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### Art dedication

Members of the local American Legion Post 147, located at 100 W. Dunlap, Northville, will dedicate the patriotic art work of local artist Theresa Skinner at 7 p.m. Friday, May 23.

During the last few months, Skinner, an artist who lives in Salem Township, crafted two patriotic art murals at the post.

"Her dedication to her craft was apparent as she created these beautiful works of art," said Gary DeMars, post adjutant.

For more information about the dedication ceremony, which is open to the public, contact De-Mars at 248-982-1606.



### Offices closed

Municipal offices in Northville (both the city and township) will be closed on Monday in honor of the Memorial Day holiday. They will open during regular hours on Tuesday.

# Memorial Day parade to honor 'those who died for this country'

#### **By Lonnie Huhman** Staff Writer

The Memorial Day parade in Northville commemorates what the holiday is truly about, which is honoring the men and women who died while in the military service.

"It means a lot to honor those who died for this country," said Northville VFW Post 4012 member Jim Yarbrough, who organized the parade with Heather Hoski. "It's not about politics or throwing candy, it's about re-membrance and saying thank you."

The parade is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Monday morning and will begin at Griswold and Main streets.

This parade has a long tradi-tion in Northville and it's highlighted by stops at the Oakwood and Rural Hill cemeteries. Both have service members buried there going back to the Civil War and Spanish-American War. This year's parade grand marshal is former Post 4012 commander and current board member Gordon Mason.

Mason, 91, served in the U.S. Navy and has been a long supporter of the Northville post. He is part of its Honor Guard and has played the bugle at many different parade ceremonies.

'Memorial Day has a long history in Northville," said Yarbrough, a U.S. Marine Corps decorated veteran of the Vietnam War. "The two cemeteries play a big part in making the parade a great event to witness.'

The first stop along the route is at Oakwood on Cady Street. There the participants will play Taps and honor those buried there. From there the parade winds its way to Rural Hill stopping at the bridge there to drop a wreath into the water to honor those lost at sea during their military service.

At Rural Hill, there will be a full ceremony. The poems In

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The Northville Memorial Day Parade will feature local military veterans, including the color guard from Northville's VFW. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## 'A PERFECT FIT'

Familiarity with Northville lures L.J. Griffin Funeral Home

> **By Kurt Kuban** Staff Writer

David Griffin has spent pretty much his entire life in and around the funeral home business. Literally. While growing up in West-

land, Griffin and his family



nved in the upstairs area of the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. His parents, Geraldine and the late Lawrence Griffin, were longtime funeral home operators, having opened their first one back in 1954 in Detroit before moving and opening up the Westland facility on Middlebelt in 1972.

So you might say young Da-vid had a bird's eye view the day to day operations. After graduating from Bishop Borgess High School in Redford, he got more involved in the family business, along with his brother Larry. In the 1990s, the company underwent a major expansion, opening funeral homes in Canton Township (1994) and Livonia (1998).

"I think it's fair to say we're extremely established in this business," said David Griffin, 53.

Now the family has added another facility to their stable, on Northville Road in Northville.

Having lived in Northville for a number of years, David often drove past the Northrop-

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The Griffin family (from right) Geraldine, David, and Larry are taking over the funeral home formerly run by John Sassaman (at left) near Seven Mile and Northville Road. JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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## Northville teacher leaves school after water spiked

**By Lonnie Huhman** Staff Writer

A teacher at Ridge Wood Elementary School had to seek a physician's care after unknowingly ingesting a harmful substance that was placed into her drinking water on Monday. The teacher and substance

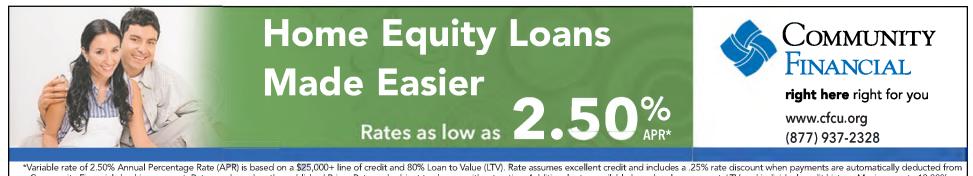
were not named, but school officials said the incident is now under investigation by Northville Township police.

"Unfortunately, we learned yesterday (May 19) that one of our teachers at Ridge Wood Elementary School may have ingested a harmful substance placed into her drinking water without her knowledge," said Northville Public Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher. "We have taken the steps necessary to ensure the safety of our students and staff members.'

She said no additional information will be released pending further investigation by the Northville Township Police Department.

"In any matter involving students and/or staff members in our school district, we do not discuss the specifics of the situation out of respect for the privacy of all involved and to

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Sassaman Funeral Home on Northville Road at Seven Mile. When its owner, John Sassaman, became ill and put it up for sale, Griffin jumped at the opportunity, purchasing it in March.

"I live in the commu-

nity. I know John. When I heard he had some health problems, we approached him and were able to come in and relieve him of the day to day operations," Griffin said. Sassaman bought the

funeral home, previously the Ross B. Northrop & Sons Funeral Home, back in 1986. It was built by Ross Northrop in

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David Griffin, the new owner of the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home on Northville Road at Seven Mile. Griffin is totally renovating the funeral home, which dates back to 1974. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

1974. Sassaman, a longtime Northville resident and very active socially, was diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer last July.

"Up until that day of the diagnosis, I had no inkling I was even sick," said Sassaman, 69. "After consultations with my doctor, he suggested I eliminate all stressrelated activities. High on that list was running the funeral home."

That's when Sassaman decided to sell the business. In his opinion, he couldn't have been any more fortunate than finding the Griffin family. Both David and mother Geraldine live in Northville, and Larry lives nearby in Livonia. "It is an excellent fit

for the funeral home,

and it's going to be a perfect fit for the community," said Sassaman, stressing the fact that David Griffin lives in Northville, which he sends an important message. "I couldn't have asked for anything better."

Having undergone cancer therapy that seems to be working, Sassaman is feeling better and is even working with Griffin on a parttime basis to help with the ownership transition.

#### Complete renovation

Due to the fact that the funeral home dates back to the early 1970s, the Griffins are giving it a major facelift. In fact, the renovation goes much deeper. David

Griffin estimated by the time the project is complete sometime this year, they will have spent a quarter million dollars updating the 12,000square-foot building.

"We're doing a complete renovation. We've moved walls, and stripped this place right down to the studs. We're putting on a new roof. You might say we've done everything - from the ceiling to the floor,' Griffin said. "We want to provide a funeral home that is up the standards of the Northville community. When we're done, we're going to have a much more modernized facility.

The renovation will include a more spacious lounge that will allow families to bring in re**L J GRIFFIN FUNERAL** HOMES

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freshments and food, a dining room upstairs, and the entire facility will be made handicap accessible. They are also bringing in new televisions for video tributes. Griffin said the whole goal is to make families more at ease and help them through the difficulty of losing a loved one.

"Once we are finished, people are going to walk into this place and say, wow," he said.

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assure that the outcome of our review is the result of careful thought and fair consideration," according to Gallagher.

School families have been notified and NPS will continue to update

the community as investigation details come to light.

"We extend our continued support to the teacher impacted by this circumstance," Gallagher said. "She is under the care of her physician and anticipates returning to work prior to the end of the school year.'

In a similar letter sent

out to the school community Ridge Wood interim **Principal Heather Bauer** said they are committed to ensuring the "safety and well-being of our students and our staff members.

"While this is a highly unusual and concerning situation, please know that the appropriate measures will be taken at the

conclusion of the investigation, and that, as always, our teachers continue to focus their attention on creating the best possible environment for learning in each of our classrooms," Bauer said.

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## Used book sale benefits **Northville District Library**

The Friends of the Northville District Library will hold its summer Used Book and Media Sale May 29through June 1 at the library, located at 212 W. Cady Street in Northville

The sale will feature used DVDs and CDs, books and puzzles. Prices range from 50 cents for paperbacks, \$1 for hardbacks or 25 cents for

children's books. DVDs and CDs are only \$1. The best deal will be \$5 for a whole grocery bag full of your personal choices.

The Preview Sale is from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, May 29. This is a Friends event. You can join the Friends that night and enjoy the Preview Sale plus get a free bag of books with your new membership. Other times are 10 a.m. to 5

p.m., Friday, May 30; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 31, and 1-3 p.m. Sunday, June 1. The Book Cellar will be open during the Used Book Sale for even more browsing and buying.

In the past year the Friends have contributed more than \$30,000 to the library. This paid for five children's workstations; funding the numerous annual reading programs

like Community Reads, Youth Teen and Adult Summer Reading Programs, Battle of the Books and Book Page Subscription; digitization of the Northville Record and library staff appreciation. These are just few of our programs and activities.

For more information visit the Friends webpage at www.northvillelibrary.org.

## Gardenviews to reward customers with block party

#### **By Lonnie Huhman** Staff Writer

Gardenviews is celebrating 19 years in Northville with another fun block party over Memorial Day weekend.

"This is our way of saying thank you to the community and our loyal customers," said Lou Mascolo and Lori Jermont, owner/operators of Gardenviews.

Back in 1995 Gardenviews opened up shop in Northville. Their philosophy was to carry unique items for home and garden seen only in catalogs and bring them to life in a storefront.

"We've strived to present them in an environment that our customers could understand and interpret into their own home. That remains our goal today," has been Gardenviews' mission.

In 2010, they relocated just down Main Street in the heart of downtown, but they continue to offer an array of extraordinary home furnishings and gifts in a setting that's sure to soothe the senses



and please even the most discriminating taste.

A big part of the weekend celebration will have Gardenviews offering 19 percent off all in-store items. They will also be giving away gift certificates all day Saturday.

The celebration will coincide with the annual downtown Flower Davs Sale. The block party is a great way to kick off the summer.

Once things are wrapped up on Saturday Main Street between Center and Hutton streets will be turned into a block party for the 19th Anniversary "Dancing in the Street Celebration."

There will be live music by Billy Mack and the Juke Joint Johnnies from 7-11 p.m. Food and refreshments will be provided by Genitti's,

Lori Jermont will be hosting another celebratory block party this Saturday, May 24 complete with a live band and a number of food carts to choose from. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Fred's Ice Cream, Tuscan

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and Monday, May 26,

for the Memorial Day

The library will be

closed Sunday, May 25,

the Friends is Thursday, May 29, from 6-9 p.m. (join the Friends that night and stay and enjoy the Preview Sale). Friday and Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday: 1-3 p.m. There will be \$5 bag sales every day. Proceeds benefit the library.

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## Northville Strings to be showcased throughout busy summer

The musical ensemble group Northville Strings Students are young and still learning, but they will soon be gaining quite a bit of experience with a busy summer schedule ahead of them.

Composed of elementary and middle school aged kids from Northville, the group recently performed with the Pebble Creek Chamber Orchestra Express (PCCO X) in April for residents at Fox Run in Novi. Pebble Creek is part of the Orchard Lake Philharmonic Society.

Their next performance will be a big one. The Northville Historical Society has invited the group to help kick off the Mill Race Village season opener at 1 p.m. on June 8. This will be part of the NHS's 50th



The Northville Strings Students, made up of elementary and middle school aged children, recently played with the Pebble Creek Chamber Orchestra Express during a performance at Fox Run in Novi. LONNIE HUHMAN

anniversary celebration.

Later this summer, Northville Strings plan to perform at Northville Square to kickoff the Buy Michigan weekend.

OLPS will be performing "Salute to America' on May 30 at the First

Presbyterian Church of Farmington and again at Fox Run at 7:15 p.m. on June 1. In addition, PCCO X is the featured season opener for the Bay View Music Festival in Petoskey on June 13.

## Amerman wins Science Olympiad tournament



Amerman Elementary School again came out on top in a 46-team field competing in the Macomb County Science Olympiad held May 3 at Macomb Community College. Amerman had 16 students at the tournament, and won first place in six events: Anatomy, Charged Up, Don't Bug Me, Grasp A Graph, Simple Machines and Weather or Not. In addition, Amerman won medals in all but two events, which earned them the overall championship for the K-5 elementary competition. The school also won this tournament last year. Heather Loftus is the head coach of the all-volunteer parent coached team. Team members include students Jack Wiarda, Mehmet Tascioglu, Jeffry Yang, Valeria Guzman, Emma Gniewek, Ashna Khetan, Ahmad Raaiyan, Caroline Berg, Jason Brown, Adam Bis, Michael Loftus, Sambov Gupta, Alex Murrell, Maggie Chen and Matthew Wang.

## **NHS** newest member of International **Baccalaureate community**

#### **By Lonnie Huhman** Staff Writer

Five years of hard work and preparation have paid off for Northville Public Schools in its quest



NPS Gallagher

Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher announced at Monday's Board of Education meeting that Northville High School is the newest member of an ever-growing global community of schools offering the International Baccalaureate (IB) in 144 countries around the world.

#### The first step

She said the high school recently received authorization to begin offering the IB Diploma Program to highly motivated 11th and 12th graders beginning with the 2014-15 school year. The IB Diploma Program is an academically rigorous and internationallyfocused course of study.

'This authorization to offer the IB Diploma Program at Northville High School is the culmination of a multi-year initiative on the part of the district that is a testament to the students, staff, and leadership at Northville High School and across Northville Public Schools," Gallagher said. "The IB Diploma Program strengthens

the opportunities avail-able to our students and the wider community, and challenges students to make connections, apply learning in relevant ways, and to con-sider issues from a va-riety of perspectives."

The Northville Board of Education said this was a big first step in adding another level of learning at NHS.

'This is a huge deal," school board President Jim Mazurek said. "This will change our district."

NPS is now also going through a similar process in getting the Middle Years Program in the district as well. This will be for sixth through 10th graders at Hillside and Meads Mill middle schools and at NHS. The IB MYP is de-

signed for all learners; it emphasizes intellectual, physical, social and emotional growth through all domains of knowledge and prompts students to understand how they learn and to connect and apply that learning.

#### **IB Program**

NPS administration describe the IB Diploma Program as a holistic approach to education that requires participating students to take six subjects over two years chosen from five groups -literature in the student's native language, a world language, science, math, and a humanity or social science — plus an art or another choice from the first five groups.

In addition to this

coursework, students in the Diploma Program complete three core requirements that chal-lenge and broaden their educational experience. These include a 4,000word extended essay, a "Theory of Knowledge' epistemology class, and 150 hours of activities focused on creativity, action, and service (CAS)

NHS couldn't be more excited about this.

"The IB Diploma Program will provide academically talented juniors and seniors with the skills, knowledge and outlook to succeed in the 21st century both in their local community and in the wider world," said NHS Principal Rob Watson. "At the same time, it offers our teachers the opportunity to be part of an international network of experts leading the field of education." We are excited to become an IB Diploma Program school.'

Juniors and seniors also may choose to take individual IB Diploma courses outside of the full Diploma Program.

Gallagher said a lot of thanks in getting this certification go to the staff and teachers as well as the community, especially the Northville Educational Foundation, the high school and middle school PTSAs and Mothers' Club of Northville.

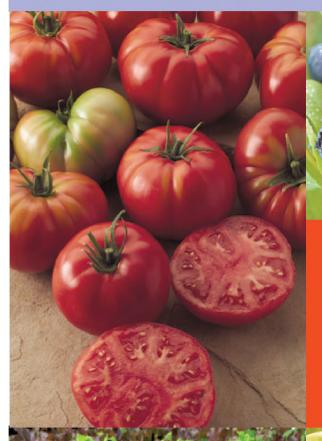
She said their support and efforts will 'advance our tradition of excellence and increase the opportunities available to our students.'







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The Northville Chamber of Commerce's 27th Annual Flower Sale will take place this weekend throughout downtown Northville.

The event, which will feature the products of more than 20 local growers and greenhouses, will run 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Vendors will be set up on East Main at at Town Square.

According to Traci Sincock, associate direc-

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tor of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, the event is perfect for people looking to fill their gardens or yards with flowers and plants. She said the sellers will be offering ornamental accent plants, perennials, herbs, annuals, roses, shrubs, exotic plants, and trees. Some of the vendors will also be offering quality garden art and accessories.

"The Northville Flower Sale is the kick off to

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the summer season of great events and fun. family times in downtown Northville," Sincock said. "Northville residents and businesses look forward to supporting our local growers at this popular event that is always scheduled for Memorial Day weekend.

For more information about the sale, visit the chamber website at www.northville.org or call 248-349-7640.

#### WEEKLY EVENTS: Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold Avenue, north

(\*Grounds closed to public) Field in downtown North-

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## Spanning the globe

Schoolcraft chef brings home awards from international competition

#### By David Veselenak Staff Writer

Chef Shawn Loving knows the Schoolcraft College culinary arts is well-known locally. But Loving, the department chair who competed in an international competition last month and brought home accolades, knows expanding outside of Michigan and the United States is key to gaining more recognition of the Livonia-based college.

"It's a mission of mine as a department chair to be globally strong," he said. "I think we have definitely made ourselves locally present through many decades of cooking and teaching and our formula. But as a chair, I have missions, I have goals. And my goal is to become globally strong. And globally

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strong to me means you need to take your product and take it to an area where you have to use your passport."

And to do that, Loving packed his bags, headed across the globe and competed at the Food and Hotel Asia event held last month in Singapore. He spent several days in the Asian city and competed in two events, bringing home gold and bronze in the hot food and cold food display categories, respectively. Loving was the only chef from the United States to compete.

His dish, "Neptune's Feast," was a horseradish-encrusted halibut and included other ingredients such as mushrooms and potatoes. He practiced the dish back home and had one hour to prepare it on the competi-



Chef Shawn Loving and Sous Chef Kathryn Wandrie, of Northville, in the Schoolcraft kitchens. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

#### tion floor.

He said he had not been to this particular conference in more than a decade, and thought it would be good for him and to bring attention to his department.

"I just thought we had had a strong year here in the school," he said. "I felt like the department would need that finish of a shot in the arm. I thought it would help the college a great deal."

#### Bringing home new ideas

Kathryn Wandrie, a Northville resident who worked as Loving's sous chef at the college, accompanied him as his assistant to Singapore.

It was her first trip to an international competition, one that she said was enlightening to see the style differences used by other chefs from across the globe.

"It was great to see the other cultures participate and see their approach to competition," she said. "It was really great to see their approach to food as well. How they treated food, how they used lighting, how they really approached it. We're used to the Western and American approach, and being on the other side of the world was a big deal."

Loving said he did not have a lot of time to take in the sights and sounds of Singapore, as much of his time was spent preparing for the competition, which included chefs from several continents.

He said after he came back, he had many students asking questions and inquiring about the trip and the new information he brought back with him.

"Ultimately, I'm able to do what I do because of the college," he said. "And the mission for my team here is to be able to put ourselves in position to always give the college an opportunity to be strong in the community and to be able to increase our knowledge base that ultimately makes our core curriculum stronger because we are able to give that back to the students.<sup>2</sup>

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## MSU wine tasting event

The Western Metro Detroit Alumni Club of Michigan State University will be hosting a wine tasting event at the new Cantoro's Market from 6-8:30 p.m. June 6. Proceeds from the event are used to provide scholarships to students transferring from local colleges to MSU. Cantoro's is located on Haggerty Road just north of Five Mile.

The event will feature a selection of eight or more wines and hors d'oeuvres by Cantoro's. Live music will be provided by an ensemble of musicians from the College of Music. MSU professor Ron Perry will discuss the wines of Michigan.

The event will be held on the large upstairs mezzanine and guests may stroll the market during the evening. The event is open to the public. Admission is \$45. To purchase tickets visit eventbrite.com/e/cantoros-festive-market-winetasting-eventtickets-11579413337, or call Tom Hess at 248-380-8519.

#### Millage meeting

The Northville Citizens To Maintain and Protect Township Services, a citizens group that has formed to promote for the Northville Township millage renewal and increase proposals on the August primary ballot, will be holding two information meeting at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on June 5 at Township Hall. The group will make a

presentation about the millage proposals as well as answer questions.

#### **Rouge Rescue**

There will be a Rouge Rescue event at 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 7, at Mill Race Village.

This year's project will focus on the bank of the Middle Rouge River adjacent to the Ford Field entrance. Volunteers will be clearing the area of non-native and weedy plants followed by planting of tough native grasses that will withstand the foot traffic of the Victorian Festival duck race. Additional activities include supplemental plantings of native species donated by Friends of the Rouge along the mill race, weeding, and spreading mulch for erosion control. The Northville Historical Society will complete the day by planting a pair of native river birch to frame the Ford Field entrance bridge. All of these efforts support the long-term Master Landscape Plan for Mill Race Village that includes restoration of native plants to improve environmental quality and reflect the original ecosystem. Volunteers are welcome. Hand trowels, shovels, and rakes are needed.

day, June 1, at Ford Field in downtown Northville. A total of six teams will compete to raise funds for Northville Civic Concern to fight hunger. The local food bank aids more than 150 families in the Northville area.

Last year, the MSL Women's Kickball Tournament raised more than \$10,000.

In addition to the kickball, the event will also feature activities for the kids, lemonade stands and snacks for a small donation. The event is free and open to the public.

The Main Street League mission is to gather like-minded volunteers within Northville and surrounding areas who pool their resources, time, expertise and creativity to support nonprofit organizations and empower others to become agents of change. For more information or to donate to the group, Patriotic pope

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#### Patriotic pops concert

Ward Church, located at 40000 Six Mile in Northville Township, will host a patriotic pops concert at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 31, in the church's sanctuary. The concert will be a collage of American music including jazz, folk, spirituals, classical, and hymns to create an evening celebrating America and God.

Veterans from the armed services will also be honored at the concert, which is free to attend. The concert is well attended every year with many veterans from the community.

For more information, visit www.wardchurch.org or call 248-374-595.

#### **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.

### NHS reunion/golf outing

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

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

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

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

If you have any questions, call 248-463-0907, howiieambinder@gmail.com.

#### **Tractor show**

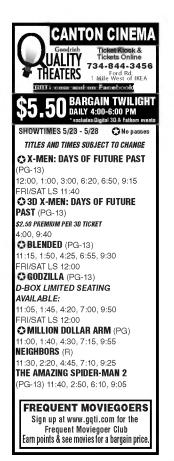
The Hudson Mills Old Power Club and Hudson Mills Metro Park invite everyone to the 23rd annual Gas Engine and Antique Tractor Show June 6-8.

Hudson Milles Metropark is located at 8801 North Territorial Road, Dexter. There is a \$7 gate fee. For more information, call 248-804-8507.



#### **Kickball fundraiser**

The Main Street League will host its second annual Women's Kickball Tournament from noon to 5 p.m. Sun-



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## Longtime township deputy clerk succumbs to cancer

**By Kurt Kuban** Staff Writer

To everyone who intimately knew her, longtime Northville Township Deputy Clerk Jeri Moak had a pretty good sense of humor. So it struck her boss, Clerk Sue Hillebrand, as almost appropriate that Moak died on May 6 - an election day.

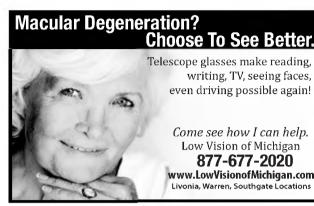
'I thought to myself, that is so Jeri," a saddened Hillebrand said after Moak lost her battle with cancer.

Moak, who was deputy clerk for the township for the past decade, had taken a leave of absence back in December after her breast cancer came



Former Northville Township Deputy Clerk Jeri Moak with her only grandchild, Madison.

back with a vengeance. It was her second bout



years ago, she was first diagnosed and, after

> Then in November, Hillebrand and other co-workers at Township

with the disease. Two

was uncharacteristically forgetting things and often seemed confused. When Moak didn't show up for work one day, Hillebrand called Moak's daughter, Jennifer Moak Kvalegog, who went to check on her mom. She found her at home, and realized Moak had suffered a seizure from the cancer that had returned and had spread throughout her body including to her brain. At that point, it was only a matter of time.

But that didn't stop her co-workers from rallying around Moak, who spent much of the last several months hospitalized. They often visited her, and did whatever they could to help ease her suffering.

Township Manager Chip Snider said the week Moak died was the toughest.

"It was a very long, difficult week for everyone working here." Snider said. "Jeri was universally loved around

here. We have a very humanistic staff. and I've never seen it on display more than it was during that week.'

Moak is survived by her three children, -Jennifer Moak Kvalegog, who still lives in Northville, Ryan Moak, and her youngest daughter, Emily Moak. All three graduated from Northville schools. Jennifer has a daughter, Madison, who is Moak's only grandchild. All of them appeared at the township board of trustees meeting last week to hear the staff pay tribute to their mother.

#### Loved being a grandma

Jennifer Moak Kvalegog said she found out she was pregnant with Madison right around the same time Jeri was diagnosed with cancer for the first time in March of 2012.

"She ended chemo right around the time I had my daughter. She

just loved being a grandma," Jennifer Moak Kvalegog said. "I'm sad about what she is going to miss out on, but I have to focus on that two years we had together when I was pregnant and then her meeting her granddaughter. She always said spending time with Madison was stronger than the chemo when it came to fighting the cancer.'

Moak actually first started working with the township back in 1989, but then left in 1996 to work for Joan McCotter, the Livonia city clerk. In 2003, Hillebrand was able to convince her to return and become the township's deputy clerk.

'She has many, many friends in the community and was well loved and respected by everyone she met. We are heartbroken and we already miss her smiling face," Hillebrand said.

Katie Anderson was recently appointed the new deputy clerk.

undergoing chemotherapy and other cancer treatments, seemed to be on the mend. She came back to work and everything seemed normal.

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**By Kurt Kuban** Staff Writer

Organizers of a fundraiser to restore the American flag mural outside of the Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville are hoping to reach their monetary goal at a Restore the Mural party from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27 at the Northville Sports Den.

Tickets for the event are just \$10, and are good for up to \$20 off of your bill (not including alcoholic drinks). The event will also feature special raffles and a silent auction.

To reach their goal. organizers including

Northville Rotary members and Preservation Dental say they need to raise about \$6,000. They raised nearly \$10,000 during a raffle back in the fall. Once they reach the goal, they will hire Jeff Von Buskirk, the original artist, to refurbish the patriotic mural commissioned by Inge Zayti, the late founder and owner of the Marquis Theatre, after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Today, the flag mural, which includes the words "America United September 11, 2001", is one of Northville's most recognizable landmarks at 30-foot by 45-foot. It is starting to show its age,

however.

According to Denise Jenkins of Preservation Dental, Von Buskirk will be at the party, and will do a painting live during the event, which he will auction off.

"We're really excited he will be there," Jenkins said.

Tickets can be purchased at Preservation Dental (corner of Main and Griswold) and the Northville Chamber of Commerce office, as well as from Northville Rotary members, who will be out in force during the Memorial Day Parade on Monday.

If the group raises enough money, Jenkins said the work will be

done this summer. The goal, she said, is to sell 300 tickets for the event. Many local businesses have already donated items to be raffled off.

'We really feel like there is enough interest out there in the community that we will be successful," Jenkins said. "Plus, this will be the day after Memorial Day, so people should still be feeling pretty patriotic."

For more information, contact Traci Sincock at 248-349-7640, Denise Jenkins at 248-348-1313, or Tim Story at 734-737-9107.

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## 'Buy Michigan Now' to feature Adirondack chair company

The Buy Michigan Now campaign has named Michigan Adirondack Chairs LLC as the Grand Prize winner of its "Up & Coming Entrepreneur Contest." The competition, in conjunction with the campaign's 6th annual festival to be held in downtown Northville in August, is designed to promote awareness of new products being made in Michigan and to give one business-owner a chance to win free marketing exposure worth more than \$1,000.

The Grand Rapidsbased Michigan Adirondack Chairs makes Adirondack chairs with a back that is shaped like the lower peninsula of Michigan. Each is handcrafted out of 5/4-inch cedar.

"Nothing is done by machine, but built by hand using power tools, human strength and a whole lot of love," said co-owner Jonathan Ramer. His partners in the endeavor are Eric and Sue Decker.

We are so excited to be going to the Buy Michigan Now Festival. Winning this competition means so much to us as we feel that the spirit of this festival, to support Michigan companies, is the heartbeat of our business, Ramer said. "We believe this festival will not only give us great exposure to the east side of the state, but also allow us to see what other Michigan companies are doing so that we can spread the word about them too.'

In addition to the Grand Prize winner, two other Michigan companies were recognized as



The Grand Rapids-based Michigan Adirondack Chairs makes Adirondack chairs with a back that is shaped like the lower peninsula of Michigan.

finalists in the contest. They are Pilot Malt House LLC (Jenison) and Pic-A-Bench LLC (Capac). Pilot Malt House is

one of only two malting facilities in the state. The company was started to serve as a conduit between the Michigan brewing and distilling industries and the Michigan agriculture community. The company buys commodities from local farmers and then using a three-step process of steeping, germination, and kilning, produces a wide variety of malts to be used in beer and spirit production.

John Clark, creator of Pic-A-Bench launched his business based on an idea he had while camping. He began thinking of a way to convert picnic tables into benches for sitting around a campfire. The

result was a three-in-one product that transitions between picnic table, bench seating, and workbench with amazing ease.

The 6th Annual Buy Michigan Now Festival takes place Aug. 1-3 in downtown Northville. In addition to teaming up again with downtown Northville to host the celebration of Michigan, Hiller's Markets, The Catalyst Company, Mousetrap Mobile, and Tom Holzer Ford are returning as sponsors of the event.

For information on exhibitor or sponsorship opportunities, contact Buy Michigan Now at 248-390-0974 or Fest@BuyMichigan-Now.com. A full list of events for the weekend will be announced at a later date. For the most up-to-date information visit www.BuyMichiganNowFest.com.



#### CHAMBER CHAT

**Golf outing** 

The Northville Chamber of Commerce's annual Golf Classic outing will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, at Northville Hills Golf Club. The event is one of the chamber's biggest fundraisers of the year.

"The outing is rotated between chamber member golf courses, with the Northville Hills Golf Club course selected for 2014," said Traci Sincock of the chamber.

#### Local physician inducted

Two Northville physicians - Biren A. Shah, M.D., and Joseph J. Gemmete, M.D. - have been inducted as

fellows in the American College of Radiolo-



at a formal Shah convocation ceremony during the recent ACR Annual Meeting and Chapter Leadership conference April 26-30, in Washing-

ton, D.C. Shah is senior staff radiologist at Henry Ford Hospital and Health Network and clinical associate professor at Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit. Shah is a member of the ACR, the Michigan Radiological Society, the Alliance of Clinician-Educators in Radiology, the Radiological Society of North America and the American Roentgen Ray Society. He received his medical degree from Tel Aviv University-New York State American Program in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Gemmete is associate professor at University of Michigan Hospitals in Ann Arbor. He is a member of the ACR, the Michigan Radiological Society, the Radiological Society of North Ame

Sponsored by Center Street Wealth Strategies, the Golf Classic will feature a four-person scramble with a variety of contest holes, including hole-in-one chal-

lenges. The cost to play is \$150 per individual golfer or \$580 per foursome. Cost includes 18 holes of golf, lunch at the turn, a post golf buffet dinner, drink tickets, door prizes and contests. Cost for dinner only is \$30.

Businesses can also

#### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

stow on a radiologist, radiation oncologist or medical physicist is recognition as a fellow of the Amer-

ican College of Radiology. ACR Fellows demonstrate a history of service to the College, organized radiology,

teaching or research. Approximately 10 percent of ACR members achieve this distinction.

Gemmete

The ACR is a national nonprofit association serving more than 34,000 radiologists, radiation oncologists, interventional radiologists, nuclear medicine physicians and medical physicists with programs focusing on the practice of radiology and the delivery of comprehensive health care services.

#### **Dance clinic**

Piazza Dance Company, located at 16807 Ridge Road in Northville Township, is hosting a dance clinic for children ages 6-8 and 9-11 from noon to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 1.

Clinic attendees will participate in two backto-back dance sessions in jazz and hip-hop. Students will learn choreography and technique in an energetic environment. All are welcome.

Classes are free with a onation of a nonperishable food item or paper product for Northville Civic Concern. Registration will remain open until the clinic fills. To register or for more information, send an email to pdcfreeclin-ic@gmail.com or stop by Piazza. Those attending should wear comfortable workout clothes, tennis

participate in a variety of ways, including golfing or sponsoring holes or contests.

'The outing is very popular with chamber members, for networking, fun and making new business connections," said Jody Humphries, executive director of the chamber.

To register or for more information, visit the chamber website at www.northville.org.

shoes, or jazz shoes.

#### Franco account executive

Franco Public Relations Group (Franco), a Detroit-based, full service public relations agency, has hired Erica Swoish of Northville as an assistant account executive.

In her role, Swoish provides support in media relations, community relations, event planning and content creation for a varie-

ty of Franco's professional service and nonprofit clients including Allied Print-



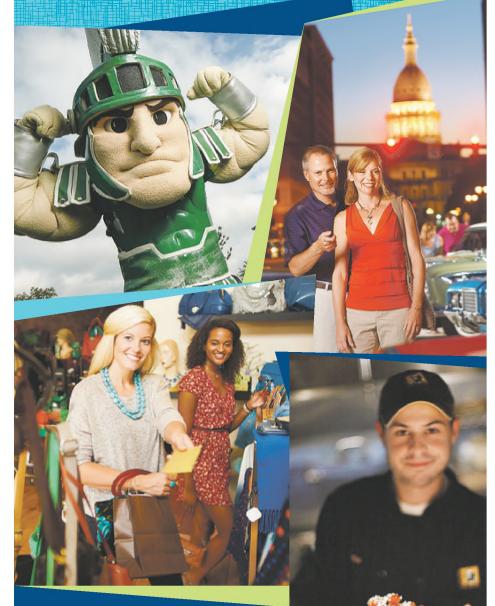
Swoish

ing Company, the Belle Isle Conservancy and Northvillebased DataFactZ. Swoish also supports branding and design projects including logos, newsletters and marketing collateral.

Swoish joined Franco as a temporary employee in 2013. Prior to joining Franco, she served as a marketing intern for Allv Financial. She also managed Michigan State University's student-run public relations agency and served on the board for the Public Relations Student Society of America, in which she is still an active member.

Swoish holds a B.A. in communication and public relations from Michigan State University. Established in Detroit in 1964, Franco is a full service public relations agency that represents clients in the manufacturing, technology, nonprofit, professional services, health care and consumer industries. For more information, visit www.franco.com.

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ica, the Society of Interventional Radiology and the Society of Neurointerventional Surgery. Gemmete is also a fellow of the Society of Interventional Radiology. He received his medical degree from Wayne State University in Detroit.

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## 'Five Star Agency'



Fremont Insurance, a Michiganexclusive property and casualty insurance carrier, has named the Plymouth-based Kennedy Nemier Insurance Agency as one of the company's Five Star Agency award winners. The Five Star Agency award recognizes agencies that have achieved long-term success in operating a profitable and grow-ing business. Pictured are Northville resident Lisa Kennedy from Kennedy Nemier Insurance and Kevin Kaastra of Fremont Insurance. For more information about Kennedy Nemier, visit www.kennedynemier-.com.



## OLV Victory Run welcomes all runners, walkers

#### By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Now in its fourth year, the annual Victory Run at Our Lady of Victory has turned into a great tradition for local runners and walkers. There were 200 participants last year and organizers are hoping to top that this year.

The event, which takes place May 31, involves a Kids Fun Run, which is 0.7 miles, and a 5K Victory Run/Walk. The course is certified by USA Track and Field and winds its way around downtown Northville.

"It's the same course as last year," event organizer Matthew Fras said. "We are trying to promote this as a run or walk and want to make sure that people of all levels are welcome. There will be medals for the top winners, but for the most part, this is a non-competitive run and runners, walkers, joggers and even dogs are welcome."

Fras said this is a fun event because the entire family can participate. "There are plenty of

kids that run in the Fun Run and really enjoy it," he said. He added OLV has a

He added OLV has a weekly running club for grade school students in which they have been

#### OLV VICTORY RUN

Date: May 31 Time: Registration begins at 7 a.m.; Fun Run begins at 8 a.m. and 5K at 8:30 a.m. Location: OLV School at 132 Orchard Street in Northville More info: Visit www.olv-victoryrun.com

meeting during the last few weeks in preparation for the Victory Run.

Fras said the event is important "because it brings the OLV school and the Northville community together for people of all levels to have fun and get fit."

He said there has been great support from the local community. Several businesses have committed to sponsor this year's event, including Merlo Construction, Eye Care Associates (Dr. Wadowski), Town & Country Eye Care, Up2Go International, Pak-Rite Ltd., Dr. Mark Hunter, orthodontist, Hines Park Cross Fit, Oakwood Hospital, Poco and Fifth Avenue in Royal Oak.

Through it all, Fras said the event has "had great support from the OLV Dad's Club and our pastor, the Rev. Denis



The OLV Victory Run offers a variety of events for different age groups.

Theroux."

Proceeds will go to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, MS Society and Our Lady of Victory School. To learn more about

the event, visit www.olv-victoryrun.com.

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#### NORTHVILLE SENIOR SERVICES

The Northville Community Center is located at 303 W. Main Street. For more information about senior services, call 248-349-4140.

#### Upcoming events include: SENIOR FEST

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 4

**Details:** Celebrating 10 years at the Community Center. Event will feature dancing, sponsor booths, lunch and prizes galore. Cost is \$8 per person. Must RSVP by May 30. This event sells out every year.

#### EASTERN MARKET TUESDAYS & RIVERWALK Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.,

**Details:** Trip to Detroit starting with a visit to the Riverwalk. Tour will continue on to the

Detroit Eastern Market. Lunch will be on your own. Cost is \$15 per person. Must register by June 17. Only a few spaces left. LUNCH AND LEARN

### **Time/Date:** 11 a.m., Wednesday, June 11

**Details:** HealthQuest, one of the team doctors for the Detroit

Lions, will discuss new technology to treat arthritis and neuropathy as well as back, neck, hip, knee and shoulder pain. Lunch is provided. The event is free.

#### CRAFTING WITH CLAUDIA

Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 12

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#### Spring Fling Wednesday, May 20

#### 1:30 p.m.

Spring is in the air! Come and celebrate with us! New Generations musical group will perform and sampling plates of delectable desserts will be served. RSVP by May 18.

#### Memorial Day Celebration Friday, May 23 12:00 p.m.

Veterans from VFW Post 6695 will join us as we honor and remember those who have given so much for our freedom. We will have color guard, flag raising and patriotic music. Every veteran will receive a commemorative pin. An old-fashioned cookout style lunch will be served.

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#### RSVP by May 3.

#### Mother's Day Fashion Show Wednesday, May 7 12:00 p.m.

Enjoy a Mother's Day Tea, Luncheon and Fashion Show. Everyone is welcome to enjoy shopping for the latest Spring Fashion's following the show. Cash and Carry.

#### RSVP by May 5.

#### Elder Law Workshop Thursday, May 22

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Join us as Attorney Nicole Wipp with Family and Aging Law Center provides information regarding VA Benefits, Estate Planning, Long term care insurance and Tax Planning. Please register at: (248) 278-1511.

#### Presentation of Greece Thursday, May 29 2:30 p.m.

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### Independence Village of White Lake

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#### LOCAL NEWS

### May Day baskets



The Daisy, Brownie and Junior Scouts at Our Lady of Victory made May Day baskets to surprise the 100 senior residents of Allen Terrace. On May 1, several of the girls visited and hung a basket on each door. Troop members who made the visit included (top row from left) Catie Merlo, Clare Worley, Marin Worley, (bottom from left) Penelope Culp, Violet Culp, and Ava Merlo. The tradition of May Day anonymous basket giving was brought by the first settlers from England as part of the customary May Day celebration. Before dawn on May Day (May 1) morning, many people would go into the forest to collect sprigs and branches of flowers, and these would be put into baskets to be anonymously hung on the doors of friends' homes.

## Northville High School junior earns Eagle Scout rank

Jake Luikart of Troop 755, First Presbyterian Church of Northville, recently earned his Eagle Scout rank.

Luikart, who is a junior at Northville High School, is active in scouting, FIRST Robotics, several bands including the NHS bands and works part-time in Northville.

For his service project, Luikart built cedar benches to serve visitors at Northville's Oakwood Cemetery. He raised the funds necessary to complete the project, procured the materials and led a group of scouts in the construction of the benches. The project was part of a larger ef-



Luikart

fort by the Northville Historical Society to improve the Oakwood Cemetery. It was also personally important to Luikart, since he has been active in the North-

Wayne County postpones trout derby in Northville

ville Historical Society's Cemetery Walk and Memorial Day honors to those interred there.

After high school, Jake plans on attending college to become an aeronautical/aerospace engineer.

Achieving Eagle Scout is only accomplished by 5-percent of all Boy Scouts in the United States. As part of his trail to Eagle, Luikart has been an active participant in Troop 755, including leading the troop's Summer Camp Band, and completing 45 merit badges, before taking on his service project for the Northville community.



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Due to high water levels from recent rain fall, Wayne County Parks Fishing Derby planned for last weekend at Waterford Bend Park in Northville has been postponed to 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27. The event is open to

The event is open to all kids ages 12 and

younger to have some fishing fun and win some prizes. The Rouge River will be stocked with rainbow trout and a casting contest will take place. All anglers need to bring their own equipment and bait.

This event is co-sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of America-Plymouth Chapter 528, Cabela's, Eppinger Manufacturing and Northville Parks and Recreation.

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#### **Brightmoor Christian Church**

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

Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org

#### **Celebrate Recovery**

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

#### Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road

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

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

Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays

#### Crosspointe **Meadows Church**

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointe meadows.org

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

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

#### **Destiny Worship** Center

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

#### **Emmanuel Lutheran** Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile,

#### **First Presbyterian Church of Northville**

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

#### **First Presbyterian** Church

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

#### **First Presbyterian** Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

#### **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

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

worship First United **Methodist Church** 

## of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville

Contact: 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org Summer Sunday Worship (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 10 a.m.

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

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

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

#### **Holy Cross**

#### **Episcopal Church**

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

Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery

Care: 10 a.m. worship service Alzheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month.

#### **Hope Lutheran** Church

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

#### Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

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

#### **Northville Christian** Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile Contact: 248-348-9030; ncalife.org Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults / youth / children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in sanctuary; 1015 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

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

#### Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

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

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

#### Novi United Methodist Church

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

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

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

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

#### **Oak Pointe Church**

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi

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

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

7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet weekly) Women's Life Groups Minis-

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

6 a.m. Friday; at the church and various locations

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

#### **Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church**

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

#### **Praise Baptist** Church

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

#### **Prince of Peace** Lutheran Church

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

Free movie night: 6:45 p.m. Friday, May 30. In "The Lamp", a couple's marriage has fallen apart after the death of their son, until a mysterious stranger presents them with a magical lamp and three wishes to put things right. However, they must choose very carefully what they ask for. A macaroni & cheese bar is offered for a free will donation. Please call the church office if you wish to attend the movie and the meal.

Fine Arts Camp: June 23-27. An educational ministry open to children who have completed first grade through the sixth grade. Help your child discover the fine arts and develop their gifts in art, music and drama! Children will learn the basics of vocal and instrumental music. acting and performing, and art. The theme for camp this year is "Prayer and Promises." This is a half camp day (8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.) and registration with fee has begun. Early bird discount is available. Please call the church office for more information or to register.

Ascension Service: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 29

#### **St. James Catholic** Church

Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi Contact: 248-347-7778 Pastor: Monsignor John Kasza Mass Schedule: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

#### St. John Lutheran Church

Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills Contact: 248-474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com Saturday Worship: 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship: 9, 11:15 a.m. Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

#### Ward Evangelical **Presbyterian Church**

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

Web: www.wardchurch.org Contact: 248-374-7400

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

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

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#### **BROWN, ALICE**

December 9, 1926 - May 10, 2014. www.obriensullivanfunera lhome.com

DRON, JOHN J. JR.,

Of Highland, passed away peacefully on May 18, 2014 at the age of 81. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Joyce; sons, John (Karen), Keith (Linda), Greg and nieces, nephand extended family ews, friends. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford on Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 10 a.m. Burial Parkview Cemetery. Friends visited the funeral home on Wednesday, May 21st from 3-9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in John's name to the Michigan Humane Society, Vet-erans of Foreign Wars or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For further information phone 248-684-6645 or visit ww w.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

LAMB, WALTER Age 63, passed away May 16. Funeral Mass May 21, St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

PEGG, ELIZABETH June 5, 1926 - May 8, 2014. www.obriensullivanfuneralhome .com

RUSSELL, DEANNA L. Age 73, passed away May 12, 2014. A memorial service was held on Thursday, May 15, at 11:00am at PHILLIPS FUNER-AL HOME, South Lyon.

#### Let others know...



#### STEELE, JAMES H. peacefully passed to eternal life at home on May 5, 2014, at the

age of 81 in Interlochen, Michi-

gan. Jim was born on May 15,

1932 in Dongal Township, Penn-

sylvania to Lloyd R. Steele and Alice B. Emminger Steele. Jim

grew up in Chicora, Pennsylva-

nia where he attended Brady

School in Brady Twp. He served

in the National Guard from

1947-1949 and served in the

United States Army, as a mem-

ber of the 18th Infantry, during

1953. Jim loved his country and

was proud to serve. He was a life

time member of the VFW post

1224, he served as Quarter Mas-

ter. Jim moved to South Lyon,

MI in 1953 where he met the

love of his life, Joan L. Camp-

bell Steele and was married on

October 31, 1953 for 60 years.

Jim was employed at C.J. Rogers Construction where he was a

and in 1964 worked for the Ford

Motor Company in Wixom as a

Line Supervisor and retired after

25 years of service. He was a de-

voted husband, father, grandfa-

ther and great-grandfather. Jim

had a strong love for his country

and a resilient and loving devo-

tion for his family. You could al-

ways find Jim outside, he treas-

ured the outdoors. Jim was an

avid hunter and enjoyed fishing.

of South Lyon and Vivian and

Andy Green of New Hudson;

seven grandchildren: Erica and

Adam Miklaszewski. Matthew

and Alex Carducci, Victoria Carducci, Cassandra Carducci,

Carducci,

Amanda

Equipment Supervisor

the Korean War from 1949

Livonia

Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org

Contact: 248-442-8822

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

Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesdays

Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; God Revealed by Fred Sievert

Special Needs Ministry: Contact Judy Cook, 248-442-8822

#### **Faith Community Presbyterian Church**

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

#### **First Baptist Church** of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: 248-348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

#### **First Church of** the Nazarene

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

dfcnazarene.org Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

#### **Livonia Church** of Christ

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

#### **Legacy Church**

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church) Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665 or visit www.legacychurch.us Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages: 9:45 a.m. Worship Services: 11 a.m. Bible Study/Prayer: Wednes-

day 7 p.m.

#### Meadowbrook Congregational Church

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Church School: 10-11 a.m.

#### Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. Merry Widows Luncheon:

11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month

Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m. Sundays

#### Vacation Bible School

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Sunday and 6-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 15-19

Details: Weird Animals -- Where Jesus' Love is One-of-a-Kind. All preschool through fifth graders are invited to join in for games, crafts, storytelling, music and snacks. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per child. Bring your friends.

#### **Orchard Grove Community Church**

Location: 850 Ladd Road,

#### **Our Saviour** Apostolic **Lutheran Church**

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

#### **Orchard Grove** Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake Contact: 248-926-6584; www.orchardgrove.org

#### **Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic** Church

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

#### **Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church**

Location: 132 Orchard Drive, Northville

Contact: 248-349-2621 or olvnorthville.org

Saturday Worship: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m

#### **Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church**

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

Contact: pastor Bill Burke at 734-927-0891

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

#### **Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church**

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

#### **Pentecostals of Novi**

Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile

#### St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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

#### **Unity of Farmington Hills**

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

#### Unitarian **Universalist Church** of Farmington

Location: 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills Contact: www.uufarming-

ton.org Youth Interfaith Journey: 9:30

and 11 a.m. Sundays Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. Classes are grouped into grades K-five, six-eight and nine-12 with age-specific education materials for all.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Paying tribute to the life of your loved

## one.

Anthony Green and Lindsey Green; two great grandchildren, Aiden and Landen Carducci; sister Hazel Scheffer of South Lyon, sister Janet Uliski of Pennsylvania and a brother John Steele of Arizona. He is preceded in death by his sisters Goldie, Mary and his brothers Bill, Walter, Andy and Llovd Jr. A memorial service will be held on June 8th, at 3:00 p.m. at the New Hudson United Methodist Church. A light meal will follow. Donations can be

made in Jim's memory to the New Hudson United Methodist Church, Munson Hospice or the American Cancer Society, in lieu of flowers. WILES **ROBERT EMIL** 

Age 76, of Harrison Michigan, passed away on February 11, 2014, at his home. He was born April 3, 1937 in Milford Michigan, the son of the late Edward and Edna Wiles. Robert was a long time member of the Operating Engineers Local 324. He loved doing crossword puzzles, and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He is survived by his children; Robert Luck of Michigan Center, Julie (Tom) Kittel of Onsted, Patricia (Richard) Kelly of Dexter, and his sister; Nancy (Ken) Roberts of Highland, three nephews; Steve (Betty) Roberts of Highland, Dick (Susan) Roberts of Highland, Dave (Janet) Roberts of Holly, and niece; Susan (Mike) Probst of Milford. In addition, there are four grandchildren, and several grand nieces and nephews. He was preceded in passing by his parents, Ed-ward and Edna Wiles, and brother; Donald Wiles. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2014 at 12:00pm, from the Unadilla Presbyterian Church, Unadilla. Donations in his honor may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

boating, camping and gardening. He enjoyed looking for morel mushrooms and asparagus. Jim loved this land and would travel over the years with his family from the Statue of Liberty to the Golden Gate Bridge and Lake Superior to Daytona Beach Florida. He would ensure that the family took in all the sights and they would visit family and military colleagues along the way. Jim is survived by his wife Joan L. Campbell Steele and his daughters and their spouses: Vicki and Pat Carducci of White Lake Twp, Jody and Paul Mellott

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## Arbor Hospice offering comprehensive volunteer training sessions

Arbor Hospice is hosting a new round of training sessions for volunteers who are interested in bringing comfort and companionship to patients facing life-limiting illnesses, and their families. Volunteers choose locations they are most comfortable visiting within Arbor Hospice's seven county service area – often times its locations close to their own home or work. The four training sessions will be held at Arbor Hospice's Plymouth office, located at 40500 Ann Arbor Road E., Suite 102.

The comprehensive training sessions are set

for every Monday and Wednesday from June 9-23. All classes run 5-9 p.m. A variety of volunteer opportunities are available, including patient companionship, caregiver relief, facilitating pet therapy patient interaction, music visits or administrative support.

Volunteers play a key role in Arbor Hospice's mission to provide the highest quality of comfort and support in patients' homes, assisted living facilities and nursing homes within the community.

Helga Safranek, the wife of Arbor Hospice patient Frank Safranek, said the volunteers who visited her husband were a tremendous help. Over the course of eight months, when Frank was an Arbor Hospice patient, three different volunteers made visits to the Safranek home. They each provided companionship and a listening ear by engaging in activities Frank enjoyed.

"One of the volunteers was a carpenter, and helped Frank varnish one of his unfinished projects," Helga Safranek said. "I can't begin to explain how much that meant to us. To have someone spend time with Frank and help him do something he loved, was so wonderful. After months of being unable to use his artistic skills and work in his workshop, Frank had that opportunity."

The other volunteer was not a carpenter, but came prepared nonetheless. With an iPad in hand, the volunteer visited Frank on a weekly basis prepared to research the artists Frank talked about.

Arbor Hospice volunteers are unique and compassionate individuals willing to help someone in a time of need. In keeping with health care industry guidelines, Arbor Hospice provides a thorough training to ensure volunteers are fully prepared to assist patients, as well as provide a brief respite to caregivers. Make-up sessions are available for prospective volunteers who cannot make every date during the training series.

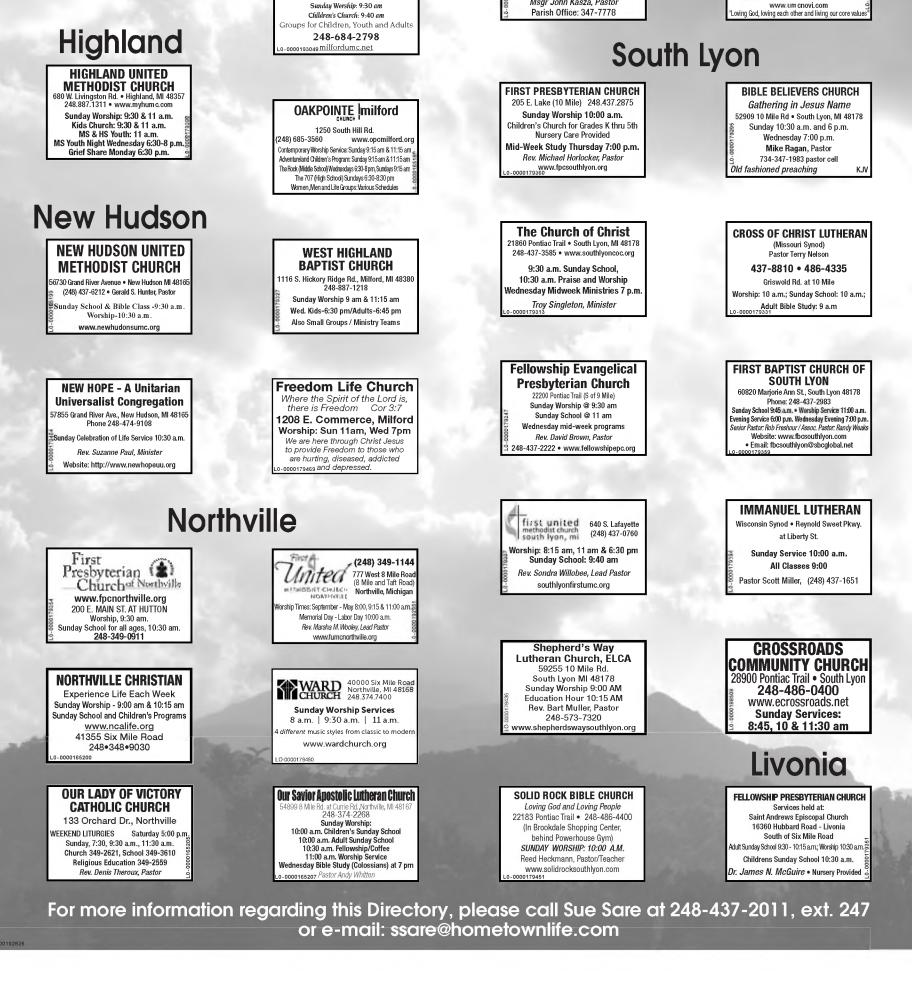
"Arbor Hospice relies on the support of caring and compassionate individuals to help ensure our patients and their families receive the utmost level of care," said Gloria D. Brooks, president and CEO of Arbor Hospice. "Arbor Hospice volunteers are an essential part of our team."

Over the course of the training sessions, volunteers will learn the differences between hospice and palliative care and how to interact with Arbor Hospice patients and families. This will include communication techniques, active listening, overcoming cultural differences, and gaining an understanding on how spirituality and grief affect patients and families.

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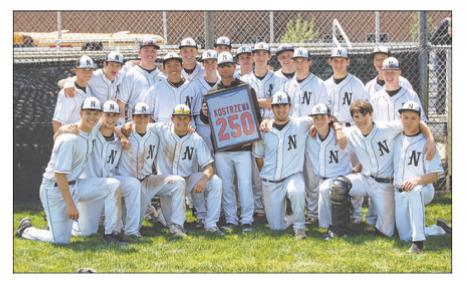


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If you have paid any attention to the athletic programs at Northville High School in recent years, you know there has been a great deal of success. There is no secret to the winning formula - it takes a lot of work and some great leaders. One of those leaders, baseball head coach John Kostrzewa, earned his 250th win leading the Mustangs. What makes the mark even more impressive is the fact he just took over in 2005. That's a lot of wins in less than a decade. Just as noteworthy is the humility Coach Kostrzewa has shown in light of the success, which he attributes to his players and their ability to play team baseball. That's what leaders do. Congrats, Coach Kostrzewa for the success both in victories and providing a great example to your student athletes. BILL FLOOR

## PARADE

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Flanders Fields and Come Visit My Grave will be read, flowers will be placed at the different grave sites and Tina Genitti will sing God Bless America.

The parade has many community supporters. Casterline Funeral Home will again be handing out Guernsey ice cream at its location on Dunlap Street. Bob Jeannotte Buick GMC has supplied the convertibles that will be used in the parade.

Yarbrough encourages other veterans to join the parade procession even if they are not part of Post 4012 or have their uniforms. He said those interested can meet at the post, which is located at 438 S. Main St., at 9 a.m.

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## **Ultimate sacrifice**

## Memorial Day honors servicemen, women who gave their lives

There's a lot of talk around the country these days about rights and freedoms. The Second Amendment right to bear arms and the First Amendment right to speak freely have been of primary focus as the debate rages over gun control in the wake of so many shoot-

ings, at schools and in other public places. What is nearly always left out of the discussion – but what should be the primary focus - is how we got those freedoms in the first place, and the men and women who have died making sure we can have those debates

The chance to correct that comes Monday, when communities around the country gather for parades and ceremonies designed to honor the sacrifices of the military fighting men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country. The Northville community hosts a well-attended Memorial Day Parade, which begins at 10 a.m. on Mon-day. The parade, sponsored by VFW Post 4012, steps off at Griswold and Main, weaves its way through downtown and eventually concludes at the historic Rural Hill Cemetery where there will be a ceremony to honor America's fallen service members.

After that comes the traditional family celebrations in our parks, around our pools and barbecues, where we will enjoy the end of the three-day holiday weekend. While enjoying families and friends, we urge you to keep the sacrifices of the brave men and women in your thoughts and prayers.

Since this nation's birth, in wars and battles, skirmishes and fights – large and small – more than two million military servicemen and women have given their lives, all to give us the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today.



David Myers pauses by the grave of his father Cloyce C. Myers, a World War II veteran, after Northville's Memorial Day ceremony at Rural Hill Cemetery last year. Exiting the cemetery, Myers said: "I grew up in the VFW, and I would never miss this day." JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The wars these brave souls have fought have produced our country's biggest victories. They've taken down dictators and terrorists, including Osama Bin Laden, the orchestrator of the biggest terrorist attack on American soil in history.

All of that stunning success, however, does nothing to overshadow the contributions made by the thousands of our military servicemen and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice to ensure Americans continue to enjoy the freedoms secured by their efforts.

Memorial Day is the one day of the year set aside for the nation to get together to remember, reflect and honor those who have given their all in service to their country. Americans have never wavered in their commitment to freedom, nor in the effort to help those who seek to be free.

Americans have fought in two World Wars for freedom, in Korea and Vietnam. Americans have fought a Cold War, in Desert Storm, in Iraq and Afghanistan against tyranny, oppression and terror.

However, the traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country.

For many, Memorial Day and the three-day weekend mark the official start of summer. People use the time to open their pools and their cottages and gather for picnics.

In other words, people will, by and large, focus on having fun. And there's nothing wrong with that. But it has to be more – it has to *mean* more – than that. Enjoy those barbecues, open the pool or spend a relaxing weekend at the cottage. In the midst of that merriment, though, we urge everyone to take a mo-ment to say thank you to those who have made all that possible.

There are more than two million reasons we cannot afford to forget why there is a Memorial Day.

## Buckle up, it's Click It or Ticket time

Do you believe you don't need a seat belt because your vehicle has air bags? Have you decided not to use a seat belt because it wrinkles your clothing?

Those are just a few of the reasons people don't use seat belts. The fact is, seat belts are the most effective safety feature ever invented and have helped save thousands of lives. Sadly, one in five Americans fails to regularly wear a seat belt when driving or riding in a motor vehicle.

Beginning this week, local police departments, sheriff's offices and Michigan State Police posts in 40 counties will conduct federally funded seat belt enforcement zones through the busy Memorial Day travel weekend as part of the annual Click It or Ticket campaign, which seeks to reduce traffic deaths and injuries by increasing seat belt use.

Michigan law requires all drivers and passengers 15 and younger in any seating position to be buckled up. Children must be in a car seat or booster seat until they are 8 years old or 4 feet, 9 inches tall. Unbuckled motorists face a \$65 penalty if they don't buckle up.

During last year's Click It or Ticket enforcement



over the Memorial Day holiday period in 2013, two of the nine vehicle occupants were not wearing a seat belt.

"Seat belt use has dropped in Michigan and we're doing all we can to save lives and reduce injuries by stressing the importance of belt use and Michigan's seat belt law," said Michael L. Prince, director of Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. "With seat belt enforcement zones in effect, motorists need to play defense by buckling up."

Click enforcement isn't cracking down for the fun

passenger vehicle occupants have gone up. In 2012, there were 10,335 unbuckled passenger vehicle occupants who died.

Statistics also show that more men than women die every year in motor vehicle traffic crashes. In 2012, 65 percent of the 21,667 passenger vehicle occupants killed were men. Men also wore their seat belts less than women in fatal crashes - 56 percent of men were unrestrained, compared to 43 percent of women

And young adults are dying at a disproportionate rate because they are not wearing their seat belts. Sixty-two percent of 18- to 34-year-old passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes were not wearing their seat belts.

According to the AAA of Michigan forecast, nearly 1.1 million people are expected to travel for the Memorial Day weekend, a 1.3-percent increase over last year. Of those, nearly a million travelers will take a road trip.

If you're one of those 1 million people, be sure to buckle your seat belt and keep doing so. Wearing a seat belt shouldn't be tied to a two-week enforcement campaign. It needs to be done every time you get into a car.

9,003 seat belt and child seat violation tickets were issued. Of the 15 people who died in traffic accidents first time in five years, fatalities for unrestrained

of it. Wearing a seat belt is a serious issue. For the

#### LETTERS

Catch a Northville High School varsity baseball game on any regular game day and you will find a dedicated and talented team of focused players and coaches cheered on by parents and fans. But on Armed Forces Day, May 17, it all changed. It wasn't about the baseball. It wasn't about the win or the stats or the run up to post season. It was about something much greater. It was about honor, sacrifice, freedom, and giving thanks to the men and women who serve our country, to their families and to our veterans.

'This was about so much more than baseball. It was about the players and the families of our service members coming together and honoring our local heroes. Each player represented their hero with great pride," said Bill Flohr, assistant varsity coach.

Thousands of dollars were raised to help event partner, the Freedom Center, ship truckloads of collected donations to Michigan troops serving overseas.

"Freedom is not free and the patriotic folks of Northville know the sacrifices made daily to preserve that. Thank you for helping us to continue to 'Serve Those Who Serve Us.' We are truly honored to be welcomed by this community," states Sal Haji, lead volunteer for the Freedom Center.

First pitches were thrown out by Sgt. Pete Miller, Sgt, U.S. Army military police, Sgt. Robert Heiman, U.S. Air Force, and Shelby Fox, specialist 4th class, U.S. Army military intelligence. The national anthem was performed first on the electric guitar by NHS senior varsity player Taylor Turner and, in the second game, sung beautifully by NHS senior Juliana Gumina

Heartfelt thanks to all the sponsors and supporters of this fantastic event including VFW Post 1008, Meijer, Inc., Precision Baseball, Varsity Lincoln, North-



The Northville High School varsity baseball poses during a break in the action at their annual Armed Forces Day on Saturday.

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**Dana Walters** NHS Armed Forces Day Committee

#### LETTERS

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Cindy Ayers Northville

#### **Uphold Michigan's RFTA**

It is unconscionable and unAmerican to create rules that are so unreasonable and restrictive that they prevent small businesses from existing while allowing large mega farm to "self assess."

The recent changes to the GAAMPS strike against the growing trend of small farmer providing local grown foods at community farm markets. These change must be reversed or all of the residents stand to lose.

> Tim Szetela Canton

#### Support senior care

I urge your publication to publish an editorial in support of the U.S. House of Representatives passing the Creating Access to Rehabilitation for Every Senior (CARES) Act (H.R. 3531) out of the House Ways and Means Committee and passage by the House. Also, urge U.S. Senators to introduce a companion bill to H.R. 3531 in the Senate and work to get it through committee and passed by the Senate.

This bill, which has received bipartisan support in the House, will reduce barriers to health care services for America's seniors by eliminating the three-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for Medicare beneficiaries who are in need of skilled nursing facility (SNF) services. To learn more about this bill, go to: www.congress.gov and type H.R. 3531 in the search window.

Denis Falkowski Farmington Hills

## Sweets from the home front

## Silver Springs bake treats for soldiers in Afghanistan

#### By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

American soldiers in Afghanistan are getting some tasty treats and a pleasant reminder of home from fifthgraders at Silver Springs Elementary after the students put together care packages to be sent overseas.

"This is one of the most important things we will do all year," said teacher David Wayne to his class prior to them assembling the packages and baking the cookies that went with them.

Wayne's classes have done this before in the past. However, what is new this year is the fact that the kids have taken the lead with the planning and execution of the activity which, has become a normal thing at the school through the Leader in Me initiative.

The kids decided to bake peanut butter cookies and banana bread at the school as well as document the event using iPads to create an iMovie. With all of these things put together the students still didn't lose sight of why this project mattered so much.



Fifth-graders at Silver Springs baked cookies to be sent to soldiers serving in Afghanistan. LONNIE HUHMAN

"It's about helping people who help people," said fifthgrader Louie Kondek. "It's a great idea."

Before starting the baking and assembling, Wayne read some documented letters from the past that soldiers had sent home to their families. One thing expressed in them was the deep appreciation the soldiers had for things sent to them from home.

In the past, former students

who joined the military after high school were the inspiration and recipients of care packages. This year, a fellow teacher of Wayne's told him about a Farmington Hills soldier named Zach Shea serving in Afghanistan.

Shea joined the Army Reserves in 1997 during college. He works at an architecture firm called JPRA in Farmington Hills. He and his wife have five kids, four girls and a boy



Silver Springs teacher David Wayne read a letter from a soldier who had served in WWII. Soldiers overseas often express a deep appreciation of gifts from home. LONNIE HUHMAN

ranging in ages 15 years to 4 months old. He is currently a captain and this is his third deployment as a construction officer for the 315th Engineering Battalion.

He and his fellow soldiers were the recipients of this latest project.

The students worked in stations together to bake the goods. It was a true team effort as they mixed the ingredients. They baked them in the oven inside the teacher's lounge and later sealed them in bags to stay fresh.

The packages also contained some other goodies and essentials like candy and socks.

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## Expert: Human trafficking real in Michigan

#### By Julie Brown Staff Writer

News of schoolgirls kidnapped in Nigeria has dominated headlines lately, but Jane P. White knows human trafficking also happens in Michigan.

"There is a cycle we have to understand, White, director of the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force, told a local audience Thursday.

She told members and guests of the Plymouth-Canton Branch, American Association of University Women, of a teen girl who met a man, who said he was 21, online. The two met soon after at a mall and had sex in a dressing room. The girl was taken to a hotel room and tens of dozens of men raped her over three days.

She was taken to the local police station when freed. "The police officer said to her, 'Hello, slut,'" White said.

The girl spent some nine months recovering at a ranch facility out west and began community college in Michigan. She spoke at a conference as a victim, and another policeman, also a father and husband, apologized.

"No man has ever said that to me since this started," was the young woman's reply, White



Jane P. White, director of the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force, spoke Thursday, May 15, in Canton. JULIE BROWN

said. The victim's life soon turned downward again.

#### Labor trafficking

White's task force is based in the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University, but depends on donations for its work. She told an attentive AAUW audience that night in Canton that the United Nations believes trafficking for labor is likely more common that for prostitution.

"Also, it often overlaps," she said. "It is the third largest criminal enterprise in the world."

Human trafficking begins with a promise, such as an education or decent wages. White noted a Michigan state inspector who saw a man with a shotgun in a farm field where workers were.

The state worker later told her supervisor, but when they returned the crop had been picked and the workers were gone. "What's important is every one of us saying, 'Something is just not right," White said.

She described signs on Michigan freeways aimed at truck drivers showing an Asian woman for massages: "Why the Asian woman? She's not there. It's exotic. It's all kinds of stereotypes we have attached to that."

The average age is 12 when girls began as prostitutes. White asked her audience for words to describe a prostitute and then a 12-year-old girl who's abused sexually by her uncle. The audience realized the two girls are the same age, 12.

Of the 450,000 kids who run away annually, one-third will be approached by a pimp within 48 hours, White said. "How come the police can't find them, but the pimp can?" said White, a former policewoman.

She recommends the Internal Revenue Service going after such illegal enterprises. "Bad guys got to pay taxes. They're methodical," she said of IRS agents. "They just keep moving in."

Trafficking also involves money and control. White noted the

Elizabeth Smart case, the girl kidnapped from her home at 14 and raped daily by her tormentor for nine months

Smart was told her family would be killed if she spoke out. Police approached the two three separate times before Smart was rescued; she had the "Stockholm syndrome" of identifying with her attacker and even when back with her family asked about him in the beginning.

"He's not my pimp, he's my boyfriend," is something White and other task force members often hear from victims.

Trafficking victims sometimes have support during the trial: "But after that, lots of luck," said White, who noted the FBI has no category for trafficking, which makes law enforcement difficult.

#### Support for victims

She noted the success of Alcoholics Anonymous and is starting with others a support system of victims with other victims. White also told the AAUW audience she favors "safe harbor" in which 17-year-olds are considered victims rather than being charged with a crime.

"I love law enforcement. They are very

important in this, incredibly important," she said. Victim services are a key component.

In answering questions, she cited 300 teachers from Thailand promised jobs teaching in North Carolina but given field worker jobs. Those people later were sent to New Orleans for hurricane clean-up.

She also described abuses in the garment industry. One man received a 40-year prison sentence, but his victims were shamed in their culture and unable to return home to their families.

She urged parents and grandparents to talk to grade-school children about their safety. White recommended the book The Slave Next Door: Human Trafficking and Slavery in America Today by Kevin Bales and Ron Soodalter as well as the Half the Sky video (www.halftheskymovement.org) to learn more.

The Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force has more than 90 member statewide agencies in collaboration. The National Trafficking Hotline is 888-373-7888. Text BeFree 233733 or visit Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force on Facebook.

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## Legislators, AG address trafficking issues

#### **By Julie Brown** Staff Writer

State Rep. Kurt Heise, a Plymouth Republican, worked with human trafficking expert Jane P. White during White's time on the Michigan Commission on Human Trafficking.

We put together a very diverse group," Heise said of the bipartisan commission, which included White, who spoke Thursday, May 15, in Canton.

The state Legislature started work on human trafficking laws in January 2013, said Heise, chair of the Criminal Justice Committee. He cited state Sen. Judy Emmons, a Republican, who represents Clinton. Ionia, Isabella and Montcalm counties, as the Senate leader. Emmons chairs the Families, Seniors and Human Services Committee.

Legislators are wrapping up work, said Heise, who cited their partnership with Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette. Schuette's website includes a report on human trafficking, more than 60 pages.

At least 25 bills were introduced in the House, Heise said, and about 12 in the Senate. House bills were more criminal justice-oriented, "ways that we can hit the human traffickers in the pocketbook.'

"People are trafficked predominantly through border communities like Detroit, Miami," he said. In the Senate, the

focus was more on social services such as rehabilitation, medical reporting, "strengthening the protocols for medical professionals to identify human trafficking," he said. "Part of it, too, is training law enforcement.'

Heise added legislators and others have worked on protocols and training for hotels, airlines and others who

encounter trafficking victims.

"It puts more pressure, it raises awareness," he said of pending state laws, adding some cases have been prosecuted successfully under federal law.

"We've got to have better rules in place in Michigan," he added.

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Northville freshman Joanne Gao plays in the regional in No. 3 singles.

## Mustangs, Wildcats advance to states

Northville wins regional titles in seven of eight flights, Wildcats second in six flights

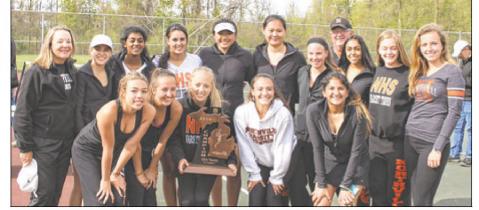
By Chris Jackett

Correspondent

Like most recent seasons, the girls tennis regionals Friday at Novi Middle School finished with Northville and Novi as the top two teams.

This year was the Mustangs' turn to be the belle of the ball, winning the regional title with 31 points after taking first in seven of eight flights. The Wildcats were runners-up in six of those, finishing with 22 points. Both teams advanced to the Division 1 state meet May 31, while Brighton and Walled Lake Northern both fell two points shy by finishing tied for third with 16 points apiece.

The girls exploded into the regional championships again this year as the overall favorite because they had won their division, their conference and association championships in the prior weeks," Northville coach Linda Day said. "All flights played very well today, dominating on all courts." The head-to-head match-ups started at No. 2 singles, where Northville's Emma Worley beat Novi's Jessica Lypka 6-2, 6-0 in the final, finishing as each was seeded. Worley's path included a 6-1, 6-0 win over Hartland and 6-0, 6-0 win over Brighton, while Lypka knocked off Milford and Walled Lake Central, both 6-0, 6-2. Seeding also held at No. 4 singles, where Northville's Amelia Albanelli beat Novi's Allison Lollo 6-0, 6-0 in the final. Albanelli beat Central 6-2, 6-2 and Howell 6-3, 6-0, while Lollo beat Hartland 6-0, 6-4 and Walled Lake



The Northville girls tennis team poses after winning the regional title at Novi last week.

#### **ON TAP**

Both Northville and Novi will head to the Division 1 state meet May 31 at

In No. 1 doubles, Northville's Anika Mukherji and Danielle Romano beat Novi's Asawari Kanitkar and Amy Zhou 6-4, 6-2 in the final. The Mustangs heat Howell 6-0, 6-0 and Brigh ton 6-1, 6-0, while the Wildcats beat Walled Lake Western 6-0, 6-0 and Northern 6-3, 6-2. Northville's Claudia Ma and Paige Baal won the No. 2 doubles title by beating Novi's Rachel Bailey and Dina Fawaz 6-2, 6-2. Ma and Baal beat Pinckney 6-0, 6-0 and Brighton 6-1, 6-0, while Bailey and Fawaz beat Central 6-4, 6-1 and Northern 6-0, 6-1. The Mustangs No. 3 doubles tandem of Jordan Hermiz and Alex Jeannotte won its flight by beating Novi's Harika Bollineni and Dhyivya Sridar 7-5, 6-3. Northville had beaten Howell 6-0, 6-0 and Northern 6-1, 6-0 along the

## Regional champions, again!

Northville girls capture third straight regional track title

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

The seniors on this year's Northville girls track and field team don't know what it's like to not hoist a regional championship trophy.

Sure, when they were freshmen, the team didn't get that opportunity – but, then again, how many freshmen typically get that chance to begin with?

After an outstanding performance in the Michigan High School Athletics Association regional tournament in Milford last week, the Northville Mustangs now have won three-straight regional titles and have four in the past five years.

This season, the Mustangs relied heavily on the do

#### ON TAP

Northville will have several athletes at the MHSAA Division 1 state finals May 31 at Rockford. heavily on the domination of their distance runners, but added in a bit of explosiveness in sprints, hurdles and field events to simply run away with the title. Northville finished the day with 154.2 points, while second place went to Novi with 80.6 points ird with 71.

and Milford was third with 71. "I am very proud of this group of

girls," head coach Tim Dalton said. "They have continues to work hard and get better each and every day."

The list of Mustangs who earned the right to make the trek to Rockford next week to compete in the state finals is quite impressive. Northville will be represented by Emma Herrmann, Taleen Shahrigian, Lexa Barrott, Rachel Coleman, Erin Zimmer, Alison Robinson, Nicole Mosteller, Morgan Robertson, Gracie Goble, Chloe Abbott, Lindsay Walters, Mary Catherine McLaughlin, Cayla Eckenroth and

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Midland. Last season, the Mustangs finished fifth and the Wildcats finished tied for 12th, as Port Huron Northern won. This season, Grosse Pointe South and Clarkston – which tied each other for third last year – come in as the favorites, followed by No. 3 Northville. Novi is not ranked in the top 10.

#### Northern 7-5, 6-3.

"Especially in doubles, with this being the third go around with Northville, I thought we played them the toughest we have yet," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "We gave them a match and made them earn their wins. But Northville is a very talented team."

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Northville's Morgan Robertson runs in the 100 high hurdles during the regional at Milford. Robertson was a fraction of a second away from breaking the school record. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## **Baseball team shines for Armed Forces Day**

#### By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Rain, rain, go away.

That's exactly how the Northville baseball team must have felt last week when it was trying to get games played. But the rain wouldn't go away and the end result was several games being rescheduled due to the inclement weather.

Northville's long, wet week finally had a ray of sunshine Friday and the team was able to take to the field against Livonia Stevenson in a doubleheader before hosting its annual Armed Forces Day celebration Saturday.

Against Stevenson, the Mustangs picked up two wins despite being a bit rusty. In the opening game, the Mustangs prevailed, 6-2, scoring two runs in the first inning, two in the fifth and two in the seventh while holding Stevenson to just two in the fifth.

In the nightcap, the Mustangs won, 6-0, as they put up three in the first inning, added one more in the fourth and two in the fifth before the contest was called.

"Our pitching was fantastic, giving up no earned runs on the day," Northville head coach John Kostrzewa said.

In the first game, Taylor Turner and Ian Borthwick combined to pick up the win over the Spartans, while Evan Flohr handled all five innings of the shortened nightcap, which was called due to darkness.

"All three did a tremendous job and our offense was able to take advantage of some timely hitting," Kostrzewa said.

Turner earned the win in the first game, throwing 4½ innings, giving up two runs, striking out eight and allowing five hits while walking four.

Eric Fox had the hot bat through the two games. In the first game, Northville had eight total hits and Fox led the way with three RBIs. He followed that up in the second game with four RBIs on two hits.

On Saturday, Northville hosted its annual Armed Forces Day and played Lakeland and Allen Park.

"Saturday was awesome," Kostrzewa said. "We had a great turnout for our fifth annual Armed Forces Day celebration. Bill Flohr and our entire Armed Forces Day committee did a wonderful job in coordinating the day's events."

Northville opened up against Lakeland and immediately allowed two earned runs in the first inning. The squad responded in kind, however, and held on for the win, 9-3.

The Mustangs scored two runs in the second, four in the third and added two insurance runs in the fourth and another in the fifth. Lakeland's only other run came in the fifth inning.

A big part of the victory was the pitching by Tim Eis, who went the distance. He allowed three hits, walked two and struck out five while giving up just one earned run.

"Tim kept us in the game until we

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# Mustangs sweep Wildcats, clinch division soccer title

### Northville slides past Novi 3-1

#### **By Chris Jackett** Correspondent

While Novi had hopes of getting a share of the **KLAA** Central Division title, Northville made sure it didn't happen.

In a wet battle May 13 on the fifth-ranked Wildcats' (11-2-2, 7-2-1 Central) home grass, the top-ranked Mustangs (14-0-0, 10-0-0 Central) struck early to clinch the division title.

'Early goals in both halves would be the difference in this rivalry game," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "The Mustangs put immediate pressure on Novi's back line.<sup>2</sup>

Northville senior Gab-by Mencotti scored two minutes into the contest after a cross came to rest at her feet outside the box. She lofted a shot over the crowd of defenders and Novi freshman goalkeeper Bethany Kopel couldn't quite get a hand on it as it dipped under the crossbar for an early 1-0 lead.

Just seven minutes later, another defensive clear out of Novi's end got the ball forward, but Northville junior Sarah Castellano recovered the clearance and crossed the ball back into the Novi goal mouth. The cross deflected off a Novi defender and landed at the feet of Mustangs senior Lauren McBroom for a one-touch left-footed shot into the side netting for a 2-0 lead

With less than seven



Novi's Natalie Greenhalgh (left) tries to slow down Northville's Jamie Cheslik.

minutes left in the half, the Wildcats got on the board when senior Taylor Pavlika, sophomore Katrina Koomen and freshman Chloe Allen moved the ball around the Northville goal box before sophomore Jessie Halmaghi one-timed a cross into the back of the net past junior goalkeeper Emily Maresh (eight saves) from 10 yards out to cut the halftime deficit to 2-1.

Novi looked to carry the momentum into the second half, but the wind was quickly taken out of its sails.

#### **ON TAP**

Ranked No. 1 in Division 1, Northville (14-0-0, 10-0-0 KLAA Central) will begin play in the state tournament at 7 p.m. Tuesday against Farmington Hills Mercy for a chance to face North Farmington in the district semifinal 7 p.m. May 29 at Novi's field.

"The second half would start off with a Novi kickoff, but just six seconds later, the ball would be in the back of their own net," Brucker said. "Novi's kickoff played the ball to their right outside midfielder. Senior Suzie Redick steals the pass and plays

it forward to senor Megan Buckingham. Megan uses two touches and crosses the ball to the sprinting Jamie Cheslik. As (Kopel) races out to grab the cross, Cheslik uses a one-touch to chip the ball over the sprawling keeper and into the net. Five touches, six



The Mustangs celebrate Gabby Mencotti's first-half goal May 14. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

seconds, 3-1 lead."

"They scored (less than) 30 seconds into the second half to kill our momentum and that is the way the game stayed," Novi coach Bri-an O'Leary said. Junior Olivia Ulman

(four saves) guarded the Northville goal in the second half, holding off a late Wildcats onslaught.

"Novi would put some pressure on the Northville defense with 10 minutes to go in the game, but the Mustangs played strong and diffused all scoring efforts," Brucker said. "The early goals in first half really set the tone for the game. For as sloppy as the field was, the girls were able to play some controlled soccer and possess the ball fairly well. At halftime, I told the team that

the first 10 minutes of the second half would determine the game. The early goal by Cheslik just took all the energy out of Novi. I was very happy with how the defense played tonight, especially after giving up the goal in the first half."

Both teams moved forward May 15, wrapping up division play with victories. Novi won 1-0 on the road at Plymouth Salem (4-8-4, 3-4-3 Central) on a penalty kick by senior Kendall Kramer after Halmaghi was dragged down in the goal box. Northville mercied South Lyon (1-11-2, 0-9-1 Central) 8-0 at home the same night.

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



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## Boys track team qualifies five for state finals

#### **By Sam Eggleston** Correspondent

And then there were five.

The Northville boys track and field team will be represented in the MHSAA state finals meet May 31 by five familiar athletes when they take the trek to Rockford.

The quintet consists of distance running standouts Dan Sims, Sean McCullough, Conor Naughton, Jason Ferrante and Nick Noles.

"The regional meet is sort of like the playoffs for track and field - you win or go home," Northville coach Brandon Langston said. "Athletes have to finish in the top two of their event or hit a qualifying mark to advance and compete at the state track meet. It's great to see how they respond when the pressure is on and it's their turn on stage."

The 3,200 relay team

of Sims, Ferrante, Noles and Naughton qualified for the state meet thanks to a first-place finish in a time of 7:54, which also happens to surpass the previous school record the four runners set in the KLAA championship meet last week.

"The (3,200) team has been on autopilot most of the year, but these last few weeks they turned it on, setting the school record two weeks in a row," Langston said.

Sims also added a win in the 1,600 to his impressive resume, winning the regional in a time of 4:16.2. Not far behind him was Noles, who ran to fifth place in 4:30.2, but missed the qualifying mark

"I executed my plan perfectly," Sims said. "I didn't want to lead. I waited until the last lap, which was my plan, and then I took off. "Hopefully I can come

one or two at state for the

#### **ON TAP**

Northville will have five representatives in the Division 1 state finals May 31 at Rockford.

1,600. I'm also running the (3,200 relay) and we're hoping we can win that, too.'

Langston said a regional title for Sims and a trip to the state finals was a fitting end to his outstanding career.

"Dan Sims is going to conclude his high school track season at the state meet as one of the most decorated runners in Northville's history," Langston said.

Ferrante qualified for the state finals in the 800, finishing second in 1:56.5, which was his season best.

Also qualifying for the state finals were McCullough and Naughton in the 3,200. McCullough

NHS ROUNDUP



Northville's Max DeDona puts the shot in the second round of regionals. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

finished fifth in 9:33.4, his personal best, while Naughton was ninth in

9:37.5. Northville also had several athletes who competed well, but didn't

qualify for the finals. The 4400 relay team of Adam Ghabra, Jomi Ogunfiditimi, Nathan Lwo and Nick Milewski finished seventh in 45.6, while the 1,600 team of Jacob

Kamm, Ryan Tish, Noles and Ferrante was seventh in 3:33.1.

Justin Days finished the 300 hurdles in 11th place with a time of 43.3, while Joni Shaska finished 11th in the 110 hurdles in 17.0.

Taking 11th in the 200 was Milewski, running a 23.7, while Ogunfiditimi finished 12th in the 100 in 11.6 and 15th in the 200 in 24.7. Ryan Fish was 14th in the 400 with a time of 54.0.

"It's sad seeing some of the athletes' seasons concluding, but it feels fulfilling as a coach when their last performances were their best," Langston said. "I've got a ton of great kids who had good days. To me, that's more important than only having good kids who had a great day."

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

#### **Rower Tatge takes** gold at state championship

Northville senior Emily Tatge claimed a gold medal Saturday in the girls varsity single at the Michigan Scholastic Rowing Championships at Riverside Park. The event included four boats and Tatge won easily, finishing 13 seconds in front of Rockford's Sabrina Van Fossen.

Tatge will compete in the Scholastic Rowing Nationals next weekend after qualifying with a second-place finish at the Midwest Scholastic Rowing Championships in Nasport, Ohio.

The national regatta will be held in Princeton Junction, N.J., and will include more than 150 high schools with more than 450 entries in more than 30 events.

In its fourth year of competition, the Northville Rowing Club has ramped up its recruiting efforts and has a large group of freshman athletes. The MSRA championship, which features 15 teams from across Michigan, does not include novice events, so that limited the club's chance at finishing with medals for many of its boats. "There are many coaches whose teams participate in the MSRA who would like to see novice events included in the championship," said Van Papoulis, Northville's director of rowing. Even with the limited experience of the team, Northville had the most boats finish with medals in its short history. Junior Cameron Ulrich took silver in the boys varsity single. Ulrich's event included five boats, with steep competition coming from Crestwood rower Tony Delgreco, who finished only two seconds



The four medal winners for the Northville Rowing Clubs were (from left) Cameron Ulrich (second, boys varsity single), Laki Papoulis and Dilan Varghese (third, boys varsity double) and Emily Tatge (first, girls varsity single).

ahead to earn first place. Seniors Laki Papoulis and Dilan Varghese

rowed to third place, claiming bronze in their final state championship. The duo made it into the finals with five other boats and edged Orchard Lake St. Mary's for the bronze.

Northville had eight boats make it to the finals, including the girls varsity single, boys varsity single and boys varsity double. The girls lightweight four, girls lightweight eight, girls varsity four, boys lightweight eight and boys varsity four also competed in final events.

Northville will gradue 10 out of 40 rowers

simply not allowing a single shot on goal.

The end result was a game shortened by the mercy rule just 11 minutes into the second half.

Northville opened the scoring nine minutes into the game, when senior Megan Buckingham took a pass from senior Jamie Cheslik and put it in what would ultimately be the game-winner.

Cheslik added a goal of her own eight minutes later, before the flood gates opened and Northville scored four more before halftime. Junior Jenna Baughman, senior Jenny Willerer, junior Kelly McHugh and senior Suzie Redick each scored one to make it 6-0 at the



Junior Cameron Ulrich took silver in the boys varsity single.

#### **Girls lacrosse** picks up win

The Northville girls lacrosse team turned in its best performance of the season when it defeated Walled Lake last week, 16-10.

The squad jumped out to the lead at the 17:16 mark in the first half, with a goal from Anne Dulzo assisted by Alyssa Alvarez, before Walled Lake responded two minutes later to tie it up. Walled Lake added three more goals to leap out to a 4-1 advantage with 13:37 left in the first half, but Northville didn't despair and came back with a goal of its own just 20 seconds later off a shot

by Grace Guibord that made it a 4-2 contest. The back-and-forth

continued as Walled Lake tallied another score at the 9:20 mark, giving it a three-goal cushion, but Northville regrouped and charged yet again.

This time, the team added a goal from Sarah Chase with 9:02 left in the half.

The two teams would then exchange several more goals, making it an 8-7 game at halftime. Northville charged back into the game thanks to four straight goals from Liz Hansell as she tallied at 7:18, 4:13, 2:13 and again with just 43 seconds left in the first half.

Come the second half,

however, it was like Northville was a team unleashed. Its defense held Walled Lake to just two goals, while the offense scored nine. Hansell added four more in the second half, while Hope Miller tallied two and Erin Scott, Guibord and Chase each tallied

Hailey Gross stopped three shots on goal to earn the win.

Picking up assists were Alvaez, Audrey Tatge and Becky Chase.

Northville also played Canton last week and put up one heck of a fight before falling, 10-8.

The two squads were very evenly matched, standing at 5-5 at the half, but Canton's second-half performance made the difference as it outscored Northville, 5-3, to earn the win.

Picking up goals for Northville were Hansell (five), Tatge, Scott and Miller. Assists were credited to Hansell and Dulzo.

- By Sam Eggleston

though the team has been ramping up its recruiting efforts, including an upcoming "Learn to Row" camp that will take place on Ford Lake in Ypsilanti and is open to Northville students between sixth and 11th grades. For more information, visit www.northville rowing.com.

#### Mustangs soccer crushes South Lyon

It's been a rough year for the South Lyon girls soccer team and those woes continues last week when Northville took an 8-0 victory.

The Mustangs, ranked No. 1 in the state in Division 1 and 14-0 on the season, kept South Lyon (0-11-2) off the board by

half.

Northville added two more in the first 11 minutes of the second half, ending the game. Buckingham scored both, adding one at the 45th minute and one at the 51st minute to complete a hat trick.

Emily Maresh played in goal in the first half and Olivia Ulman finished the game for the team's 11th shutout of the season.

Northville bid farewell to nine seniors with a celebration at the intermission. Graduating this year are Jenny Willerer, Suzie Redick, Ashley Peper, Karen Lovelace, Gabby Mencotti, Lauren McBroom, Kyra Dahring, Megan Buckingham and Jamie Cheslik.

#### **INVITATION FOR BIDS** 2014 Joint and Crack Sealing Program

The City of Northville, Michigan is soliciting sealed bids until 2:00 P.M. Local Time, Wednesday, June 4, 2014, at the City Clerk's office for the 2014 Joint and Crack Sealing Program. This project seeks a contractor to provide all labor, materials, tools and equipment necessary to perform quality crack sealing on approximately 5,500 lineal feet of streets inside the City of Northville.

The City of Northville reserves the right to waive any irregularity or informality in bids, to reject any and/or all bids, in whole or in part, or to award any contract to other than the low bidder, should it be deemed in its best interest to do. A bid document may be examined at the City Clerks Office at 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, and can be obtained from the Department of Public Works by calling (248) 449-9930.

The successful Contractor will be expected to comply with all regulations specified in Title VI as outlined in the contract documents for this project.

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#### SYNOPSIS MAY 15, 2014 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

DATE: Thursday, May 15, 2014

TIME: 7:30 p.m. PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

**ROLL CALL:** 

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CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Marv Gans, Trustee Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer

Symantha Heath, Trustee Mindy Herrmann, Trustee Fred Shadko, Trustee

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

#### 1. Agendas: Approved A.

- Approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items:
  - 1. Minutes Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of April 17, 2014
  - 2. Minutes Board of Trustees Special Meeting of April 29, 2014
  - 3. Minutes Historic District Commission Meeting of March 27, 2014
  - 4. Minutes Historic District Commission Meeting of April 24, 2014
- 5. Northville Youth Assistance Program Report
  - Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:
  - Mary Jo Blasius Appoint to the Beautification Commission Approved
  - В. Adam Helner Resolution for Waterford Cemetery – Approved
  - C. 50th Anniversary Resolution of the Northville Historical Society – Approved
  - 50th Anniversary Resolution of the Chamber of Commerce Approved D.

#### Public Hearing: None 3.

Brief Public Comments: Memorial Tribute for Jeri D. Moak. Patricia Heath complained about rude treatment when she attempted to serve a law suit, and Tom Berry introduced himself and informed the Board that he is a candidate for the 9th District Wayne County Commission seat.

5. **New Business:** 

- Liquor License Burger Fi Approved A.
- В. Budget Amendment #2014-2 - Approved
- C. Sanitary Lift Station Improvements - Payment #9 - Approved
- Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne County Approved D.
- **Unfinished Business: None** 6.
- 7. **Ordinances:** 
  - Approval of Code of Ordinances amendments and additions Approved
  - **Check Registry:** In the amount of \$1,621,110.77. – Approved
  - **Board Communication & Reports:**
- 9. Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider
- 10. Any other business for the Board of Trustees: None
- ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. 11.
- A draft of the complete minutes will be available May 27, 2014

Respectfully submitted:

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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## **MHSAA implements new football rules**

Practice time will be limited with fewer collisions

#### **By Sam Eggleston** Correspondent

The 2014 football season is going to see some changes due to new policies being handed down by the Michigan **High School Athletics** Association.

The MHSAA announced last month that there will be new limits put in place as to how often teams can require players to have fullcontact practices.

The MHSAA, the governing body of high school athletics in Michigan, expects the new policies to make the game a safer one for all athletes

"While it may be a big change for many football programs across the state, the rule changes regarding football practices will impact us (at Northville High School) minimally," Northville head coach Matt Ladach said. "I hope and anticipate that these changes

will result in better fundamental skill development.'

Football practice for high schools is slated to start Aug. 11 and the first change to go into play will be the requirement that no teams practice more than five hours in a single day and no session is allowed to be longer than three hours.

Those first practices will also require a change in when athletes can be fully suited. Previously, players wore helmets the first two days, shoulder pads the third and full pads the fourth and beyond. The new policies will not allow full pads until the fifth day.

Additionally, the MHSAA has implemented two other rules into the 2014 practice schedules. Before the first regular-season game, schools may not schedule more than one "collision" practice a day, which is defined as a day that is full-contact, live, game-speed practices. That includes scrimmages, drills and any action that had a player squaring off against

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you agree with the Michigan High School Athletics Association's rule changes for football next season that will limit the amount of practice time, as well as how much contact will be allowed during practice? Email your opinions to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com.

another player - even if full tackles are not included in the drills or practice.

After the first regular-season game, teams may conduct no more than two collision practices in any week, Monday through Sunday.

Ladach said the rule changes will require coaches to focus even more on the fundamentals of the game and proper technique.

This rule will have the biggest impact on teams that have traditionally gone full-speed, full-full collision practices throughout each week, like Detroit Catholic Central.

While the Shamrocks' coaching staff didn't comment on the policy change, assistant coach Michael Mach did make it clear that it won't

change the style of football that has won the Shamrocks 10 state titles under head coach Tom Mach. CC has been the runner-up in the last three Division 1 state finals games and most recently won the state championship in 2009. "As far as our style of

play, I don't see any changes taking place," Michael Mach said. "While it will cause us to have to tweak our practice schedule during the week, I doubt you will see any changes in the product on the field. Our identity will continue to be that of playing 'smash-mouth football' on both offense and defense.'

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

## Canton Cup promises top soccer experience

#### **By Tim Smith** Staff Writer

Every year, the Canton Cup aims to please thousands of soccer lovers of all ages who make the pilgrimage with their teams and families to Independence Park or other township venues.

And like a well-struck ball zipping into the top corner of the goal, those efforts figure to once again be on the mark for approximately 40,000 people who turn out for the 32nd annual tournament hosted by the Canton Soccer Club.

"Generally, what we're trying to do is (provide) the Canton Cup experience," fourthyear tournament director Darryl Noel said. "It's not just about highlevel soccer, quality soccer, fair soccer. It's also about a family, fun

for action to begin at 5 p.m. Friday and continue through Sunday (with a rain date of Memorial Day, just in case).

'This year, we've gone up in teams from last year," Noel said. "We're at 650 teams this year (up from 580); about 9,600 guests (his term for players) are coming in."

Competing at what is one of the Midwest's largest tournaments will be be teams of all ages and skill levels - right on up to the PDL Michigan Bucks, who play at noon Saturday at Independence Park's Field No. 3 against the Pittsburgh River Hounds.

There will be Elite, Premier. Select and **Recreational divisions** for boys (U8-U19) and girls (U8-14).

Noel estimated that 80 Canton Soccer Club teams will participate.

#### **CANTON CUP FACTS**

What: 32nd Canton Cup, hosted by the Canton Soccer Club.

When: 5 p.m. Friday, through Sunday, May 25 (with Memorial Day as a makeup date).

Where: Independence Park 1898 Denton Road in Canton, is where tournament headquarters and most of the games takes place. Other locations include Heritage Park (1010 S. Canton Center Road), P-CEP (Canton Center and Joy roads), Griffin Park (500 N. Sheldon Road) and Flodin Park (43399 Saltz Road).

Bucks: The Michigan Bucks will square off against the Pittsburgh River Hounds in a PDL game at noon Saturday. The game will take place on Field No. 3 at Independence Park. Admission is free

Raffles: There will be two car raffles going on this weekend. The one at Heritage Park will benefit the Canton Firefighters, with proceeds to help their efforts to come to the aid of families. Another raffle at Independence Park will help Canton Soccer Club raise money to build a turf field.

Info: For more information, go to www.cantoncup.net.

the Bucks, all efforts are being made by the Canton Cup committee (composed of all volunteers) to ensure games are closely contested rather than lopsided. In 2013, only about 50 out of 1,100 games were decided by four or more goals. More of the same is what Noel and others

want to see, thanks to extra pains putting brackets together.

The reason: Visiting teams want to leave Canton feeling they



The Northville girls track team poses after winning the regional title for the third straight season. TIM DALTON

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Aimme Montambeau. Northville had a slew of outstanding performance in the regional and had three school records set, as well as one tied.

Winning the 3,200 relay and setting a school record was a team that consisted of Robinson, Barrott, Zimmer and Coleman with a time of 9:08.4.

Also setting the school mark and earning a win was the 800 relay team of Robinson, Goble, Abbott and Robertson with a time of 1:42.7.

The third school record set wasn't much of a surprise, as Coleman surpassed her own best time to set the high-water mark in the 1,600 with a first-place finish in 4:47.9. Northville also took second, fourth, fifth, eighth and ninth places in the event, with Barrott, Shahrigian, Eckenroth, Emma Smith and Taylor Gattoni, respectively.

Coleman set the track record at Milford as well.

"It was actually how I planned," Coleman said of her race strategy. "I really wanted the first lap at 1:11 and the second lap at 2:24 and then I kept that pace through the third and fourth lap. I think I negative splitted, so I'm really happy about that.'

Coleman credited her teammates for helping push her all season.

'It's really helpful," she said. "I don't know what I would be doing without them. They've definitely helped me through this season.'

Some athletes will be looking forward to the state meet for another

crack at the school record. Robertson was literally a fraction of a second away from setting the school record in the 100 hurdles. Instead, she tied the 14.4-second mark which was set by Lauren Rodriguez last year with a second-place showing.

Northville also won the 100, with Abbott crossing the finish in 12.3, followed by Goble in fifth in 12.7. In the 400, Lindsay Walters ran 59.1 for first, while McLaughlin finished 10th in 1:02.6.

In the 800, Northville finished first, second. fifth and eighth, with Robinson taking the top spot, followed by Zimmer, Mosteller and Smith, respectively. Northville also took second and seventh in the 200, with Abbott and Goble, respectively.

In the 3,200, Coleman finished first, followed by Barrott in second, Shahrigian in fourth, Eckenroth in fifth and Herrmann in sixth.

"To watch a kid like Emma Herrmann qualify for the state meet in the 3,200-meter run is why I coach," Dalton said. "She comes to practice every day and does everything we ask of her. The qualifying time is 11:25 in the (3,200) and she ran an 11:24.7. It could not have happened to a better kid."

Northville also took a first-place finish in the 1,600 relay, using a team of Goble, Robertson, Abbott and Walters to outpace the competition.

Molly DeDonna and Symone Abbott finished in a tie for seventh in the high jump with a leap of

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atmosphere."

Noel, a Canton resident, said about 65 fields are more plush than ever thanks to the deluge of spring rain, ready

as well teams from other youth soccer clubs such as the Plymouth Reign or Michigan Jaguars.

And from the youngest players right on up to

were embroiled in quality, competitive matches. Good soccer is at the core of the Canton Cup experience that Noel emphasizes.



## **TENNIS**

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way, while Novi had beaten Milford 6-0, 6-0 and Brighton 6-0, 6-1.

The final head-to-head finals match-up was Northville's Chloe Page and Libby Quinn beating Novi's Sam Martin and Carolyn Zhang 6-3, 6-3 in the No. 4 doubles championship. The Mustangs went through Western 6-1, 6-1 and Northern 6-1, 6-0, while the Wildcats went through Pinckney 6-0, 6-0 and Brighton 6-1, 6-4.

"Novi girls tennis, however, gave us our best competition of the conference season on Friday," Day said. "All of the Novi doubles teams came out with a specific game plan to beat us. Early on in the first set, Northville had to make a number of adjustments to accommodate a wellcoached opponent. This is what makes high school tennis special, is that we can coach the girls on changeover, alerting them to changes in opponents' game plans and how we need to change our game plan to win. Once I saw what Novi planned to do, our girls made fast adjustment to avoid defeat."

The rival schools also crossed paths in No. 1 singles. After Northville's second-seeded Reeshma Kumar beat Lakeland 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 and Novi's third-seeded Erin Day beat Central 6-1, 6-0, Kumar knocked Day off 6-0, 6-0 in a semifinal, but Kumar then fell 6-2. 6-4 to Northern's topseeded Austrian exchange student Sophie Reismuller in the championship.

"Everybody contributed," Hanson said. "Everybody I thought did a nice job. Any time you're in a tournament and you expect to take first or second, you need to get contributions from everybody and we did.'

No. 3 singles was the only flight the two schools never met during the regional. Novi's Youna Lee beat Pinckney 6-0, 6-0 before losing 3-6, 6-4, 7-5 to second-seeded Brighton. Meanwhile, Northville's Joanne Gao beat Lakeland 6-0, 6-0 and Northern 6-1, 6-3 before knocking off Brighton's Sydney Wisnewski 6-2, 6-1 for the title.

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## BASEBALL

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were able to get our offense going," Kostrzewa said.

Kevin Bak went 3for-3 with singles in the second, fifth and sixth innings.

Against Allen Park, the squad won, 6-0, and used three pitchers to combine for a no-hitter.

The Mustangs scored three runs in the first inning and added two in the second and one in the third.

Matt Wheatley, Sam Houston and Henry Chang threw a combined no-hitter and were aided by some impressive defensive played by Kevin O'Connell, Tyler Lowe and Nick Zalewski. Wheatley was credited for the win, walking two runners and striking out two

Northville is now 22-3 overall.

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**Commercial real estate** pros see income upswing

Realtors who practice commercial real estate reported an increase in sales transaction volume and medium gross annual income last year, according to the 2014 National Association of Realtors Com-mercial Member Profile.

NAR commercial members who were surveyed conduct all or part of their activity in commercial sales, leasing, brokerage and development for land, office and industrial space, multifamily, and retail buildings, as well as property management. The survey shows that even with challenges in the market, commercial members saw a rise in median sales transaction volume to \$2,554,700, up nearly \$50,000 from 2012.

"Despite a government shutdown, regulatory changes and a budget sequestration, ongoing job creation has helped the commercial market make continued progress," said NAR President Steve Brown, co-owner of Irongate Inc. Realtors in Dayton, Ohio. "Realtors who practice commercial real estate help build our nation's communities by helping their clients make informed business decisions and reliable commercial investments that support economic growth. A stronger commercial market is a good indicator of a recovering and growing economy."

**Commercial members** completed a median of eight transactions in 2013, equal to the previous year. Nine percent of commercial members reported not having a transaction in 2013, also the same as 2012. Brokers typically had a greater sales transaction volume than sales agents.

Seventy-six percent of commercial members reported having a leasing trans-



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action; their median transaction leasing volume in 2013 was \$431,600. Twenty-nine percent of members cited investment sales as their primary business specialty, making it the most popular area of concentration. Land sales and office leasing were reported as the second and third most popular primary commercial specialties.

Realtors reported an increase in annual gross income for the fourth year in a row. The study found median annual gross income for 2013 was \$96,200, an increase from \$90,200 in 2012; that is the highest reported level since 2008

Commercial members who manage properties typically managed 60,000 total square feet, representing twenty total spaces. Those who manage

offices typically managed 25,000 total office square feet, representing eight total offices.

Twenty-eight percent of commercial members were involved in international transactions in 2013. Sixteen percent of commercial members reported an increase in international transactions, while only 1 percent had a decrease. Nearly one-fourth of commercial members reported international business is important to their company.

The typical commercial NAR member has been in real estate for 25 years, in commercial real estate for 15 years and a member of NAR for 18 years. Eighty percent of members reported working at least 40 hours a week, with about half stating that they spend 75 to 100 percent of

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their time on commercial real estate activity.

Commercial members are predominately male with a median age of 59. However, women are slowly becoming a stronger presence in the industry; 35 percent of those with two or fewer years' experience are female, up from 33 percent last year, and sales agents have the largest representation of female practitioners with 29 percent.

The 2014 NAR Commercial Member Profile was based on a survey of 2,213 members. Income and transaction data are for 2013, while other data represent member characteristics in 2014. Approximately 70,000 commercial real estate professionals are members of NAR, making it the largest commercial organization in the industry.

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#### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 30, 2013, to Jan. 10, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices

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State Supreme Court rules on marijuana, zoning

Q: Our city passed a zoning ordinance to prohibit any land uses contrary to federal law. One of our residents is claiming that the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act preempts that ordinance. What do you think?

A: I think that he is correct

based upon a recent case out of the Michigan Supreme Court which found that the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act immunity does not purport to alter



Robert Meisner

the CSA's Federal Criminalization of Marijuana or to undermine federal enforcement of that prohibition and therefore there was no possible conflict between the Michigan Marihuana Act and the Federal Controlled Substances Act. The court said that the Michigan act preempted the city's ordinance and also pointed out U.S. Supreme Court decisions on federal pre-emption principles which stress a strong presumption against federal preemption over state statutes.

Q: We are attempting to remove the board and are getting the co-owners together to sign a petition. Do you think we need legal advice and why?

A: I have seen many situations where the petitioners have not dotted their i's and crossed their t's in order to comply with the bylaws which mandate the manner in which a special meeting of the members is to be called. A recalcitrant board can then flyspeck the petition and find errors which keep the petition from going forward. You are best advised to have an experienced community association lawyer assist you in preparing the petition to ensure that it is signed by the right parties in the right form.

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19349 Warwick St	\$450,000	33680 Heirloom Cir	\$433,00
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23570 W 13 Mile Rd	\$635,000	22966 Ashley St	\$125,00
BIRMINGHAM		37274 Aspen Dr	\$320,00
1376 Bennaville Ave	\$479,000	34944 Bunker Hill Dr	\$207,00
1599 Cheltenham Rd	\$260,000	22500 Clear Lake Dr	\$338,00
1042 Chestnut St	\$219,000	30887 Country Ridge Cir	\$200,00
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2497 Dorchester Rd	\$215,000	29241 Earth Ln	\$110,00
1854 E Melton Rd	\$290,000	21199 Flanders St	\$65,00
1684 Hazel St	\$249,000	29130 Forest Hill Ct	\$279,00
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1832 Stanley Blvd	\$346,000	24887 lvywood Dr	\$477,00
819 Suffield Ave	\$1,545,000	25569 Kilreigh Dr	\$228,00
2565 Yorkshire Rd	\$245,000	21165 Kimberly Ln	\$45,00
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#### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 27-31, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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\$183,000	6973 Chirrewa St
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\$305,000	2145 Hannan Rd
\$477,000	7774 Lear Ct
\$435,000	901 N Hix Rd
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\$190,000	35039 Pardo St
\$160,000	1338 Sharon St
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#### **REAL ESTATE** BRIEFS

#### Short sales

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

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

Please call 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for additional information.

#### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. 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 Wayde Koehler at 313-819-0919.

#### Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday

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

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

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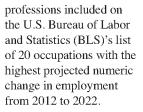
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## Healthcare Job Outlook: More new jobs than projected

By Angela Rose HEALTHeCAREERS.com

Few industries added as many jobs to the national economy as healthcare did in 2013 with the creation of 271,000 new positions. The trend is continuing in 2014, as hospitals, private practices, outpatient care centers, and other organizations maintain their pursuit of job seekers. In fact, data on jobs posted to HEALTHeCAREERS Network from January 1 through March 31, recently revealed a 16 percent increase in advertisements over the same period last year.

While the entire industry is expanding due to increased consumer demand—including population growth, aging Baby Boomers, and the Affordable Care Act—experts predict some positions within the healthcare space will increase at a brisker than average rate. Consider the following medical



#### Personal care aides, +580,800 jobs

Topping the BLS's list of occupations with the highest projected change in employment are personal care aides. Earning a median salary of \$19,910 per year, these professionals work within the homes of elderly clients, in small group homes, or in larger residential care facilities. Daily tasks may include assisting clients with bathing and dressing, as well as housekeeping, shopping, meal preparation, and transporting clients.

#### Registered nurses, +526,800 jobs

A close second in the BLS's list of high growth occupations is registered nurse. Earning a median

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salary of \$65,470 per year, these professionals work in a variety of environments, from hospitals and physician offices to nursing care facilities, schools, and the military. Daily RN tasks generally include recording patient medical histories, administering treatments, performing diagnostic tests, consulting with physicians, and providing patient education.

#### Home health aides, +424,200 jobs

Home health aides fall in the number four position on the BLS's list. Earning a median salary of \$20,820 per year, most home health aides work within their client's homes, though some are employed within small group homes and larger residential care facilities. Their daily duties are similar to that of personal care aides with two major differences: home health aides work under the supervision of medical professionals (such as registered nurses) and may provide basic health-related services.

#### Nursing assistants, +312,200 jobs

Landing at number six on the BLS's list of per year, these professionals primarily work in skilled nursing facilities, hospitals, and residential care facilities. Daily tasks may include the bathing and dressing of patients, transferring patients between bed and wheelchair, measuring vital signs, reporting to nurses, and helping patients with their meals.

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#### Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses, +182,900 jobs

In the last position in the BLS's list of top 20 growth occupations is licensed practical and licensed vocational nurse. Earning a median salary of \$41,540 per year, LPNs and LVNs work in skilled nursing facilities, hospitals and physician offices as well as home healthcare services and residential care facilities. While working under the supervision of RNs and physicians, these professionals may monitor patient health, administer basic care, maintain patient records, and assist patients with bathing and dressing.

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