs for the Mustangs, winning 11 out of 12.

"This was huge because we really needed someone to step up on the face-offs, where we have been weak all season after losing our All-American (Tyler Gozdor) last season," Dunham said.

Win over Canton

Against Canton, Northville went out and picked up a 16-9 win. Melucci was seemingly unstoppable, scoring four goals while dishing out four assists. Cooke added two goals and four assists, while Jake Fuller had four goals.

"The overall team effort was good," Dunham said. "We had a few lapses, especially on defense, but we moved the ball well and implemented some new offensive sets well. We are starting to get on a roll and right now is a good time to keep the roll going toward the KLAA cross-over game and the state playoffs."

Alex Fuller, Brennan Sweeney, Connor Sweeney, Maier, Steslicki and A.J. Batshon all had a single goal.

Northville climbed to 7-3 with the wins.

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

Rowing club battles elements in first regatta

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Rowing Club headed last week to the Laddie Cup event hosted by St. Mary's Preparatory Crew for the first regatta of the season.

For some of the members of Northville's crew team, this was their first competition and it wasn't just other boats they had to deal with. In fact, the team had just as much of a challenge from the cold, wet and windy conditions which ultimately forced the regatta to be canceled midway through the competition.

The inclement weather didn't stop 16 teams from Michigan, Ohio and Canada from making an appearance and Northville came away with

some pretty solid finishes despite it all.

Northville took third in the boys junior varsity doubles races with the team of Cameron Ulrich and Ashwath Muruganand, while the team of Laki Papoulis and Dilan Varghese took second in the boys varsity race. Also competing was the team of Ally Rudberg and Emily Tatge, who raced in the girls varsity event.

In the boys varsity, Northville took fourth, while the boys novice team took fifth place in the preliminaries. The girls varsity fours team took fifth place, the same finish as the girls novice team.

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

Baseball team's Armed Forces Day supports troops

On Saturday, May 17, the Northville High School varsity baseball field will be the site of the fifth annual Armed Forces Day community event.

Not only will the varsity team be taking on Lakeland and Allen Park in a doubleheader, the Mustangs will also be raising funds to send care packages to troops overseas.

"This event is a celebration of our nation's bravest young men and women. It's an opportunity to come together, show our thanks for their service and enjoy a fun day of baseball, too," said Bill Flohr, varsity assistant coach and event organizer.

In exchange for a fun day of baseball, food, and refreshments, fans are encouraged to do-



Northville High School baseball players, coaches and military personnel celebrated Armed Forces Day in 2013. This year's events is slated for Saturday, May 17, at NHS.

nate items needed by our troops. For details and a list of most-needed donations, click on the Armed Forces Day link at www.northvillemustangbaseball.com.

Festivities begin at 11 a.m. In addition to the baseball doubleheader, other activities include:

- » Veterans/service member recognition
- » Military vehicles

showcased

- » Donation station and Sponsor-A-Box
- » Obstacle course and games

Since 2010, the community has shown its overwhelming support of this event as more than 3.25 tons of donated snacks and toiletries have been collected and shipped to Michigan troops serving overseas.

This year, NHS baseball is proud to partner with The Freedom Center, a Michigan nonprofit dedicated to serving the needs of in transit military personnel.

"The Northville community has a long and proud history of supporting members of the armed forces and their families. This event is another great way for the community to help us to continue 'Serving Those Who Serve Us,'" said Sal Haji, lead volunteer at the Freedom Center.

For more information, contact Bill Flohr at 248-761-9694 or info@precisionbaseballone.com.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Rowing camp

The Northville High School Rowing Club will be holding a Learn How to Row camp this spring for any current sixth-grade through 11th-grade students. The camp will take place at 7 p.m. Monday, May 12, in the forum at Northville High School.

Anyone interested in participating should attend this informational meeting with a parent or guardian.

The Northville Rowing Club is a co-ed sport, open to all Northville High School students. Rowers have the opportunity to participate in

three seasons of rowing: fall, winter and spring. No previous rowing experience is necessary to participate in the camp.

If you are interested in learning more about the camp, but are unable to attend the meeting, contact Carolyn Tatge at cwtatge@gmail.com.

Spring pom pon clinic

The Northville varsity pom pon team is hosting its annual Spring Pom Pon Clinic, 6:30-8 p.m. May 19-21 at Northville High School.

The clinic is designed for students from kindergarten through eighth grade, who will receive

instruction from coaches and senior members of the Northville High School varsity pom team. Instruction will focus on proper form and placement, along with the specific skills required for a desired team.

There will be an optional performance opportunity at the conclusion of the clinic.

T-shirts for the performance will also be optional and will be available for order on the first day.

The cost of the clinic is \$40. For more information, contact Laurie Maynard at laurmay@comcast.net. The registration deadline is May 16.

SYNOPSIS APRIL 29, 2014 – SPECIAL MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Tuesday, April 29, 2014
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
PRESENT: 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:

1. Ballot Language for Millage questions – Approved
2. By-Law Amendment for Historic District Commission – Withdrawn
3. Closed Session: (attorney/client correspondence) Brownfield and Reimbursement Agreement on REIS project – Approved to enter closed session. Closed Session began at 7:40 p.m. and ended at 8:20 p.m.
4. Brownfield and Reimbursement Agreement (TIR Reimbursement /allocation for REIS project) Decision. – Approved
5. Brief Public Comments: None
6. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

A draft of the complete minutes will be available May 6, 2014.

Respectfully submitted:
Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

Publish Date: May 8, 2014

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City of Northville NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF BUDGET

FY 2015 CITY BUDGET The budget for the various Funds of the City of Northville are proposed for the year ended June 30, 2015 as follows:

GENERAL FUND		STREET, DRAINAGE, AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT FUND	
	Revenues		Revenues Expenditures
Property Taxes	\$4,464,663	Property Taxes	\$556,267 \$557,667
Licenses, Fees and Permits	321,820	Other	1,400
Grants	4,900	Major Street Fund Total	\$557,667 \$557,667
Racetrack Breakage			
\ Police & Fire Service	23,260		
State Shared Revenue	531,215	MAJOR STREET FUND	
Sales and Services	570,355	Gas and Weight Taxes	\$245,100 \$596,650
Fines and Forfeitures	45,800	Local Contributions	351,550
Other Revenues	404,289	Major Street Fund Total	\$596,650 \$596,650
Interfund Transfers	172,570		
General Fund Total	\$6,538,872	LOCAL STREET FUND	
		Gas and Weight Taxes	\$104,333 \$387,327
		Local Contributions	282,994
		Local Street Fund Total	\$387,327 \$387,327
Administration	1,094,415	OTHER FUNDS	
Buildings and Grounds	389,170	PARKING FUND	\$62,253 \$62,253
Police Department	2,632,653	ARTS COMMISSION FUND	\$129,056 \$129,056
Fire Department	775,605	DOWNTOWN	
Technology	117,500	DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	\$745,851 \$745,851
Department of Public Works	515,788	DDA DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$169,585 \$169,585
Planning, Zoning and		PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$171,600 \$171,600
Inspection Services	264,530	FIRE EQUIPMENT	
Shared Services	216,753	REPLACEMENT FUND	\$202,354 \$202,354
Contributions to Other Funds	353,306	POLICE EQUIPMENT	
Insurance, Central Supplies		REPLACEMENT FUND	\$239,660 \$239,660
and Unallocated Reserve	179,152	HOUSING COMMISSION FUND	\$850,000 \$850,000
	\$6,538,872	HOUSING COMMISSION	
		DEBT RETIREMENT FUND	\$96,086 \$96,086
		HOUSING COMMISSION	
		CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND	\$138,200 \$138,200

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The property tax milage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing.

TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS As provided in State statute, the general appropriations resolution is proposed to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10%) of each appropriation to any other within each fund and up to ten percent (10%) of the total salary and fringe appropriations for distributed Public Works Labor and Equipment Rental between the General, Major Street, Local Street, Equipment, Refuse and Recycling and Water and Sewer Funds. All other interfund transfers require approval of the City Council.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN The six year capital improvement plan has been prepared and is a part of the annual 2014-15 City budget document.

COPIES OF PROPOSED BUDGET AVAILABLE A complete copy of the 2014-15 Annual City Budget document will be available for public inspection beginning May 8, 2014 at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours and on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us

Dianne Massa, City Clerk
Publish Thursday, May 8, 2014

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Senior softball league expanding

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

It's never too late to get out on the ball diamond.

If anything, the Kensington Valley 55+ Men's Senior Softball League has proven that over the past few years. Starting with three teams in 2012 and growing to six teams in 2013, the league is hoping to continue expanding this summer with three other teams already joining the fray.

"Carrying over from 2013, we have teams from Northville, South Lyon and Novi made up of players from not only these communities, but also Plymouth-Canton, Livonia, Farmington Hills, Westland, Wixom and even as far as Flat Rock, Warren, Pinckney and Ypsilanti," said Charlie Gabbear, who coordinates the KVSSL's Northville Division and plays with Who Let the Dawgs Out?

The league began when Novi team manager

Ron Megesi contacted Gabbear in summer 2011.

"They were tired of practicing five days a week with an occasional pick-up game here and there," Gabbear said. "Northville not having one – though an idea I had been contemplating – I offered to put together a team in order to scrimmage Novi. After three games in which everyone had a ball, it was decided that a joint effort should be made to form a league for 2012."

For the inaugural 2012 season, Howell threw together a team – which merged with the Novi team for 2014 – and the rest is history. The 2014 season is lining up to include three Northville teams, three Novi teams and two South Lyon teams, but additions are still welcome.

"The growth of the league is a result of dedication by its founders in hitting every possible venue to promote the league, networking with other senior leagues that exist throughout southeast Michigan, something as simple as passers-by viewing the games and good old-fashioned face-to-face, 'Hi, I'm so and so

and was wondering if you would be interested in playing senior softball,'" Gabbear said.

Like riding a bike

Although it may have been a while since the last time some of the players picked up a glove and bat, it hasn't cut into the good times the guys – and a few gals – have had on the ball diamonds the past few summers.

"Many of our players are those who haven't played in 15-30 years, but find it's like riding a bike, though bending over for ground balls is a little more challenging," Gabbear said. "Those with challenges such as knee and hip replacements, along with stents, are able to join in the fun since we offer unlimited courtesy runners. (About) 98 percent of the guys are in their 60s, with a few younger and a few older."

Gabbear said players register individually and are placed on existing teams. If numbers allow, new teams are formed from those who sign up.

Because the players may not be as spry as they were a few decades back, several house rules emphasize safety on top

of the standard ASA rules. In addition to courtesy runners and an 11th defensive player, the league uses a 2-by 3-foot strike/ball mat within the pitch height regulation of 6-12 feet. There are also chalked lines to induce health preservation.

Game times

Games typically take place at 10 a.m. each Tuesday, starting May 13, although players from past seasons will get a little spring training in beforehand at local sports complexes' domed fields.

"The great thing about the KVSSL and many of the recreation senior softball leagues is the recapturing of the players' youthful enthusiasm for being back on the playing field," Gabbear said. "As my wife put it, who had not attended one of my softball games since 1974, after viewing as a fan in 2013, 'I really enjoyed the games. It was all about having fun and none of the drama like in the younger days. You guys were having a ball.'"

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

SOCCER

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The Mustangs started the scoring just 14 minutes into the game, when Cheslik played a ball through to senior Megan Buckingham near midfield. Buckingham cut inside and then out and cleared a 14-yard shot that found the back of the net. She added to that lead just two minutes later when she stole the ball from a Cougars defender and fired home another shot.

Cheslik put Northville up 3-0 when she snagged a loose ball near midfield and then made a quick move to the outside and raced 40 yards before beating another defender and the goalie.

Northville added a fourth goal just before halftime when Buckingham fired a clean pass to junior Jenna Baugh-

man, who collected it and then notched the goal.

The Mustangs came out in the second half and scored when Cheslik fed a pass to Buckingham, who found the back of the net to complete her hat trick.

The Cougars retaliated less than a minute later, when senior Julia Palushaj scored. It was only the second goal to be scored on Northville so far this season.

The Mustangs scored with just over 19 minutes remaining as Cheslik took a pass from Buckingham and fired it home.

Junior Emily Maresh had three saves in goal in the first half before being relieved in the second half by junior Olivia Ulman, who registered five saves.

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



Northville's Megan Buckingham makes a move past the East goaltender. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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FRI/SAT LS 11:55

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WED 11:50, 2:15

CAPTAIN AMERICA: THE WINTER SOLDIER (PG-13)
11:30, 3:10, 6:20, 9:20

City of Northville
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
2014-15 PROPOSED ANNUAL CITY BUDGET

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PROPOSED 2014 MILLAGE RATES The following statements are provided, as required by State statute, concerning the 2014 proposed millage levies for the City of Northville.

The 2014 tax levy for the City Operating Millage is proposed to be 13.5864 mills, compared to 13.5864 mills in 2013, resulting in no change. The City Council has authority under the City Charter to set the Operating Millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 14.1427 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee roll-back formula.

The 2014 levy for the Improvement Program for Streets, Drainage and Sidewalks, approved by the voters on March 4, 1997, is proposed to be 1.7620 mills, compared to 1.7670 mills in 2013, resulting in a 0.28% decrease.

The total City millage for operating, debt, and improvements is proposed to be 15.3484 mills in 2014. Compared to the 15.3534 mills levied in 2013, the decrease is 0.005 mills, or 0.03%.

ANTICIPATED EQUALIZATION FACTORS The 2014 equalization factors for both Wayne and Oakland County are expected to be 1.00 for all classes of property.

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Northville business leaders win achievement awards

Two female executives with degrees in electrical engineering, both from Northville, will receive Lawrence Technological University's Alumni Achievement Award at commencement exercises on Saturday, May 10.

Judith Curran, the vehicle line director of Global CD Vehicles at Ford Motor Company, earned her electrical engineering bachelor's degree in 1983, and Elizabeth Howell, vice president, operations, of ITC Holdings Corp., the nation's largest independent electric transmission company, earned her degree in 1992.

Curran oversees the worldwide development and launch of vehicles, including the Fusion, Edge, SMax, Galaxy, and Mondeo, which are manufactured at assembly plants in Michigan, Mexico, Spain, Russia, Canada and China.

Curran's first job after graduation was



Howell



Curran

with the Hamilton Standard division of United Technologies where she worked on the design of fully electronic turbine engine controls used in cruise missiles, helicopters and jets. When she started at Ford in 1986, she worked on the first electronic controls for fuel injection in engines, and on the first electronic control to manage the shift strategy of automatic transmissions. She worked in software and control systems for 12 years, was awarded eight U.S. patents, and received her Master of Electrical Engineering from the University of Michigan in 1988.

During 28 years at Ford, Curran has held

positions of increasing responsibility, including director of vehicle evaluation and verification, responsible for overseeing vehicle testing facilities throughout North America, including the dynamometer labs, test tracks, safety facilities, and vehicle/component test rigs. Curran also spent three years as the vice president of engineering at Ford subsidiary Automotive Components Holding LLC, responsible for component design and release of instrument panels, door trims, lamps, HVAC units, driveshafts/halfshafts, and fuel tanks.

Automotive News named Curran one of the 100 Leading Women in the Automotive Industry in 2010.

ITC leader

Howell is responsible for the operation of the high-voltage electric transmission system of ITC's operating subsidiaries, including more

than 15,000 miles of interstate transmission lines in seven states, including Michigan. In addition, she serves as reliability compliance officer, overseeing ITC's compliance with mandatory reliability standards under the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC).

She previously was the director of operations and manager of the Michigan Electric Coordinated Systems Control Area. She joined ITC during its initial startup in 2003 and led the successful operational integration of two major acquisitions. She has over 20 years' experience in the utility industry, beginning her career as an engineer at DTE Energy and serving in various capacities in the generation, distribution, transmission, and operational policy and implementation areas.

Howell also holds a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

from Michigan State University and is a NERC certified system operator. She is a board member of ReliabilityFirst Corporation.

Both women have been active supporters of their alma mater, Lawrence Tech.

Curran has championed outreach to LTU's 1,200 alumni at Ford and has helped increase the company's recruiting on campus. As a member of LTU's College of Engineering Advisory Board, she championed Ford's support of LTU's new embedded software engineering degree and also helped secure the University's first ever Red Poling Challenge research project in the field.

Howell serves on both the College of Engineering Advisory Board and LTU's Capital Campaign Steering Committee. She championed a recent gift of \$250,000 for the ITC Endowed Scholarship fund for electrical and

power engineering at Lawrence Tech and has created the Elizabeth A. Howell Endowed Scholarship Fund in Electrical Engineering.

On Saturday, LTU will hold indoor ceremonies at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac for more than 725 students who have earned degrees.

The commencement address will be delivered by A. Leon Linton, who will receive an honorary doctor of engineering to go with the bachelor's degree he earned in mechanical engineering in 1962. He founded Southern Systems, Inc. (SSI) in 1968 to design, manufacture, and install conveyor systems, automation equipment, and electrical controls on a turnkey basis. The company serves manufacturers of heavy trucks, construction equipment, military tanks, oil field pipe, aircraft, furniture and appliances.

De La Salle recognizes local attorney's achievements

De La Salle Collegiate High School honored Northville attorney Mark Wisniewski as the Honoree at the school's 33rd Annual Christian Brothers' Dinner on May 1.



Wisniewski

Wisniewski, a 1983 graduate of De La Salle, is with the 100-member law firm Kitch Drutchas Wagner Valitutti & Sherbrook. He has also been elected as a Michigan Super Lawyer every year since 2008; only five percent of the attorneys in the state are named Super Lawyers.

Wisniewski has been a longtime supporter of De La Salle.

"When I think about

what Mark has done for De La Salle and the Brothers, I am in awe. He is not only an ambassador for the school to his classmates, but also to the larger community," said Br. Thomas Lackey, president of De La Salle.

Mark is the youngest of four sons of Betty Lou and Ronald Wisniewski. The four Wisniewski brothers all attended St. Raymond Grade School, and all are graduates of De La Salle Collegiate High School.

Mark joined Kitch Drutchas Wagner Valitutti & Sherbrook in 1990, and in 2012 was selected as firm manager elect. He heads the mass tort litigation department, and has served as first chair in several

multi-million dollar property damage lawsuits, with a particular emphasis on cases involving asbestos. Mark is also experienced in medical malpractice, products liability, and premises liability defense.

He attended the University of Michigan and the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. He is the president of the Alumni Association of the University of Detroit - Mercy School of Law, and is an adjunct professor of trial practice at UDM.

Mark and his wife Mary are members of Our Lady of Victory Parish in Northville, where their son, Patrick, is in kindergarten at Our Lady of Victory Grade School.

Beacon Square project moving along



Construction work continues at the Beacon Square building site near the southwest corner of Eight Mile and Haggerty. The mixed-use medical office complex is scheduled to open initially this fall and may include some residential units within the development. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit www.advantageoakland.com/ expand or call 248-858-0783.

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Realtors offer advice for buyers

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Properties in metro Detroit are moving quickly these days, and prospective home-owners need to recognize that, according to veteran Realtors.

“I think probably the best thing they can do is a find a Realtor with over the top local knowledge,” said Bob Bake of Plymouth’s Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel. He said a “seven-day a week person” is key when prospective owners look for homes.

He’s been in the real estate field since 1967, and now works with daughter Carrie Bake and son-in-law Patrick Wong, also associate brokers and Realtors.

“It’s very difficult to find a home right now in this market,” said Bob Bake, a Plymouth resident. “People want to have all their decision-making done by Labor Day. They want to be moved in.”

Bake recommends prospective owners get pre-qualified by an approved lender. “You’ve got to be nimble and agile and quick,” he said. “You’ve got to be able to move fast.”

Bake, his daughter and son-in-law focus on Plymouth, Canton and Northville homes, and he recommends pros with “a cutting edge advantage with local knowledge,” he said. “Information ebbs and flows right from this table,” Bake added of the table where regulars meet weekdays at Plymouth Panera’s.

Tablemate Scott Lorenz of Plymouth, who runs a local public relations firm, noted Carrie Bake is doing very well as a Realtor. “She knew the people that wanted to sell,” Lorenz said of local homes available. “It’s pretty impressive, actually.”

Down the street in downtown Plymouth is broker/



Metro Detroit homes are selling quickly these days. GETTY IMAGES/FUSE

owner Richard Eisiminger of RichRealty. Eisiminger, a Canton resident, has been a Realtor since 1991.

“The best thing that buyers can do is get out and get with their Realtor,” said Eisiminger. “Have a focused area and then know what the market is bringing. Know what comes up and goes quickly.”

He and other industry pros agree homes in good shape in desirable areas go quickly. Eisiminger said when a prospective buyer makes an offer, “The negotiating’s almost off the table because there are competing offers.”

His focus is Canton, Ply-

mouth, Northville and Novi, and Eisiminger noted ranch homes in Westland are also starting to rebound on price.

Eisiminger agreed pre-approval with a lender is key: “Get all your documentation in with your lender. You need to go methodically with your lender.”

Being an educated buyer as you look at homes is key. Eisiminger said he doesn’t press people to buy a particular home if they’re hesitant, noting buyers have a week to 10 days to investigate a property.

“The only thing lost is time, no money,” he said of getting your deposit back. He urges

prospective buyers to have a professional inspection done and to have an attorney review the particulars of a sale.

Eisiminger agreed a full-time Realtor is ideal. He and others advocate homeownership, with Eisiminger citing it as part of the theme of the classic Christmas movie *It’s a Wonderful Life*.

“If you have ownership, that neighborhood’s going to thrive,” said Eisiminger, adding, “You don’t have anything in a rental situation and it’s not even tax-deductible.”

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Standards vary on disability modification

Q: I am wondering about the difference between making a reasonable modification as it relates to a handicapped persons as opposed to people that don’t speak English. Can you give me any insight?

A: The obligation to make a reasonable accommodation in



Robert Meisner

order to allow a reasonable modification applies only for handicap individuals not for national origin. Therefore, there is a difference as to what may need to be

done for a deaf person and what may need to be done for a person who doesn’t speak English. There appears not to have been any statement by HUD or any case that an association must provide at its cost a sign language interpreter for a deaf member attending a meeting. That would seem to be much more than allowing an accommodation from say rules and policies, but rather it would be the provision of a service to the handicapped person. However, the cost of doing so may be much less than the cost of defending against an administrative claim or lawsuit. On the other hand, if the association must provide a sign language interpreter so that a deaf person may participate in a meeting, query whether the association must also arrange for transportation for someone who cannot walk to or drive to a meeting so that person may participate.

Q: I understand that Michigan has amended its landlord-tenant law to permit speedier repossession by a landlord on a tenant’s death. What can you tell me?

A: You are correct; the amendment speeds up and simplifies the process for owners to retake property from tenants who have passed away. Under the amendment, an owner who seeks repossession is deemed to have not unlawfully interfered with a tenant’s possessory interest if several conditions are met: The owner believes the tenant had been dead for at least 18 days, rent has not been paid, and the owner waits at least 10 days after taking various specified actions including posting notice of intent to re-enter and contacting a person previously authorized by the tenant to receive notices. The amendment also provides that actions to regain possession of the premises must be commenced within 90 days from the time the cause of action arises or becomes known to the owner; but that an action for damage

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of “Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium.” It is available for \$24.95, plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. “Condo Living 2” is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of “Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track,” second edition. It is available for \$9.95, plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn’t be construed as legal advice.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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

BINGHAM FARMS	
32916 Outland Trl	\$480,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1054 Abbey St	\$156,000
1591 E Maple Rd	\$262,000
758 Graefield Ct	\$84,000
1807 Hazel St	\$697,000
1884 Humphrey Ave	\$235,000
720 Kennesaw St	\$772,000
720 Kennesaw St	\$783,000
950 Larchlea Dr	\$645,000
1743 Shipman Blvd	\$266,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
81 Barden Ct	\$290,000
1079 Forest Ln	\$640,000
625 Kingsley Trl	\$432,000
7000 Lindenmere Dr	\$295,000
2363 Tilbury Pl	\$1,500,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
2963 Aspen Ln	\$318,000
2300 Bedford Rd	\$173,000
1353 Knollcrest Cir	\$319,000
7355 Parkstone Ln	\$700,000
6899 Sandalwood Dr	\$270,000
5108 Woodlands Ln	\$365,000

42282 Woodward Ave # D2	\$85,000
600 Covington Rd	\$610,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
5067 Carinas Way Ct	\$301,000
5133 Carinas Way Ct	\$367,000
4760 Fairgrove Ln	\$220,000
5065 Greenview Dr	\$269,000
FARMINGTON	
22744 Brookdale St	\$115,000
35552 Lark Harbor Ct # 6	\$152,000
22815 Maple Ave	\$63,000
33053 Meadowlark St	\$175,000
33143 Meadowlark St	\$165,000
30751 Shiawassee Rd # 31a	\$38,000
36242 Smithfield Rd	\$210,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
34035 Banbury St	\$175,000
37548 Burton Ct	\$256,000
21323 Cass St	\$219,000
30973 Country Blf	\$135,000
30880 Country Ridge Cir	\$332,000
39303 Fulton Ct	\$315,000
29258 Glen Oaks Blvd W	\$148,000
32968 Hargrove Ct	\$238,000
33535 Heirloom Cir	\$400,000
28036 Hickory	\$440,000
27935 Kendallwood Dr	\$125,000
29809 Kenloch Dr	\$330,000
25651 Lynford St	\$185,000

28645 Oakcrest Ct	\$230,000
32740 Raphael Rd	\$258,000
32406 Salvador St	\$77,000
38464 Saratoga Cir	\$184,000
23070 Tulane Ave	\$52,000
28426 W Eight Mile Rd Unit B3	\$30,000
27785 Wellington St	\$315,000
28900 Wellington St	\$295,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
27906 California Dr Ne	\$125,000
MILFORD	
824 First St	\$163,000
845 Abbey Ln	\$233,000
303 Cabinet St	\$215,000
2550 Meadowood Ln	\$146,000
401 N Main St	\$218,000
2675 Shady Ln	\$187,000
205 Turnberry Ct	\$272,000
NORTHVILLE	
20866 E Glen Haven Cir	\$110,000
20941 Lujon Dr	\$285,000
NOVI	
30669 Ardmore Ct	\$138,000
24512 Bashian Dr	\$110,000
45000 Bayview Dr # 1	\$73,000
45850 Cider Mill Rd	\$250,000
23733 Hickory Grove Ln	\$320,000
40257 Ladene Ln	\$225,000
40578 Lenox Park Dr	\$290,000
26160 Mandalay Cir	\$673,000
41609 Monterey Dr	\$168,000
24461 Riverview Ln	\$245,000
25867 Shoreline Dr	\$965,000

39599 Squire Rd	\$295,000
25256 Sutton Ct	\$400,000
45676 White Pines Dr	\$394,000
45289 Yorkshire Dr	\$315,000
SOUTH LYON	
429 Second St	\$248,000
863 Glen Meadows Dr	\$30,000
329 Hampton Ct	\$88,000
712 Hidden Creek Dr	\$285,000
60665 Lillian St	\$118,000
24618 Padstone Dr	\$75,000
963 S Parkwood Dr	\$230,000
61211 Saddlecreek Dr	\$272,000
58654 Swing Beam Ct	\$81,000
SOUTHFIELD	
27740 Arlington Dr	\$134,000
19540 Butternut Ln	\$159,000
23800 Evergreen Rd	\$98,000
18418 Lillian Dr	\$145,000
24614 Lois Ln	\$90,000
17055 New Hampshire Dr	\$140,000
26900 W 12 Mile Rd	\$80,000
26701 W Carnegie Park Dr	\$49,000
20502 Westhampton Ave	\$38,000
29515 Wildbrook Dr	\$67,000
WHITE LAKE	
8693 Brazos Ct	\$195,000
9085 Glasgow Dr	\$198,000
1410 Midwood Dr	\$155,000
11450 N Fox	\$169,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 13-17, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
8460 Alton St	\$153,000
636 Buchanan St	\$240,000
7244 Burgundy St	\$252,000
1788 Crowndale Ln	\$241,000
6495 Durham Dr	\$176,000
1949 E Roundtable Dr	\$154,000
4009 Elizabeth Ave	\$135,000
50982 Federal Blvd	\$84,000
51323 Federal Blvd	\$91,000
282 Greenleaf St	\$185,000
44768 Hanford Rd	\$136,000
45105 Horseshoe Cir	\$128,000
2125 Knollwood Dr	\$155,000
2328 Lexington Cir N	\$275,000
41170 Maplewood Dr	\$150,000
3570 Napier Rd	\$160,000
1822 Pebble Creek Dr	\$193,000
44251 Sheridan St	\$230,000
1842 Steeplechase Rd	\$87,000
1874 Steeplechase Rd	\$86,000
464 Tyler Ln	\$230,000
3496 Wall St	\$253,000
43685 Yorktown St	\$173,000
GARDEN CITY	
5932 Arcola St	\$52,000
1027 Cardwell St	\$65,000
1624 Gilman St	\$14,000
6037 Inkster Rd	\$76,000
LIVONIA	
11035 Arden St	\$150,000
18579 Bainbridge Ave	\$169,000
29212 Barkley St	\$148,000
8845 Butwell St	\$150,000
12353 Camden St	\$99,000

36241 Club Dr	\$42,000
29828 Curtis Rd	\$132,000
9939 Deering St	\$143,000
14303 Denne St	\$155,000
30959 Dorais St	\$165,000
35209 Elmira St	\$143,000
31016 Fargo St	\$150,000
33363 Fargo St	\$28,000
16874 Farmington Rd	\$145,000
20318 Fremont St	\$62,000
14507 Gary Ln	\$160,000
29620 Gaylord Ct	\$187,000
9167 Gillman St	\$95,000
32935 Grennada St	\$186,000
9010 Hanlon St	\$170,000
9336 Harrison St	\$100,000
38070 Jamison St	\$160,000
9244 Knolson St	\$136,000
18024 Lathers St	\$75,000
18432 Levan Rd	\$235,000
19430 Merriman Rd	\$179,000
9833 Middlebelt Rd	\$60,000
33323 Navin Ct	\$225,000
39216 Orangelawn St	\$146,000
34127 Parkdale St	\$225,000
28510 Pickford St	\$68,000
8943 Roslyn St	\$118,000
9990 Seltzer St	\$100,000
32904 Summers St	\$140,000
14440 Summerside St	\$110,000
18249 Sunset St	\$204,000
18337 University Park Dr	\$87,000
NORTHVILLE	
45861 Seven Mile Rd	\$216,000
18951 Bayberry Way	\$595,000
46080 Bloomcrest Dr	\$330,000
17722 Briar Ridge Ln	\$627,000
17793 Briar Ridge Ln	\$824,000
17849 Briar Ridge Ln	\$676,000
17904 Briar Ridge Ln	\$623,000
16749 Carriage Way	\$148,000
533 Horton St	\$158,000

16829 Lochmoor Cir E	\$293,000
19531 Northridge Dr	\$95,000
50733 Northstar Way	\$761,000
50826 Northstar Way	\$720,000
49131 Rainbow Ln N	\$370,000
39759 Rockcrest Cir	\$156,000
327 Saint Lawrence Blvd	\$299,000
18072 Shagbark Dr	\$705,000
50010 Teton Ridge Rd	\$1,096,000
50262 Teton Ridge Rd	\$660,000
50618 Teton Ridge Rd	\$689,000
39533 Village Run Dr	\$270,000
PLYMOUTH	
8821 Brookline Ave	\$243,000
14804 Cherry Ln	\$185,000
48029 Colony Farms Cir	\$160,000
9093 Countrywood Dr	\$355,000
11887 Deer Creek Run	\$445,000
14696 Garland Ave	\$125,000
13036 Glenview Dr	\$307,000
1641 Gloucester St	\$335,000
165 Hamilton Ave	\$175,000
548 Harding St	\$450,000
493 Maria Dr	\$115,000
47399 Marisa Ct	\$445,000
48688 Meadow Dr	\$288,000
40665 Newport Dr	\$98,000
8894 Northern Ave	\$188,000
1449 Palmer St	\$300,000
730 Penniman Ave	\$280,000
730 Penniman Ave	\$338,000
49265 Pine Bluff Ct	\$456,000
49468 Pine Ridge Ct	\$590,000
45795 Purcell Dr	\$330,000
REDFORD	
26517 Clarita	\$60,000
18676 Delaware Ave	\$52,000
12891 Lenore	\$30,000
14698 Lenore	\$85,000
15666 Leona Dr	\$29,000
9170 Lucerne	\$96,000
25818 Lyndon	\$10,000

18483 Negaunee	\$50,000
13518 Norborne	\$33,000
17148 Olympia	\$55,000
17305 Olympia	\$55,000
19969 Poinciana	\$49,000
10019 Seminole	\$80,000
11343 Seminole	\$38,000
26528 W Chicago	\$108,000
15802 Wakenden	\$57,000
WAYNE	
4139 Hayes St	\$50,000
31730 Madison St	\$37,000
WESTLAND	
31731 Avondale St	\$75,000
37485 Barkridge Cir	\$60,000
34226 Beechnut St	\$60,000
8242 Carrousel Blvd	\$83,000
7382 Central St	\$27,000
35674 Florane St	\$84,000
8246 Gary Ave	\$117,000
39113 Hayward Dr	\$239,000
35731 Hunter Ave	\$49,000
6396 Hunter Pointe St	\$111,000
28031 Mackenzie Dr	\$110,000
32504 Mackenzie Dr	\$105,000
32681 Mackenzie Dr	\$65,000
8175 Melvin Ave	\$55,000
8012 N Wildwood St	\$205,000
32734 Parkwood St	\$87,000
33934 Pawnee St	\$113,000
2457 S Christine	\$40,000
716 S Henry Ruff Rd	\$69,000
38186 S Rickham Ct	\$129,000
34551 School St	\$48,000
38552 Scott Dr	\$108,000
34111 Shawnee St	\$135,000
1483 Shoemaker Dr	\$51,000
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 7:15 o'clock p.m. at the City/School Administration Building, 345 South Warren St., South Lyon, Michigan, the Board of Education of South Lyon Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the district's proposed 2014-2015 Budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2014-2015 Budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2014-2015 Budget is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Business Office, City/School Administration Building, 345 South Warren Street, South Lyon, Michigan beginning on May 13, 2014.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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FARMINGTON HILLS: 32418 Nestlewood, Farmington & 13 Mile. Tools; misc. garden, sports, household; books. Fri., May 9 & Sat., May 10, 9-4.

FARMINGTON HILLS Zany Miscellany-T.M.S. Sale Too Much Stuff!! 22334 Nearbrook Ct. 48335. May 8-10th, 9am-5pm. Something for everyone! Don't miss this sale! Excepting V/MC. See Craigslist ad or Zanymisc.com for info.

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New Hudson - Orchards of Lyon sub sale, Thurs-Sat. 9-4pm. Clothing, toys, furn., appl's., TV, surround sound

Garage Sale NORTHVILLE: COMMUNITY WIDE GARAGE SALE May 10, 9am-3pm HIGHLAND LAKES CONDOS 691 homes, 248-348-4006 www.hlca.us/sale Rain day May 17

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Plymouth: EPIC SALE Designer furniture, lamps, pictures, mirrors, home decor, clothes, jewelry, 46565 Ann Arbor Trail (btwn McClumpha & Beck), May 9th, 9am-5pm; May 10th, 9am-3pm

Garage/Moving Sales

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20 Headset hall
22 "Act -- age"
23 Not "Five Easy Pieces," but the 1994 family film ...
25 Snaps
26 Problems for urban people
27 Netmar
28 Pipe fittings
29 Really wack
30 Scout group
31 "This is the ..."
33 "Zip -Doo-Dah"
34 Gloom filled
35 Not "Three Amigos," but the 1986 comedy ...
39 Small vase in a wood shop
42 -- standstill
43 Israel's Aviv
44 Greek letters
45 She lived with TV's Bradys
46 Train travel
48 "The Pickle" star Danny
51 Not "Road to Hilo," but the 1998 romantic drama ...
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59 Ecobal
60 "Ether you do it will!"
61 Prudish sort
64 dish (lao container)
65 No. "Rocky," but the 1974 parody ...
70 Celestial ram
71 Prefix with surgery
72 Faded vase
73 Urban trains
74 Film preview
76 No. "Blue Steel," but the 2001 satirical drama ...
81 Commotion
84 Miraculous, e.g.
85 Dring to one's eye
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92 Boats' rears
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Telecommuting has many benefits for both employees and employers. It helps workers save time and money and gain more flexibility, and it can increase a company's efficiency and reduce its carbon footprint.

Yet the concept is still catching on in the corporate world. According to the latest American Community Survey data, slightly more than 2.5 percent of the U.S. workforce considers home their primary place of work. So while it may seem like a challenge to identify telecommuting jobs, by doing the right research and asking the right questions, you can find a position that matches your interests and desired working accommodations.

Look for telecommuting-friendly occupations

While every company, no matter the field, differs in their flexible-working policies, some industries tend to have more teleworking staff. "Some industries are better suited for telecommuting than others," says Kari DePhillips, owner of content-development company Content Factory, whose entire team works remotely. "Telecommuting-friendly industries include: graphic design, public relations, social-media marketing, writing and website development. In general, I think tech and startup companies are most likely to be open to the idea of telecommuting."

You may also have an easier chance of finding telecommuting roles by looking for contract or freelance positions. "Since you'll likely be commissioned for particular projects, employers are open to allowing independent contractors to turn in work projects digitally and communicate via social media, i.e., Skype," says Sudy Bharadwaj, co-founder and CEO of job-search platform Jackalope Jobs.

WORK FROM HOME OPPORTUNITY?

How to: Identify a TELECOMMUTING-FRIENDLY JOB

Do the right research

To find jobs, go to a job-search website such as CareerBuilder and use the "keyword" search function. Christine Durst, a telecommuting and home-based career expert and author of "The 2-Second Commute" and "Work At Home Now," suggests using words and phrases including:

- **Telecommute**

- **Telecommuting**
- **Independent contractor**
- **Work from home**
- **Offsite**
- **Virtual**
- **Remote**
- **Freelance**
- **Work from anywhere**

Durst also recommends visiting sites that specifically cater to telecommuting jobs. Another option? Try a search engine, but use specific phrases to avoid any

suspicious, too-good-to-be-true work-from-home job offers.

To narrow in on relevant jobs, Durst suggests using phrases such as:

- "This is a telecommuting position"
- "This is a remote position"
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- "Will have the option to work from home"
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- "Qualified individual will work from home"
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- "This is a work-from-home position"
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- "Our employees work from home"
- "Position can be based anywhere"

Ask the right questions

If a company doesn't explicitly say in the job posting that it's open to telecommuting, that doesn't mean it won't allow for a more flexible work schedule. So if you're really interested in a position, don't count it out. Use the interview as a time to take the company's pulse on teleworking preferences.

"When interviewing, ask the hiring manager about the company's policy on telecommuting," says Amit De, CEO and co-founder of job-search platform Careerleaf. "If the company has a strict anti-telecommuting policy, the position's probably not a great fit for you. Just be sure that the focus of the interview doesn't remain on telecommuting. Ultimately, you still need to get hired before you can consider telecommuting."

Keep an open mind Even if a job doesn't offer telecommuting at first, there's always the chance that, under the right circumstances, your boss will be open to the idea of a more flexible work schedule. "The key is to come with suggestions as to what tools you'll use to turn in work and interface with co-workers when work needs to get done," Bharadwaj says. "Outline practical ways to ensure your productivity, and give examples that note your sensitivity to deadlines, since with telecommuting you'll need to be a self-starter to accomplish tasks without being micromanaged."

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