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### **Get millage** answers

The Aug. 5 pri-mary election will be an important one for Northville Township voters, who will be confronted with two millage requests to cover the cost of public safety, as well as shared services (senior services, parks and recreation and youth services).

Township voters will have two questions to consider for the public safety/ shared services millage rate. First they will be asked to renew the former millage rate of 5.575 mills, which actually expired Dec. 31, but is levied this year.

Secondly, voters will say yes or no to an increase of 1.55 mills for seven years. If approved, 1.25 of the increase would go towards public safety, which includes fire and police services, and the rest (about .3 of a mill) would go towards shared services.

Two informational sessions will be held on Thursday, June 5 (at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.) at Township Hall.

For more information about the meeting,contact Jim Petrie at jmpetrie@comcast.net.

# **ORANGE BARRELS COMING TO SEVERAL CITY STREETS**

**By Lonnie Huhman** Staff Writer

Four streets in the City of Northville are slated for substantial improvements starting this summer that will make them smoother for drivers.

The city will be making improvements to the following streets:

» North Center Street (Eight

Mile Road to S. Ely Street) – joint repair with asphalt overlay. » North Wing Street (Ran-

dolph Street to West Main Street) - reconstruction including new curb.

» Silchester Court (Holmbury Road to end) - asphalt overlay

» Summerside Court (Summerside Drive to end) – asphalt overlay

All of the projects will start this summer and should be done by Labor Day, but if North Center is not finished by then they will delay the rest of it for next year so construction does not interfere with school.

Last month, the Northville City Council awarded a professional services contract to Zeimet Wozniak and Associates of New Hudson in the amount

\$20,546 for the City's 2014 Street Improvement Program. The firm's services, among many, will be to design the projects as well as inspecting and overseeing the work.

The total improvement program budget is for \$370,000, with \$210,000 going toward the Wing Street work.

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# 'Powerful reminder'

Artists adds patriotic murals to renovated American Legion post

> By Kurt Kuban Staff Writer

As members of Northville's American Legion Post 147 were putting the finishing touches on the recent \$25,000 renovation of their lounge, they felt there was something missing.

Enter Salem Township sign artist Theresa Skinner, who created two patriotic murals that stand as a testament to what the American Legion stand for. One of the works is a hand-painted 4 feet by 5 feet mural in honor of America's prisoners of war/missing in action and the other a 4 feet by 6 feet vinyl reproduction of American soldiers during World War II holding an American flag with a sunset in the background.

The two works now accompany the portrait of Lloyd H. Green, the World War I sol dier killed in action who the post in named after. "We were putting the portrait of Lloyd back up, and we thought we needed something else up on the walls," Post Adjutant Gary DeMars said. Skinner, 50, who is the former owner of Value Signs in Northville, has been a supporter of military veterans for many years. When she found out the Legion members were looking for something patriotic to spruce up the walls, she donated her time. She



Theresa Skinner takes a look at the mural she painted for Northville's American Legion Post 147. The art is on the west wall of the Legion's renovated lounge. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

spent several months working on the POW/MIA mural, making sure it was perfect.

"I couldn't just come in here and throw it together. I had to really put some time into it," she said. "I wanted something that will be here forever, just like this place." The post, which is located at 100 W. Dunlap in downtown Northville, has about 300 members mostly from Northville and Novi. It dates back to 1920 and was named after Green, a young communications courier that was the only Northville resident killed in World War I. Post members are active in the community,

and help put on the Memorial Day Parade. Some Post 147 members will be participating in the Salem Township Flag Day Parade, which starts at 11 a.m. on June 7. Skinner is one of that events organizers, which is how she met Ron

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### Joyous occasion



Northville High School Principal Rob Watson greets 2014 graduate Lauren Jarzembowski during the school's June 1 commencement exercises at Plymouth's Compuware Arena. Please see our graduation coverage, including a list of the 2014 graduates of Northville High, beginning on page A9. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## District hires new principals for NHS, Ridge Wood

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

Northville High School and Ridge Wood Elementary have their new principals. One is new to the community and the other a familiar face, but both have the necessary experience and leadership skills according to district officials

'As school principals, these two individuals will serve important roles on our leadership team as we move forward in our vision of success for all students," said Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher. "Anthony Koski and Heather Bauer bring depth of knowledge and demonstrated leadership to the district. We are fortunate to have them as part of our administrative leadership team."

By a 5-0 vote the school board selected Anthony L. Koski, currently principal at Thornapple Kellogg High School in Middleville, Michigan, as principal of NHS and Heather Bauer, currently Interim Principal at Ridge Wood, as the building's permanent Principal.

#### Principal Koski

Since the announced departure of current NHS Principal Rob Watson, who at his request will move to an assistant principal role at Hillside Middle School, the school district has been going through an extensive search process to find the right replacement. School officials believe Koski fits the bill "Throughout the selection

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# Detroit's claim on old prison stalls Five Mile development plans

#### **By Eric Lawrence** Gannett Michigan

An ambitious plan to develop 500 acres of land in western Wayne County into an advanced technology powerhouse and retail district projected to create thousands of jobs has been stalled over a property dispute with the city of Detroit.

Northville and Plymouth townships have partnered to develop bordering property they own in their respective communities along Five Mile, between Beck and Napier, to complete the project.

The proposal, which calls for using former Detroit House of Corrections farmland in Plymouth Township, the Robert Scott Correctional Facility in Northville Township and land in between, would include acreage Plymouth Township acquired through a Wayne County tax foreclosure sale in 2011.

But the city of Detroit claims 190 acres of that property should not have been included in the sale and that it still owns the



Richard Sharland of Plymouth stands on the edge of Johnson Creek near the old Detroit House of Corrections facility. TIM GALLOWAY | SPECIAL TO GANNETT MICHIGAN

land. The dispute with the city of Detroit over who owns the land has been tied up in court and partially delayed because of the city's bankruptcy filing since last year, but is expected to move forward in coming weeks.

**Plymouth Township** Supervisor Richard Reaume expressed frustration with the complications, touting the benefits that the development partnership could ultimately provide to the whole region.

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property and now they're tying up property that was foreclosed by the Wayne County treasurer," Reaume said, referencing the dispute with his township over what is known as the DeHoCo parcel.

"What we're proposing is something that's a benefit for all of Wayne County," including Detroit.

#### **Property worth** millions

Reaching a settlement in the case would boost development prospects for the entire corridor.

complicated by the De-HoCo dispute.

The DeHoCo issue became a court fight after Plymouth Township resident Richard Sharland, a retired farmer and local activist, questioned the sale because it was affecting a friend who had farmed the land under a rental agreement with the city of Detroit and he brought it to the city's attention.

The parcel was part of 323 acres sold to Plymouth Township in 2011 in a tax foreclosure sale because of unpaid taxes by the city of Detroit and a private company. Plvmouth Township real estate company DeMattia, under the name Demco 54, had purchased one of two adjacent parcels from the city of Detroit in 2006, but failed to exercise an option to buy the remainder — the 190 acres in dispute. The township combined the parcels improperly for tax purposes, according to Sharland, who said the township should have known that the parcels were separate.

**Plymouth Township** paid more than \$606,000 to purchase both parcels, which are valued in the millions of dollars. According to information supplied by Sharland, the assessed value for both parcels was \$14 million in 2007, but that had dropped to \$8 million for the disputed parcel and \$1.6 million for the other parcel in 2009, a time, Reaume noted, when property values across the country were down

#### No one takes blame

The resulting legal mess has three entities - the township, the city and the Wayne County treasurer's office assigning blame to one another.

Detroit's position is that it's illegal to foreclose on municipal property. Wayne County **Chief Deputy Treasurer** David Szymanski said his office is not at fault because the office relies on local units of government to provide proper documentation, while Plymouth Township's Reaume questioned why city property outside of a city should be able to avoid tax foreclosure when taxes go unpaid.

Reaume said the township simply saw an opportunity to purchase a piece of land with a unique natural feature. The property is split by Johnson Creek and Reaume said officials could envision a recreation area with trails along the cold water creek.

**Plymouth Township** Trustee Bob Doroshewitz, who is at times at odds with the supervisor, backed up the assertion that officials were unaware of any problems associated with purchasing the property. Doroshewitz said Treasurer Ron Edwards, who did not return a call seeking comment, first brought the purchase proposal to the board to consider.

"That property's worth millions. ... There wasn't a lot of debate and dissent," Doroshewitz said. "We're going to have to find some settlement, some middle ground. Both sides have dug their heels in."

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Dollenbach, the Post 147's junior vice commander.

Dollenbach was the one who reached out to Skinner about doing the murals. He said Post members couldn't be happier with how they turned out.

'We're really proud of both of these works, and especially the POW/MIA mural. Being veterans, we have lost many comrades. Some who are still missing," he said.

#### Full accounting

The POW/MIA mural includes an American flag and the words "All Gave Some. Some Gave All."

The other mural is based on an historical photograph, "At the End of the Day", which Skinner said was chosen after flipping through many, many photos.

"We went through thousands of photographs trying to find the right one," she said. "Seeing that sunset with the soldiers and the American flag really means something special. It fits in perfect here."

The Post had a dedication ceremony on May 23, and honored Skinner for her work, which she completely donated free of charge.

DeMars said the works are more than just art, however. American Legion mem-



Theresa Skinner also created this artwork from digital photo files for the American Legion. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

bers are committed to getting a full accounting of all of America's more than 1,600 POW/ MIAs — mostly from the Vietnam War, but other conflicts as well. He said Skinner's mural is a reflection of this cause.

"They are still thought about on a daily basis and we need to do all we can to get a full accounting," he said. "This is a beautiful piece of art, but it's also a powerful reminder for all who enter this lounge."

As for Skinner, she is so happy she was able to lend her talents to a cause she truly believes in.

She has many friends who are veterans, including Richard L. Holloway, a World War II fighter pilot and Plymouth resident, who she remains very close with

"This is all about giving something back to our veterans. I'm just paying it forward." Skinner said.

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# **PRINCIPALS**

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process, Tony Koski consistently emerged as an exceptional candidate with a wide range of experience, depth of knowledge, strong work ethic, focus on students, courageous leadership and an ability to foster collaboration and a culture of high expectations," Gallagher said. "We look forward to welcoming Tony and his entire family to the Northville school community."

Koski has 20 years of experience as a high school educator and school administrator. He has been principal of Thornapple Kellogg High School in southwest Michigan for eight years. Previously, he served as assistant principal and athletic director for the high school.

He also was a business education teacher and summer school principal at Hartford Union High School in Hartford, Wis., where he completed an Educational Leadership Practicum. Koski started his career as a business education teacher at Dunlap High School, in Dunlan, Ill.

"There are so many great things happening in Northville Public Schools," Koski said. "My role as part of the Northville team will first be to recognize all of the incredible success taking place across the district and specifically at Northville High School. At the same time, I will look for those areas where I can

help provide our students with increased opportunities that ensure they achieve at even higher levels."

His leadership experience includes initiating technology upgrades for classroom instruction, instituting a curriculum mapping initiative, leading a Michigan Merit Exam analysis process that resulted in improved test scores, coordinating staff professional development and leading his building's school improvement process. Koski earned his Bach-

elor of Science in business administration from Lake Superior State University; his business education and vocational business services certification from Northern Michigan University; his marketing education certification from the University of Wisconsin Whitewater; and Master of Art in educational leadership from Marian College in Fond Du Lac, Wis.

He said his wife Sandy and three daughters -Dora, Grace, and Lyzalook forward to becoming a part of the community.

#### **Principal Bauer**

"Heather Bauer brings vast experience to the role of Ridge Wood Principal," Gallagher said. "She demonstrates a strong commitment to leadership, a focus on students, and an emphasis on best practice and data-driven decisionmaking in her work. Throughout the selection process, students, teachers and parents in the Ridge Wood community

cy Darga wondered if the firm would be able to handle all of the work considering this is a big overall project. However, they could and past expe-

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consistently provided positive feedback regarding Heather's leadership, presence and commitment to building on the culture of learning and leadership at Ridge Wood and across Northville Public Schools."

A longtime Northville Public Schools educator and teacher leader with more than 20 years experience, Bauer has served in a number of leadership roles at Ridge Wood over the past two years. Currently interim principal, she was previously appointed assistant principal for the current 2013-14 school year, and served as interim assistant principal for the 2012-13 school year.

Bauer filled in for Alicia Parsons who retired from Northville to take another position with the Leadership in Me program.

Ridge Wood Elementary School is already an outstanding school, with incredible educators, students, and families." Bauer said. "My goal as principal is to take our students as far as they can possibly go in developing their leadership skills through The Leader in Me process. I also look forward to continuing the strong partnerships

across our school community, including with our PTA and Dad's Club."

In her tenure at Ridge Wood, Bauer also has facilitated the Ridge Wood School Improvement Team, assisted in the creation and implementation of daily intervention times for all grades, developed and facilitated multiple professional development opportunities for Ridge Wood and district staff and organized, facilitated state and district-wide student assessments and facilitated parent educational workshops.

In addition she has developed and implemented early reading intervention programs for students; supported classroom teachers in their curriculum needs; and implemented a systematic method for communication regarding student office referrals.

Bauer has a Bachelor of Arts in History and Biology from Hillsdale College, and a Master of Education in Reading and Language Arts from Oakland University. She also has her Education Specialist degree in Leadership and Administration from Oakland University.

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"Though these streets are for fiscal year 2015, it is important to award the engineering as early as possible to best assure these projects will get completed before cold weather sets in next fall,"

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Public Works Director Jim Gallogly told council. The city budget for the FY 2014-15 was ap-

proved on May 19. In its bid letter to Northville, Zeimet Wozniak and Associates Vice President Andrew Wozniak said, "We strive to provide high quality improvements so that the projects will exceed the

City of Northville's expectations."

Gallogly recommended Zeimet Wozniak and Associates in part because the firm has designed numerous public and private projects in the Detroit metro area over the years, including several for the City of Northville

Council member Nan-

Gallogly reassured her rience has proven that out.

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# Smoke causes evacuation at Moraine Elementary

**By Lonnie Huhman** Staff Writer

Moraine Elementary School was evacuated last week on Wednesday morning after smoke was detected in one classroom.

According to Northville Public Schools Superinten-dent Mary Kay Gallagher, at approximately 11 a.m. on May 29 the Northville Township Fire Department was contacted after smoke was observed at the school on Eight Mile Road.

'All students were safely evacuated and accounted for, while the fire department and district operations personnel continue to investigate the source of the smoke which appears to have been related to a heating and cooling unit," Gallagher said in a communication to the school community on Wednesday.

Police and fire personnel were on site at Moraine and eventually declared the building safe for return to classrooms around 11:25 a.m. in all areas except the Northwest Centrum of the building. Classes in that area were relocated as necessary within the building, according to Gallagher.

During the evacuation period, buses were sent to Moraine and students were loaded onto them – to keep warm and dry from the rain, Gallagher said. Preparations



Staff, students and visitors to Northville's Moraine Elementary evacuate the school around 11 a.m. on Wednesday after Northville firefighters received a report of smoke in a classroom in the northwestern corner of the school along Eight Mile Road. JOHN HEIDER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

were made to consider an evacuation to a secondary location if it was deemed necessary, she added.

"Students, staff, and parents handled the entire event exceptionally well, particularly given that the Moraine Fun Run was in progress as the building was evacuated," Gallagher said. "We also extend our appreciation to the Northville Township Police and Fire Departments and to the district's transportation service provided by Durham, for the speedy response to deploying buses to Moraine."

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### **Artful hands**



Ridge Wood Elementary School student Emily Mondragon (right) demonstrates how to make a "pinch pot" during the school's May 22 art show. Drawings, paintings, pottery and sculpture by the school's art students were on display that night for friends and family to take a look at. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Get behind the wheel at Schoolcraft's Electric Vehicle Show

The Sixth Annual Michigan Electric Vehicle Show to take place from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Schoolcraft College's main campus on Haggerty Road in Livonia is a great opportunity to see all types of EVs and plug-in hybrids up-close, talk to the owners and ride or drive many of the cars around cam-

"This is the largest event of its kind in the Midwest," said Michigan Electric Auto Association President Larry Tuttle. "In addition to learning all about the latest EV and PHV technology and talking to people who drive EVs every day, visitors can even 'Ride and

Drive' in several vehicles."

With gas prices approaching the \$4 mark again, people begin considering electric vehicles, and this show will provide all the information needed to make a good decision on purchasing or leasing an electric vehicle," said Schoolcraft College Vice President of

Instruction Rich Weinkauf. "As a trusted educational institution in the area, Schoolcraft College is here to educate the community on this important technology and show how it can change lives."

The highlight of the show is the "Ride and Drive." Local dealers provide EVs for visitors to drive around campus. There is no better way to experience an EV than to get behind the wheel. In addition, EV owners participate in this program by offering rides to guests who would rather evaluate an EV from the passenger seat. Visit www.schoolcraft.edu/evshow for more information.

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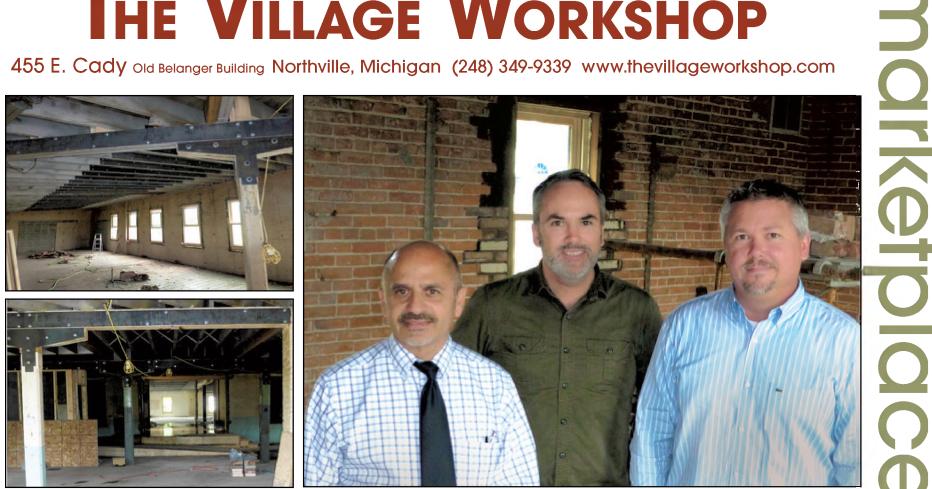
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Village Workshop Co-Founders: Dennis Engerer, Brian Donovan and Chris McDonald have created a community Workshop in Downtown Northville that is inviting to tinkerers and the professionals.

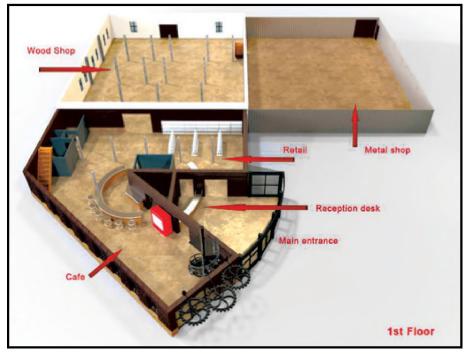
### **C**REATIVITY UNLEASHED ... NO PRACTICAL PURPOSE NEEDED

By Dennis Zelazny **Contributing Writer** 

Your imagination is your only limitation. Remember how an empty box could become an Indy 500 stock car or a royal gilded throne for a princess? The founders of The Village Workshop are revisiting those thoughts and more. They inspire and encourage everyone - young, old, male, female, tinkerer or skilled professional -to get in here and build something.

The Village Workshop is scheduled to open this September. Here is your chance to get in classes for CAD (computer-aided design), including "how-to's" for specific tools such as the CNC router table, embroidery machines and other state-of-the-art equipment. Various seminars are scheduled, with topics including patent law.

Their goal is for all members to be equipped for success. This community space is dedicated to creativity, learning, entrepreneurship and prototype services. Located in downtown Northville, they have already won over the community's full support. Village Workshop founders



time professional in the steel and automotive industry.

Engerer told us that the historic 28,000-square-foot space was built in 1875 and is the perfect place for their venture. The facility has plenty of room for 3-D printers, laser engravers and a whole service metal shop. Plans also include a powder-coat booth and auto lift.

The space is designed to attract artists, engineers and entrepreneurs, including families who simply want to build something together. Recent developments include strong interests pertaining to sponsorships from larger corporations.

The renovated building includes a manufacturing area with separate metal and woodworking workshops. Open to the public will be a general store, offering supplies and specialty items, and a cafe, offering various foods so members will not have to leave the facility when they are intensely involved in a project. The floor plan allows for several portable offices. The "Business in a Box" concept is perfect for those who have developed a product and have outgrown the garage, but are just not ready for a standalone facility. Donovan shared thoughts from outside sources; there is a shortage of machinists and "trade jobs" are on the rebound. Manufacturing is coming back to

the area and The Village Workshop can help better prepare a person for this resurgence.

The Village Workshop welcomes everyone and is a place where anything is possible. Discover new projects and classes every week. You will find the space inviting and encouraging and you may never want to leave, which explains the 8:30 a.m. to midnight hours.

When you come in to see the facility and sign up for one of the many membership programs, be sure to take a look at their Stratasys Fortus 250MC 3-D Printer, one of the most advanced FDM printers available.

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and Chris McDonald live by the words, "Get in here and make something!" "The project is has come to life," McDonald said. He has been a Northville resident for eight years and a long-

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The Northville High School team was led by senior captains (from left) Trevor Glenn, Stuart Nath and Rachel Crittenden.

# NHS Science Olympiad team takes 17th place at national tournament

Northville High School placed 17th out of 60 schools at the Science Olympiad National Tournament on May 17 in Orlando, Fla.

Northville's team, appearing at the national

event for the first time, won two medals at the competition. Freshmen Carolyn Wu and Amy Zhao took first place honors in Entomology, and Rachel Crittenden and William Ding took

The Northville High School Science Olympiad team traveled to Orlando for the national tournament and received two medals.

sixth place in a writing and build event called Write It, Do It. The Northville team is coached by volunteers Becky Marks and Janeen Crittenden. "I am so proud of our students," said Marks, who has coached the team since 2010. "The students having been meeting four times each week since October, and were really dedicated." "It was a real team effort," added Crittenden, a Science Olympiad coach for the past four years. "Every member of the team who went to the state competition earned a medal, which led to our advancing to the national tournament."





# Father's Day & Fun at Independence Village

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**Events At:** 

Independence Village of Plymouth 14707 Northville Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 734-453-2600

#### Rock Around the Clock Wednesday, June II | 1:30 pm

Grease your hair and grab your leather jacket. Put on your saddle shoes and poodle skirt. It's time to join us for a 50's-style sock hop with entertainment provided by "The Dance DJ's." Soda shop favorites will be served.

#### Father's Day Celebration Friday, June 13 | 1:30 pm

Join us to celebrate Father's Day a little bit early as we honor dads with great music, great food and a very special surprise. You won't want to miss this exciting event!

#### Estate Planning & Asset Protection Workshop

Tuesday, June 24 | 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Elder Law Attorney Nicole Wipp will show you the simplest, smartest path to planning for your family, protecting your assets. Get info on the Veteran's Improved pension benefit as well. Light refreshments will be served.

Presented by: Family & Aging Law Center

Father's Day Brunch at All Communities

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Adults \$17.00 Children 12 and under \$13.00 Children under 4 eat free **Events At:** 

Independence Village of White Lake 935 Union Lake Road, White Lake, MI 48386 248-360-7235

#### **Taste of Italy** Wednesday, June 4 | 12:00 pm

That's Amore! Come and enjoy an afternoon Italian style. Experience delicious Italian food and listen to the song stylings of Mario Messina as he sings some of Dean Martin's most popular songs. Presented by: Mario Messina

# Father's Day CelebrationThursday, June 12 | 1:30 pm

Celebrate Father's Day a little bit early with the amazing sounds of The Paint Creek Boys And Fiddler.

#### Nashville Nights Tuesday, June 24 | 6:00 pm

Pull on your boots and grab your cowboy hat. It's time to join us for some foot stomping music and entertainment with the very talented Nashville stage performer Mark Edwards. Light refreshments will also be served.

Presented by: Mark Edwards

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# Piazza Dance Co. event brings in big haul for Civic Concern

#### **Ann Couyoumjian** Correspondent

On Sunday, the Piazza Dance Company hosted a free dance clinic for children ages 6-11 to benefit Northville Civic Concern. Each attendee was asked to bring a food product to donate to Northville Civic Concern to help feed members of the local community. More than 700 items were donated at the free clinic held June 1.

More than 60 children enjoyed an afternoon of dance classes taught by the experienced teen intensive dance team members at Piazza. The Piazza junior and petite intensive team members assisted in the jazz and hip hop classes to help all participants learn the choreography.

Gina Piazza and Marilynn Piazza-Esper, owners of the Piazza Dance Company, along with Piazza Dance Company teachers were present to answer questions and talk to visiting parents and children. Margaret Zonca, a representative of Northville Civic Concern, also made a special appearance to thank the Piazza Dance Company for supporting their organization and helping to meet the needs in the community.

Local businesses, including Yogurt Palooza located at 101 Main Street in downtown Northville, donated items for the cause

Organizers of the event say



The Piazza Dance Company's free dance clinic drew more than 60 children between the ages of 6-11 on Sunday. The Piazza junior and petite intensive team members assisted in the jazz and hip hop classes to help all participants to learn the choreography.



**Piazza Charity Committee** members who planned the event included (from left) Nipa Petrucci, Ann Couyoumjian, Laura Hanpeter and Theresa Zitkus. PHOTOS BY ANNE SHEPPARD

Piazza Dance will continue this charity event by labeling the dry goods, delivering the products, and stocking the shelves at Civic Concern. The Piazza Dance Company and

Northville Civic Concern send out a special thank you cards to all those that participated in this event and/or generously donated product and financial donations. The Northville Civic Concern accepts donations throughout the year on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 43261 Seven Mile Road, Northville.

The clinic concluded with each of the participants performing their jazz and hip hop routines for their parents, family members, friends, and Piazza team members. The Piazza Dance Company intensive team members all participated in special performances to showcase their talent and love of dance.

#### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

#### Jewelry artist at Dancing Eye

Local jewelry artist Denise Couling, whose Pretty Mitten Designs and Pedals & Petals jewelry are Michigan-themed, will be at the Dancing Eye Gallery on Friday to feature

her necklaces, earrings and bracelets. Her visit coincides with Northville's **First Friday** event.



#### **New McKeen associate**

McKeen & Associates has named Northville attorney Marco Masciulli as an associate

Masciulli will focus his practice in the areas of medical malpractice, wrongful death, personal injury and

birth trauma. Prior to joining McKeen & Associates, he worked in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, serving as a law clerk and legal intern. He also has experience in

the State of Michigan-Department of Attorney General as a special assistant to the attorney general.

The Northville resident is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, Michigan Association for Justice and American Association for Justice. Masciulli earned his juris doctor from the Michigan State University College of Law, where he earned the Jurisprudence Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement in Family Law and was the class commencement speaker. He also holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Central Michigan University.

#### **Folino appointed CFCU** chair

**Community Financial Credit** Union has appointed North-ville's Teresa Folino as the new board chair. Folino has served Community Financial as a board member for 12 years. She is employed as a claims manager in the Medicare/Me dicaid administrative unit for AAA Auto Club Group in Dearborn, Michigan. 'I am very honored that the board of directors has elected me to lead our board," Folino

#### said. "I look forward to working with the board and management to continue to grow the credit union and provide outstanding service to our

members." Folino has served on the board for other organizations in metro Detroit including the

Northville Community Parks & Recreation Department. She has also been appointed to numerous state and local boards and committees, political campaigns from



Teresa

Folino presidential to local races and the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce.

"I can't wait to take the next step in my service to a credit union that cares so much for its members and communities," she said.

Folino took the position of Board Chairman on March 20. She replaces Board Chairman, Ronald Carlson.

#### Attorney joins U.S. **Supreme Court bar**

Northville's Tanya E. Juarez-Lundberg was among three attorneys from the Southfieldbased Collins Einhorn Farrell to be administered the oath to join the U.S. Supreme Court bar, a prestigious group admitted to practice before the nation's highest court.

Lundberg, along with Brian D. Einhorn and Kari L. Melkonian, all members of the Oakland County Inn of Court, were among the 18 total attorneys sworn in on

March 10. Admission to the Supreme Court bar is given to attorneys who have practiced for a minimum of



three years and Tanya have no marks on Lundberg their disciplinary

record. Those who apply must be of "good moral and professional character" and must present letters of support from two members of the Supreme Court.

Lundberg focuses her practice on the defense of professional liability claims and has experience representing businesses and individuals in commercial litigation, consumer financial litigation, real estate litigation and bankruptcy matters. She graduated cum laude

# Credit union to move HQ to Brighton area

#### By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Michigan's fourth-largest credit union will move administrative offices from the Plymouth-Northville area when a new headquarters in the Brighton area is completed next year.

About 35 people work at the local office of Lake Trust Credit Union, on Haggerty just north of Five Mile, and all will be moving to the new office, along with administrative employees from Lansing and a current Brighton office, said Danielle Brehmer, the credit union's vice president for strategic innovation, marketing and public affairs. The \$30 million headquarters will initially have about 240

employees, with room to expand to 325, according to a credit union press release.

Lake Trust, Brehmer said, plans to maintain a presence in the Plymouth area.

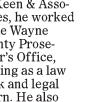
'What we're planning on doing is continuing to support our members in that community," she said Friday. "We're looking at a number of options, including a branch.'

Plymouth is an important area for the credit union, she said, and Lake Trust's planned facility could be in the city, Plymouth Township or perhaps a neighboring community, such as Northville Township or Canton Township. The new Brighton office, work on which is just under way at a 17-acre site near I-96 and U.S. 23, is expected to be completed by summer or fall 2015. Plans for the facility, which will include walking trails, picnic areas and an open plan, recently won an award from Ann Arbor SPARK, a nonprofit that encourages business attraction, retention and growth. The office has won LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

The local office on Haggerty, about 50,000 square feet, is

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#### LOCAL NEWS

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# Eagle Scout completes service project at Maybury State Park

Christopher Boerema of Northville has earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Chris is a member of Troop 755 of Northville.

Boerema, the son of Richard and Wende Boerema, began Cub Scouts in 2003 with Pack 721 at Our Lady of Victory/Moraine Elementary School. In 2008, he was awarded the Arrow of Light award and joined Boy Scout Troop 755 at First Presbyterian Church. Boerema has served in many leadership roles in the troop, including patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader and instructor. He has performed with the troop Summer Camp band, as a trombonist and vocalist. He was awarded the Den Chief Service Award for leading younger scouts.

Camping, mountainbiking, canoeing and white-water rafting have been some of the highlights of Boerema's years of scouting. He has participated in several high adventure trips.

Boerema began working on his Eagle project in spring 2013. He led a team of fellow scouts in



Boerema

installing a new storage shed for the ranger's maintenance equipment at Maybury State Park. The park rangers were in need of a shed to store and protect the park maintenance equipment. Boerema raised more than \$2,000 toward the cost of the shed and then painted and installed the roof shingles along with his fellow scouts. His project was completed last August.

"I chose the park for my project because I have enjoyed activities there and have camped

there many times with scouts. Maybury is a great park because it is close to downtown Northville and many people come to just walk their dogs, go running, or to visit the farm next door," Boerema said.

and mountain-biked

Boerema is currently a junior at Detroit Catholic Central High School. He is an honor student, captain of the junior varsity tennis team and works as a lifeguard in the summer. He also recently won a paid information technology internship to work at Compuware in Detroit. He has been racing sailboats for the past six years and competes in the Melges 17 and Laser one-design classes on the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club sailing team in Holland. He looks forward to studying chemical engineering and sailing competitively in college.

# City to improve old Yerkes dam beginning this month

**By Lonnie Huhman** Staff Writer

Rehabilitation work on the old Yerkes dam will begin at the end of this month and will continue throughout the summer and into fall.

The Northville City Council awarded a contract for the Northville Yerkes Pond Dam Improvement Project to Birkenstock Construction, LLC of Southfield in the amount of \$126,662.50 on Monday to get this crucial public improvement project underway.

According to Northville City Public Works Director Jim Gallogly, engineers have been working on designing

"This project will improve the spillway at the bottom of the dam and reface the abutment walls at the top of the dam," according to Gal-



said they have been working with Mill Race to coordinate the project. He said weekend activities at the Mill Race Village will not be impacted by this project as no work will be allowed after 3 p.m. on Friday until 7 a.m. on Monday morning

"The Historical Society understands the need for this project. It has been involved with the project design from its beginning, and it hopes to cooperate with the cntractor in effort to minimize the impact of this project on the operations of the Mill Race Village," Gallogly told city council. Funded by the city's

**Public Improvement** 

#### located near Mill Race Village and the Water Wheel complex will see some repair and renovation work. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The dam

Fund, the budget amount provided for this project is \$170,000. The project will begin once it receives the permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, which Gallogly expects soon.

'I'm excited to see this," said council member Nancy Darga. "It's long overdue. This will be money well spent."

This dam was designed and constructed for the Ford Motor Company, which operated a factory out of the current Water Wheel building, in the early 1900s.

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Sealed Bids will be received by the, Clerks Department, Second Floor, Northville Township Hall, on or before 2:00 p.m., June 17, 2014 for the Community Park Paving Project 2014. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time.

Work to be done includes the paving of 1 Parking Lot and extending the access drive. Bid documents may be obtained on or after June 3, 2014 from the office of the Department of Public Services, First Floor, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan

A fee of \$25.00 per set of documents will be charged. No refunds will be given for returned documents

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, or Bid Bond by a recognized surety, in the amount of 5% of the total of the bid price. A proposal, once submitted, becomes the property of the Charter Township of Northville. In the sole discretion of the Charter Township of Northville, the Charter Township of Northville reserves the right to allow a bidder to reclaim submitted documents provided the documents are requested and retrieved no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled bid opening.

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Any further information may be obtained from the Township Engineer, Ms. Jill Rickard, P.E.  $\left(248\right) 662\text{-}0497.$  Questions regarding the project shall be brought to the attention of the engineer, Northville Township Department of Public Services, in writing or by fax at 248-348-5823. Questions will not be accepted if received less than 7 calendar days before the bids are due.

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### **Tipping Point Theatre's murder mystery** fundraiser set for June 13 at Walnut Creek

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In addition to dinner and live music, there will be an interactive dinner theater production directed by James R. Kuhl and performed by TPT actors Davie Davies, Mary Jo Cuppone, Alysia Kolascz, Peter Prouty, Brandy Joe Plambeck, Tricia Turek and others. If an audience member guesses who is responsible for the murder in the play, they will win a full pass to all six of TPT's shows this season.

Chef Rocky of Rocky's of Northville will provide appetizers and dessert, and dinner will be provided by Chef Randy

Smith of Walnut Creek. Dinner includes salmon, chicken marsala, pork loin, potato, vegetable, and salad bar - plus beer, wine, and a signature drink, coffee, tea, water, and soft drinks. Musical entertainment will be provided by HiDef.

Tickets for the event are \$100 (\$50 is tax deductible), and are available by calling the TPT box office at 248-347-0003. For more information, visit www.tippingpointtheatre.com.



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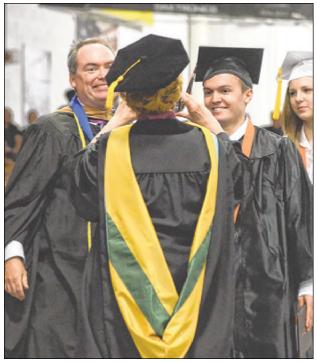
Northville High seniors stand for the national anthem during the June 1 ceremony. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# **MUSTANGS FOREVER** Congratulations 2014 graduates!



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A line of Northville High seniors await their diplomas on Sunday.



Retiring Meads Mill Middle School Principal Dr. Sue Meyers (center) pulls double duty on June 1 as she takes a quick photo of Hillside Middle School Principal James Cracraft and his graduating son Nicholas.



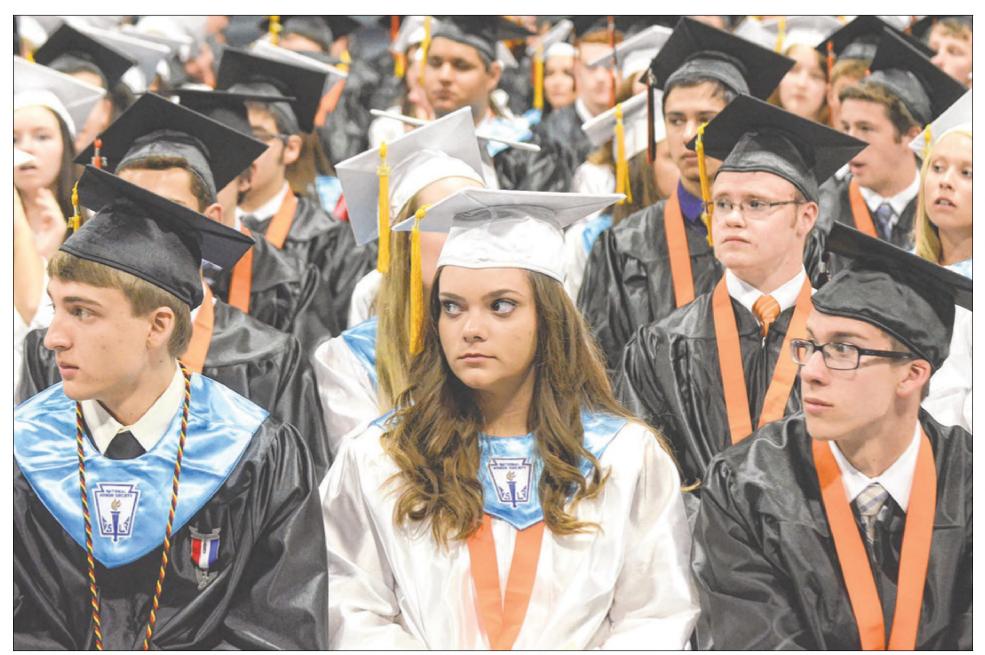


Mustang Jake Cheslik pauses on the dais for a quick 'selfie' during Northville High's class of 2014 commencement.

Members of the Northville High's class of 2014.



**Graduate Sabrina** Bernado shakes the hand of **Principal Rob** Watson at his last graduation ceremony as the school's leader.



Northville High's class of 2014 awaits their diplomas at Compuware Arena on June 1. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2014

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Class of 2014 member Anton Travis prepares to receive his diploma from Northville High on June 1 at Compuware Arena.

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Class of 2014 member James Rogers is the school's Student Speaker for its commencement exercise.

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Before the ceremomy begins, Northville High seniors await the start of the commencement exercise.

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#### CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL TOP 10 STUDENTS – CLASS OF 2014

for four years (captain) cross country for

attend the University of Notre Dame to

four years (captain); Ultimate Frisbee

Post-graduation plans: I plan to

Who has influenced you most in

sister has been my biggest influence.

cally from a very young age and has

your academic career and why?: My

She has pushed me to do well academi-

been a role model to me my entire life.

Most memorable high school mo-

ment: The two weeks I spent in Canada

for cross country camp every year with

Academic honors: Permanent Gabriel

Richard Award; Father John D. Sheehy

Superior Achievement Awards: Honors

Precalculus, AP English Language and

Composition, Church History, Health;

Extracurricular activities: My extra-

and field team, the cross country team,

attending the University of Michigan's

College of Literature, Science and the

curricular activities include the track

Post-graduation plans: I will be

Latin Club and Art Club.

Michigan Competitive Scholarship

C.S.B. Memorial Scholarship Award;

my teammates during the summer.

**Patrick Michael Ray** 

Parents: Frank and Mary Lou Ray



Mark Bilger

**Mark Bilger** 

Parents: Donald and Kathleen Bilger

Finalist; National Honor Society; AP Bio

tinction; Science & Engineering Fair of

and Christian Vocations awards; Gabriel

Academic honors: National Merit

Richard Club; AP Scholar with Dis-

Metropolitan Detroit Outstanding

Award; Timothy Youth Appreciation

awards; National Latin Exam Magna

Extracurricular activities: Football

field; Shamrock Voice; Archery Club;

ing at Cristo Rey; Latin Club; Drive

Post-graduation plans: I plan to

attend the University of Michigan to

study biochemistry and pre-veterinary

medicine. I then hope to attend veteri-

nary school at Michigan State Univer-

Who has influenced you most in

your academic career and why?:

Gerald Durrell, founder of the Jersey

the Belle Vue Zoo, whose books first

Most memorable high school mo-

ment: My most memorable high school

State Champ Camp with the wrestling

medalist Jordan Burroughs. It was a lot

team and meeting U.S. Olympic gold

of work but it was worthwhile.

Academic honors: Valedictorian

(Dillon Award); All-State Academic

ic (football): Scholastic All-Catholic

(junior and senior years); Frederick

(football); Catholic League All-Academ-

Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award

from University of Rochester; Gabriel

Richard Award (highest honor roll) all

Extracurricular activities: Varsity

football; editor-in-chief of school news-

Post-graduation plans: I am attend-

ing the University of Michigan where I

have been pre-admitted into the Ross

Who has influenced you most in

and he really set the bar high.

your academic career and why?: My

brother. He went through CC before me

Most memorable high school mo-

ment: When our student section took

over the basement of Compuware Ice

Arena after our hockey team won

Jonah Kemp

four years

School of Business.

Career plans: Business

paper

states

Parents: Craig and Julie

made me want to be a veterinarian.

moment was going to Jeff Jordan's

Zoo, and David Taylor, a veterinarian at

Career plans: Veterinarian

(back-to-back state finalists); wrestling

Fellowship of Christian Athletes; tutor-

(three-time state champions); track and

Award; Health and Honors Biology

Cum Laude; President's award for

Educational Excellence

decorating

sity.





#### Joseph P. Kenzie

Parents: Earl and Sandra

Academic honors: Permanent Gabriel Richard Club; AP Scholar with Honor Award; Scholastic All-Catholic Award

Extracurricular activities: Marching and symphonic band: Ann Arbor Amateur Hockey Association (AAAHA) player

Post-graduation plans: I plan to attend the University of Michigan to study cell and molecular biology and biomedical engineering.

Career plans: Surgery

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?: My dad has influenced me most because he has always been there to assist me when I was struggling with an assignment or needed someone to proofread my paper, encouraging me to never give up even when I was most challenged. He has also been a role model for my dedicated work ethic because he had to work full-time while earning two college degrees on a part-time basis.

Most memorable high school moment: My most memorable high school moment came during my freshman year when I went on a one-week trip to London with the marching band to participate in the New Year's Day parade.

#### **Nathan Lawera**

Parents: Gary and Lori

Academic honors: Gabriel Richard Club; AP Scholar Award; Departmental Awards in Honors and AP Chemistry; Honors Math: Honors and AP Latin. Intro to Art, Economics and Religion Extracurricular activities: Cross country team; track team

Post-graduation plans: I plan to attend the University of Michigan to

study chemical engineering. Career plans: I would like to go into medicine.

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?: My teacher for Honors and AP Chemistry, Mr. Lemieux. He sparked my interest in chemistry and taught me everything I know about it.

Most memorable high school moment: The summer cross country camp in Canada with my team.

#### J.P. Mulcahy

Parents: Patrick Mulcahy, Meridith Mulcahy

Academic honors: four-year Gabriel Richard Award winner; Catholic League Athletic-Leadership Scholastic nominee; three-year Scholastic All-Catholic; AP Scholar with Honor Award.



J.P. Mulcahy

Club four years

study business.

Career plans: Business

Patrick Michael Ray Extracurricular activities: Track team



years and was a captain my senior year. I was involved in my youth group at St. Fabian parish through which I was a youth leader my senior year and have attended Appalachia service trips each summer. I was a member of National Honor Society and also participated in cross country, student activities, and French Club at various times during high school.

Douglas

Schmieder

Post-graduation plans: I plan to attend Miami University in Oxford on a pre-med track.

Career plans: Medicine

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?: The entire faculty at CC wants nothing but the best for all its students, so I just owe my success to all my teachers.

Most memorable high school moment: Being the valedictorian speaker at graduation was a great way to top off four incredible years

#### **Douglas Schmieder**

Parents: Robert Schmieder and Kuo-Mei Schmieder

Academic honors: Permanent Gabriel Richard Award; National Honor Society; National Merit Commended Student Extracurricular activities: Marching band; math field day team; academic team: Chinese Ouiz Bowl team: svmphonic band; student council; Drama Club

Post-graduation plans: I am going to attend the University of Notre Dame this fall to study engineering.

Career plans: I plan to become a programmer or computer engineer.

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?: My parents have been the biggest influence in my life. They have helped me every step of the way from kindergarten to my high school graduation. I cannot express how much they have done for me over the last 17 years of my life.

Most memorable high school moment: My most memorable high school moment was looking out at the student body after I had just finished performing the 2014 Drum Feature with my friends.

#### **Matthew Wolfe**

Parents: Keith and Maureen Wolfe Academic honors: National Honors Society (grades 11-12); SAE First Place at the Science and Engineering Fair of Metro Detroit (10); Presidential Academic Excellence Award: AP Scholar (12); National Merit Commended Scholar (12): Catholic League All-Catholic Scholastic Award (9-11); various Catholic Central Superior Academic Achieve ment Awards (9-12); Gabriel Richard Honor Roll (9-12)

Extracurricular activities: During my



Matthew

Matthew Wolfe

Zahari

#### **CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL TOP 10**

Mark Bilger Jonah Kemp Joseph Kenzie Nathan Lawera J.P. Mulcahy Patrick Michael Ray Neil Robinson Douglas Schmieder Matthew Wolfe Matthew Zahari

time at CC, I have been a four-year member of the tennis team, three-year member of the academic team, held a part-time job and participated in a range of community service projects.

Post-graduation plans: I plan to attend the University of Notre Dame to study engineering.

Career plans: Automotive industry engineering

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?: My parents have had a big influence on my academic career. They have pushed me to do well in school, guided me to set academic goals and encouraged me as I worked to reach those goals.

Most memorable high school moment: My most memorable moment was when I attended the state championship hockey game this year and watched CC win.

#### Matthew Zahari

Parents: Barbara and Daniel Zahari Academic honors: Gabriel Richard: National Honor Society; President's Award

Extracurricular activities: Tennis team

Post-graduation plans: I plan to attend Kettering University to study chemical engineering

Career plans: Work in the oil industry Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?: My mom has influenced me the most because she said that school was the most important thing in my life until I finished college. She always pushed me to work to the best of my ability, and she was always willing to help me with anything. I definitely would not be where I am today without my mom's support.

Most memorable high school moment: The 2014 state championship wrestling assembly.

Arts in the fall. Career plans: I am unsure of what I will do, but I am considering pursuing an English major and acquiring a job related to that field. Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?: My parents have influenced me because they taught me how to work hard and to stay focused on what is important.

Most memorable high school moment: My most memorable high school moment was being selected by my classmates to give a speech on the quality of good character at the National Honors Society ceremony.

#### **Neil Robinson**

#### Parents: Karen & Gene

Academic honors: Academic salutatorian; elected valedictorian speaker; Scholastic All-Catholic (three-time); National Merit Finalist: 14 Catholic Central Academic Department Awards; Gabriel Richard Award/Club, WXYZ-TV "Best & Brightest"; The Detroit News/ CATCH Outstanding High School Graduate runner-up; AP Scholar; National French Contest: Laureat National; President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence; Rensselaer Medalist

Extracurricular activities: I was on the varsity swim team where I was an MHSAA state meet qualifier all four

#### ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ACADEMY TOP 10 STUDENTS – CLASS OF 2014



Allison Barsh



Lauren Dallo

Carly Duev



Carolyn Laforet



Ria Manimalethu



Elizabeth

Peters



Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?: The teachers at Saint Catherine's and my parents.

#### Patricia Schimeck

Parent: Kelly Schimeck Academic honors: 3.0

Extracurricular activities: Gymnastics team, cheerleader

Post-graduation plans: I plan on attending Eastern Michigan University to study occupational therapy

Career plans: Occupational therapy Who has influenced you most in

your academic career and why?: The person who has influenced me the most has to be my mother, she has always pushed me to do well in school.

Most memorable high school moment: My most memorable moment has to be when I switched over to Saint Catherine's this past year. I am so glad that I made that move and I am so happy I met all the girls there. They are probably the best people in my life right now.

#### Mary Simon

Parents: Gerald and Linda Simon Academic honors: High Honor Roll Extracurricular activities: On youth group leadership team; temporary head coach of cross country; ran track and cross country; president of Business Club; and a regular volunteer at Center for Exceptional Families.

Post-graduation plans: Western Michigan University to study mechanical engineering

Career plans: Engineering future

Lauren Dallo Carly Duey Mary Green Carolyn Laforet Ria Manimalethu Emily Nowka

Mary Simon

Patricia Schimeck

#### **ST. CATHERINE OF** SIENA ACADEMY

Allison Barsh Elizabeth Peters Patricia Schimeck Mary Simon

technologies

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?: The most influential person in my life would be my dad, the smartest engineer I've encountered. He has opened my eyes to all the opportunities I can reach for. He's also the one who can bring me back to reality. My father loves to teach and I love to listen to him, whether it's watching him work on engines or getting math help from him. He has given me life experiences and shared his wisdom from the working aspect while allowing me to decide what really interests and inspires me. The irony here is that he is the one I aspire to be most like

Most memorable high school mo-

ment: This past year, leading my cross country team has been such an exciting and memorable experience for me. It has taught me patience and dedication which will be useful for my future endeavors.

#### **Allison Barsh**

Parents: Michelle and Bill

Academic honors: Honor roll four years

Extracurricular activities: Two years varsity softball; one year junior varsity softball: one year junior varsity volley ball; one year varsity volleyball; All-Catholic League and All-District for softball; Pro Life Club; Yearbook Club; senior class president

Post-graduation plans: I am attending Oakland University to study nursing.

Career plans: Pediatric nurse

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?: My grandfather, Ben Di Ponio, because he came to America with nothing and with hard work and determination proved one can do anything. He inspired me as I started this new school.

Most memorable high school moment: Winning the Catholic High School League championship for softball for the first time in school history.

#### Mary Green

Parents: Bob and Jacki Green Academic honors: Four years of Honor Roll, class salutatorian

Extracurricular activities: Varsity softball; varsity basketball; varsity volleyball; student council; Pro-Life Club

Post-graduation plans: I plan to attend Saint Mary's College in Indiana to study biology and play softball. Career plans: Doctor

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?: The teachers at Saint Catherine's have

influenced my academic career the most. They not only encourage hard work, but also offer to help in any way possible. They will do anything to see their students succeed.

Most memorable high school moment: My most memorable high school moment was winning the 2014 Catholic League softball championship.

#### **Carolyn Laforet**

Parents: Todd and Katie Hallett and Mark Laforet

Academic honors: Economics award; physics award

Extracurricular activities: Cheerleading; pom pon; choir

Post-graduation plans: I plan to attend Michigan State University to study business.

Career plans: To one day be a successful entrepreneur

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?: My mom. She has always been on top of me about my grades, which was a little annoying, but now I understand how important they really are.

Most memorable high school moment: Doing a Chinese fire drill on Napier Road.

#### **Ria Manimalethu**

Parents: Toby and Simy Manimalethu Academic honors: Honor Roll; English Departmental Award; Jupiter Optimus Maximus Award in Latin; Academic Excellence in Theology; and Academic Excellence in Chemistry

Extracurricular activities: Student council; varsity basketball; varsity cross Gianna Molla Society Post-graduation plans: Wayne State University as part of the MedStart program (direct med)

country; future doctors of America; St.

Career plans: Emergency medicine Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why?: | owe my academic success to my parents because they taught me to pursue what I love, and, for me, that happened to be

Most memorable high school moment: Going to the Dominican Republic on a medical mission trip.

#### **Emily Nowka**

Extracurricular activities: Volleyball; softball; student council

Post-graduation plans: I plan to attend Wayne State University to study

Who has influenced you most in Jacci Brown influenced me the most because she is an exceptional leader. Most memorable high school mo-

ment: Dominican Republic Mission trip

#### **Elizabeth Peters**

Parents: Robin and Dawn Peters Post-graduation plans: I plan to attend Michigan State University to study pre-med., and then University of Texas for Medical school.

Career plans: In the future I plan to become a dermatologist and eventually open up my own practice and develop an organic skin care line.

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day at hometownlife.com

serving people through medicine.

Parents: Albert and Tamara Nowka

psychology. Career plans: Clinical psychologist your academic career and why?: Ms.

#### LOCAL NEWS

#### Deadline coming up for library board hopefuls

The terms of four members of the Northville District Library Board of Trustees will expire at the end of this year, and anyone wishing to run for one of the seats in the November election is required to file a petition by July 17. The library board is composed of seven elected trustees whose main function is to oversee the operation of the Northville District Library. The District includes both the city and township of Northville, and any resident of these communities may run for the trustee position

Trustees elected this

year will serve fouryear terms, beginning in January 2015. Meetings of the Northville District Library Board of Trustees are held on the fourth Thursday of each month. Trustees also serve on several standing committees, with meetings scheduled as needed.

Trustees act as strong advocates for the library, work to assure adequate funding and careful allocation of library resources, and make decisions regarding library policy. A willingness to serve the library and its community is the most important qualification for anyone seeking this office.

Northville residents wishing to run for a trustee position on the Northville District Library Board need to pick up petition forms at the library, and then collect a minimum of 40 valid signatures of registered voters. The deadline for filing petitions at the Wayne County Clerk's office in the Coleman Young Municipal Building is 4 p.m. July 17. Candidates may pay a \$100 filing fee in lieu of the nominating petitions. The election will be held on Nov. 4.

For more information call 248-349-3020.

#### MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street near Ford Field in downtown Northville.

**DETAILS:** Office open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday-Friday. Archives open Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Village buildings open 1-4 p.m., Sundays, from mid-June to mid-October.

**CONTACT:** 248-348-1845 or or mrhv1845@yahoo.com

**OPENING:** Village opens June 8 from 1-4 p.m. with the Northville Historical Society's 50th Anniversary Exhibit, Doll House Raffle and building tours. Open every Sunday thereafter until Oct. 19. Raffle takes place through the Victorian Festival. Mill Race. **VOLUNTEERS:** The

Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas. Contact the office for more details.

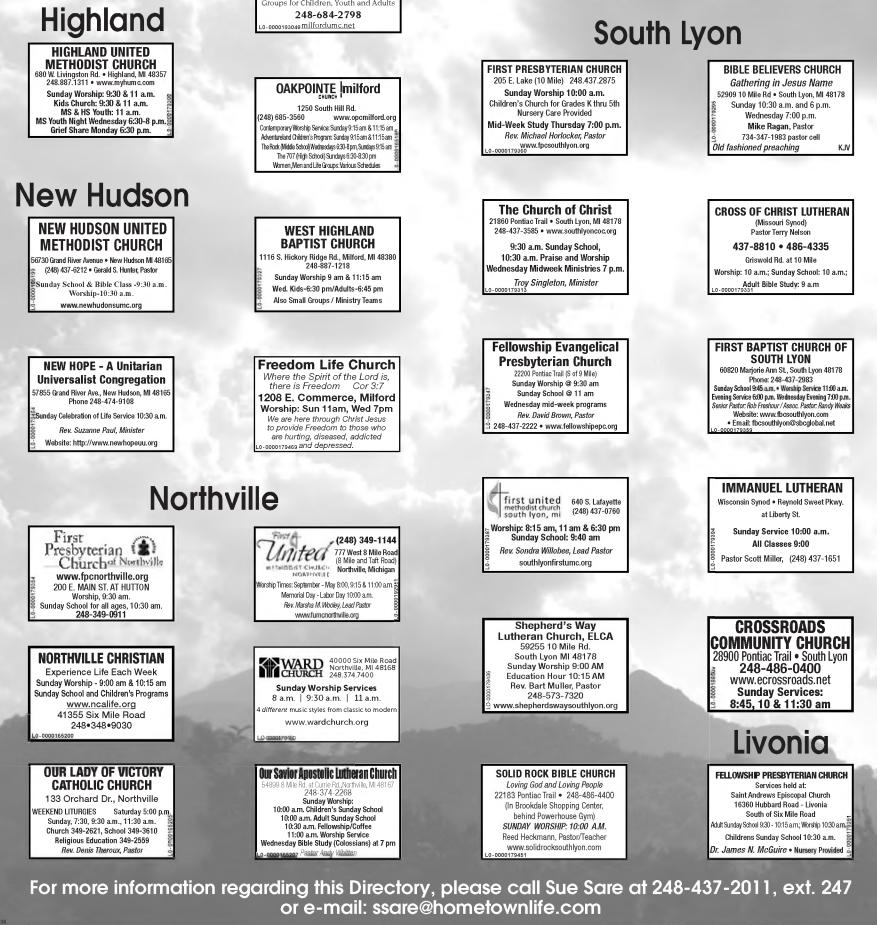
#### WEEKLY EVENTS:

Tuesdays: Stone Gang; The Stone Gang is a group of volunteers who handle Village care and maintenance. Meet at 9 a.m. in the Cady Inn.



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#### **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

#### **Blood drives**

The American Red Cross will be conducting several upcoming blood drives. The schedule includes:

» Friday, June 6 from 1-6:45 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street in Northville. Walks-ins are welcome.

» Friday, June 27 from noon to 5:45 p.m. at the Northville Township Fire Station, 45745 West Six Mile. To make an appointment call Chris at 248-773-9338.

#### **Children's concert** series

Northville's Tunes on Tuesdays children's concert series kicks off June 17 when Gemini takes the Town Square stage from 10:30-11:30 a.m. This twin brother team includes rousing singalongs, hand motions, folk tales, and music from around the world.

The Tunes on Tuesdays concerts are all free, and take place each week from 10:30-11:30 at Town Square. In the case of rain, the concerts will be moved inside Genitti's Little Theatre (108 E. Main). The concert series is presented by the Northville Downtown **Development Authority** and Community Financial, and managed by Northville Parks & Recreation.

For more information, including a schedule of performers, please contact Northville Parks & Recreation at 248-349-0203 or visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org

#### **Farmers Market**

The Northville Farmers Market takes place each Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Northville Downs parking lot (corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon roads).

A long standing community event, the Northville Farmers Market features more than 100 stalls of Michigan grown and Michigan made products, including flowers, herbs, vegetable plants, seasonal produce, berries, organic produce, roses, flowering shrubs, local honey, bread and bakery items, seasoning mixes, dog food, homemade pasta, jams and jellies, salsa mix, garden art, jewelry, juried artisans and crafters, furniture, and much more. For more information, visit the Northville Chamber of Commerce website at www.northville.org.

The Northville Summer Friday Night Concert Series - presented by the Northville Downtown Development Authority and Tom Holzer Ford – brings the music of some of the finest local musicians to downtown Northville's outdoor stage in Town Square every Friday night from 7-9 p.m.

#### **First Friday** Experience

Downtown Northville's First Friday Experience takes place from 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 6 at participating downtown galleries, shops and restaurants. The popular event provides guests an evening filled with art, shopping and dining as they stroll along the streets of downtown Northville's art district. Hosted by the locallyowned galleries and shops, including many that offer complimentary hors d' oeuvres and beverages for their guests as they browse or

shop. For more information. visit w.downtownnorthville.com/1/163/first\_friday\_art\_walk.asp.

#### Kona Run

The annual Kona Run takes place beginning at 7:15 a.m., Saturday, June 7 in downtown Northville. For more information contact Kona Running Co. at 248-345-6168

#### Summer Carnival

The Northville Summer Carnival returns to town June 19-22 at Northville Downs (corner of 7 Mile and Sheldon). The carnival midway returns with plenty of rides, games, and other amusements. For more information, including times and scheduled activities, visit the Northville Chamber's website at www.northville.org

#### Grub crawl

Tickets for the 10th Annual Northville Grub Crawl go on sale June 14. Participating restaurants provide free samples of appetizers and signature items along with cash bar specials for the "Crawlers." Ticket holders receive a flyer and event map that highlights their grub crawl starting point. Free shuttle transportation operates on a 15-minute schedule to take Crawlers from one restaurant to the next. The following restaurants are scheduled to participate in this year's Grub Crawl: Bricks of Northville, Burger Loft at St. Johns, Cantoro Market and Trattoria, Edwards Cafe and Caterer, Gaucho Brazilian Steakhouse, Northville Sports Den, Poole's Tavern, Rusty Bucket, Honey Tree Grille, Northville

#### Winery, YogurtPalooza and Fred's Ice Cream.

Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at the Northville Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are limited and this event does typically sell out. For more information contact the Chamber at 248-349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

#### Art House exhibit

The Northville Art House will present its sixth annual "West of Center" contemporary arts, all media show, juried by renowned fine artist and College for Creative Studies Foundations Chair and Associate Professor Robert Schefman.

"West of Center" is a nod to the Art House's location, as well as its mission to bring the community something unexpected, edgy and compelling - an eclectic, contemporary art exhibit that showcases a wide range of accomplished pieces, including sculpture, encaustic, acrylics, photography, mixedmedia, oil, watercolor, glass/ceramic, found object and more. It's an exciting mix that comprises a highly anticipated, "must see" show.

"West of Center" opens with a reception on Friday, June 6 from 6-9 p.m. It will be sponsored by Mitchell's Fish Market. The exhibit runs through June 28 during Art House hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday.

#### **Emergency food** available

The next distribution of emergency food by Plymouth Community United Way is scheduled Thursday, June 19. The **Emergency Food Assis**tance Program provides low-income Plymouth and Northville residents with canned, non-perishable and perishable items.

All recipients must pre-register at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth

This is a supplemental food program that may be used in addition to other assistance programs. Bridge Card holders automatically qualifv. but need to pre-register. Recipients not currently on governmental assistance (food stamps, ADC and general) must provide documentation including proof of income and residency before receiving food on distribution days. Distributions continue the third Thursday of each month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth. For information and to register, call (734) 453-6879, ext. 7, or send email to randi.williams@pcuw.org.

# Volunteers make downtown planters bloom



Ruth Whitmeyer was one of the many members of the Northville Garden Club and Northville Beautification Committee who gathered at the DPW yard on May 28 to prepare downtown Northville's planters. Whitmever has been involved with the group since 1963. John Heider | Staff Photographer



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**BARTLETT, LEWIS** March 31, 1924 - May 18, 2014

#### **COLLINS** HAZEL (BALDWIN)

Age 77, of South Lyon, passed 3. away on Saturday, May 31, 2014 at Granny's Delight Adult Foster Care Home in Brighton. She was born on December 21, 1936 in Avery County, North Carolina, daughter of the late Roby and Cora Baldwin. She was a loving and devoted wife and mother. She loved gardening and was known for her green thumb with flowers. She enjoyed family gather-ings for the holidays and reunions. Hazel was a devoted member of the Brighton Church of the Nazarene. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Ronel, her son, Lonnie, her brother, Claude Baldwin and her sisters-in-law, Lorraine Smith, Edith VanBuren, and Linda Williams. Hazel is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and a daughter-in-law in heart. Paula Doan. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday,

#### HUFFMASTER **THOMAS DEAN** "DOZER"

Age 56, of Cambria Township, passed away Sunday May 25, 2014 at home. He was born September 10, 1957 in Ann Arbor Michigan to Richard Eugene and Neala (Pearson) Huffmaster. Tom was a 1975 graduate of South Lyon High School and a self-employed builder. Known as "Dozer", he belonged to the Broad Jumpers Motorcycle Club woodworking, and enjoyed crafts, fixing cars, and motorcycles. Survivors include his wife, Ella (Brooks) Huffmaster whom he married April 7, 1998; his mother, Neala Pearson of Fountain Hills AZ; and one brother, Richard Eugene Huffmaster, Jr. of South Lyon MI. He was preceded in death by his father, two sisters (Cindy Huffmaster and Lisa Morgan), brother-in-law (Bill Morgan), and his favorite uncle (Jerry Pearson). Cremation has taken place and there will be no funeral service. Memorials may be made to his family.

Arrangements by Eagle Funeral Home-George White Chapel,



#### MILES, ARTHUR C.

May 26, 2014 age 88 Beloved husband for 62 years to Aurelia. Father of the late Dennis and Arthur and his late brothers Henry and Edward. Resident of Northville Township for 40 years. Services were held Friday at St. Kenneth Catholic Church. www.schrader-howell.com

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#### WINTERS DOROTHY M.

Age 96, May 28, 2014. Visitation May 30 at Phillips Funeral

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#### Friday concert

Classic rock and blues band Groove Therapy will perform this week in Northville's Friday Night Concert Series. The show starts at 7 p.m. at Town Square in downtown Northville.

June 3 at 1:00pm at the Brighton Church of the Nazarene, 7669 Brighton Rd, Brighton, MI. Visitation will be held at church on Tuesday from 9:00am until the time of the service at 1:00pm. Hazel will be laid to rest in Washtenong Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Granny's Delight Adult Foster Care Home, 1661 S. Old US 23, Brighton, MI 48114.

Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

HARE, RICHARD M. age 90, May 27, 2014. Visitation May 30, PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Funeral May 31 St. Joseph Church, South Lyon



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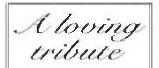
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#### JOHNSON, NEIL D.

Jackson. Of formerly of Northville, passed away May 30, 2014. Online condolences, www. casterlinefuneralhome.com.

McArthur, Michael C. Age 65 of Northville, formerly of Plymouth, died 5/29/14. Online condolences at:

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#### 31, 1 p.m. South Lyon Cemetery. WURSTER, ANNE

Of Wixom, age 87, went to her Lord and Savior April 1, 2014. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. A memorial will be June 7 at New Hudson United Methodist Church. Service at 11:00 a.m. with lunch to follow. Expressions of sympathy may be made to New Hudson United Methodist Church. No flowers please.

#### ZAGUROLI, DOMINIC

Age 91, of Milford, June 1, 2014. Funeral Mass at St. Mary Catholic Church, Milford Thursday 11 a.m. For more informa-tion call 248-684-6645.

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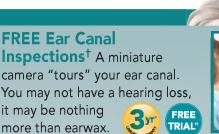
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#### LOCAL NEWS

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# U-M's Northville center to offer bone, joint and spine health People want to be on the move. For some, that

means continuing hobbies like golf, biking or walking. Others just want to be able to play with their children or grandchildren. Unfortunately, health challenges like arthritis, injuries, fractures and back problems may get in the way of the active lifestyle many hope to lead.

In anticipation of this growing need for bone, muscle, joint and spine care, the University of Michigan Health System is opening its new Comprehensive Musculoskeletal Center. The Musculoskeletal Center brings more than 250 top physicians from 10 specialties across the U-M Medical School under one umbrella. Care teams will provide services at 50 different clinics located throughout Ann Arbor and Southeast Michigan with specialties ranging from rehabilitation after a sports injury to managing pain from arthritis or a back condition.

The new U-M brand will also have a major presence at the Northville Health Center, the U-M Health System's newest facility opening July 15. The Comprehensive Musculoskeletal Center at Northville will provide care related to arthritis, spine disease, pain management, sports medicine and fracture care. These services will continue to be offered at 21 other health system facilities across nine communities in Southeastern Michigan.

"This is a new approach to more effectively and efficiently serve patients with musculoskeletal problems in our health care system," says James Carpenter, M.D., chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the U-M Medical School and chair of the



The Northville Health Center, the U-M Health system's newest facility, is scheduled to open July 15. The Comprehensive Musculoskeletal Center at Northville will provide care related to arthritis, spine disease, pain management, sports medicine and fracture care. JOHN HEIDER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Comprehensive Musculoskeletal Center.

"We recognize that while we house some of the nation's leading doctors in high-demand musculoskeletal specialty areas, it's not always easy for patients to find their way to the right specialist for their condition. Our Comprehensive Musculoskeletal Center will allow providers with expertise in different areas to work together in a more seamless manner that enhances care and treatment.'

The new effort comes as leaders anticipate a growing need for musculoskeletal care, especially with the aging population that often faces such problems as arthritis and fractures from osteoporosis.

"We know that more patients expect and desire to lead an active lifestyle later in life and into retirement. Our goal is to provide a robust model of care that helps people maintain physical function so that they can stay healthy and independent as long as possible,' says Edward Hurvitz, M.D., chair of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the U-M Medical School and Vice-Chair of the Comprehensive Musculoskeletal Center.

'Many of the musculoskeletal conditions requiring treatment are

age-related, and the Musculoskeletal Center will help us meet this urgent and growing need for bone, joint and spine care in our community and beyond."

The center will strengthen connections among experts across the health system and bring diagnostic and therapeutic services together, allowing for a wider range of treatment options than in a traditional physician's office. Services range from advanced therapies to minimally invasive surgery, with everything from ultrasounds to MRIs managed within the center's facilities.

This multidisciplinary coordination will also help patients get timely and accurate diagnosis and treatment. The Musculoskeletal Center's arthritis clinic, for example, offers the expertise of rheumatologists, physical medicine and rehabilitation physicians and orthopaedic surgeons who work together to diagnose a patient and determine treatment options and whether surgery is recommended. For the patient, that may mean one appointment instead of being referred from one office to another.

For more information visit www.uofmhealth.org/medical-services/cmc.

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# Five-book series teaches character traits

#### By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

Marian Nelson and Kris Yankee know it's a lofty goal, making readers young and old become better people.

But with character education ebbing as schools today focus on the Core Curriculum, the pair felt this might be a perfect time for their five-book series, *Becoming a Better You!* 

The first book in the series, Are You Confident Today?, was released in March; the second book, Are You Respectful Today?, releases later this month. The other three – Are You Empathetic Today?, Are You Honest Today? and Are You Grateful Today? – will be released in August, October and February 2015, respectively.

Nelson, the owner of Ferne Press in Northville, the publishing company producing the series, said each book covers a day in the life of a child and how "you can build, keep and share" these traits with each other.

"Our goal is to have readers, at home and school and in the community, see that building character traits in children are vital and that is all of our jobs to help

#### **BOOK SIGNING**

What: Author and publisher signings for the book series *Becoming a Better You!* Who: Author Kris Yankee of Plymouth and publisher Marian Nelson of Ferne Press in Northville Where: Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty in North-

ville When: Saturday, June 7,

2-4 p.m. Why: Becoming a Better You! is a five-book series centered around building good character traits in young people.

children grow to be the best they can," Nelson said. "Learning these traits is intentional and purposeful and vital to the success of every person. This series is not the answer but a springboard to awareness, sensitivity and understanding of yourself and others."

#### **Traits lacking**

Yankee, a Plymouth resident who has also collaborated with television weather personality Chuck Gaidica, said the series deals with the character traits she says are "sorely lacking in the world today," including confidence, respect, empathy, honesty, and gratitude.

Each book, Yankee pointed out, uses everyday language and situations to help readers learn about and grow in each trait. She said both *Are You Confident Today?* and *Are You Respectful Today?* have "garnered wonderful responses" from parents and teachers alike.

"Character education used to be something that was a part of the school curriculum, but the emphasis now is more on testing and the standards of the Common Core,' Yankee said. "While those elements are extremely important, by helping kids learn these character traits at a young age (or reinforcing these traits at a young age) both in and out of school, our goal is to help create confident, caring, and responsible young citizens."

Nelson, the Northville publisher, said the firm has been batting around the ideas of concepts for awhile, especially talking about empathy and respect but then realizing that you have confidence for yourself and others in order to have any of the other character traits.

#### **Near and dear**

She said character education is "near and dear to my heart," calling it "the framework for who we are and how we grow to become caring and productive people in this world."

"You can have all the academics you want but without building character in people of all ages, you have a shallow foothold in life," Nelson said. "In the world today, we are seeing more examples of uncivilized and inhuman actions toward people. Our only hope is if we teach and encourage positive behavior traits in children and adults."

While Ferne Press has more than 165 titles exemplifying the company mission (to create a greater understanding of humanity through the written word), Becoming a Better You! is the first time the publishing firm has developed a series.

Nelson said the traits evident in the series "have been on my mind a long time."

"They are very important to me and for everyone who works in our company," she said. "It is a vision we have all had and now is the time to produce them."

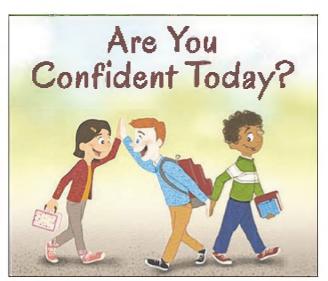
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Kris Yankee



Marian Nelson



The first book in the series, Are You Confident Today?, was released in March.

You Confident Today? earned a 2014 Mom's Choice Gold Award in the Inspirational/Motivational category, said she stopped with the five books because "these are the most important traits." But she doesn't think the series will end there. "Honestly, I think these five books are just the beginning," Yankee said. "I hope that Marian and I have other opportunities to expand this series into other areas and other types of books."

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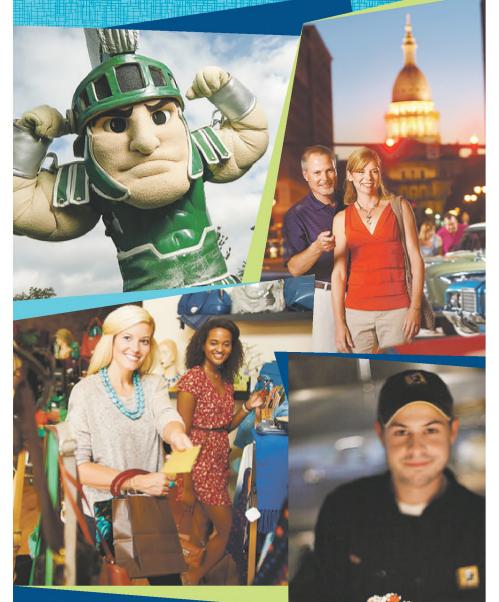
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# Time to find a fix

**OPINION** 

# Lawmakers making progress on roads

At last, Michigan lawmakers are deeply engaged in a discussion of how to pay for fixing and maintaining the state's roads.

There's not a clear consensus yet. There's plenty of potential resistance on both sides of the aisle. But lawmakers are, for the moment, focused intently on potential ways to address the state's \$1.5 billion annual need for additional road funds.

It's unconscionable that the problem festered this long. Michigan last raised its per-gallon gas tax fixed at 19 cents for gasoline and 15 cents for diesel in 1997. Of course, in that time, cars and trucks have become more fuel-efficient, more hybrid electric vehicles have taken to the road and drivers have, in many cases, cut back their mileage. The result is that each penny levied in gas tax brought in \$43.8 million in 2013, down from a peak of \$49.4 million in 2002. For diesel, it was \$7.3 million in 2013, down from \$10.4 million in 2003, according to Michigan Department of Transportation calculations.

This is a collision course for disaster. Yet years of lobbying by a coalition that includes business, labor and local government saw little progress. Even when Gov. Rick Snyder took up the gauntlet with his ideas for a wholesale tax (rather than the per-gallon rate currently charged at the pump), lawmakers initially balked.

The harsh winter of 2013-14 — and its impact on roads — seems to have altered attitudes at the capital, though. Not even fear of facing voters in August primaries and the November general election has stopped this spring's negotiations.

It's not clear exactly which ideas will survive, but



Michigan's roads are in poor shape. Seven Mile Road in Northville is finally getting fixed, but too many roadways are showing the signs of years of neglect. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

so far both the House and Senate have considered legislation that would put a new 6-percent wholesale tax on fuel, replacing the current per-gallon gas and diesel taxes.

Some have discussed an alternate proposal that would let that tax climb as high as 13.5 percent over five years, but a Senate committee passed the 6-percent version. For gas, the 6-percent rate would be revenue-neutral, but bringing diesel up to the tax level of gasoline would generate an extra \$47 million per

year.

Opponents worry that the higher increase will punish low- and middle-income drivers and could make Michigan's fuel taxes the nation's highest. Yet polling indicates support for some tax increase to pay for roads — as long as the money is clearly restricted to that.

Michigan has ignored this issue far too long. It's time to bite the bullet and fix the roads.

#### LETTERS

#### A brighter future

Dear Northville community

Please accept this special thank you for your dona-tion to the Letter Carriers' Food Drive on May 10. The food collected through the Northville Post Office was brought directly to Northville Civic Concern to benefit the members of our community.

There is a growing need for food in our community, and donations like yours help provide a brighter fu-ture for our clients. Together, we are serving people at the local level by helping to alleviate hunger

Marlene Kunz Director Northville Civic Concern

#### **Education bills worth supporting**

Early reading proficiency is the most important factor for academic success, since students in grades K-3 are learning to read while fourth grade students start reading to learn.

The fact that one-third of students cannot read at

#### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

#### Do you think you could survive on Michigan's new minimum wage of \$9.20 by 2017?

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grade level is a bad sign for Michigan's future, and that's why we support the bi-partisan "3rd Grade Reading Guarantee" bills sponsored by Rep. Amanda Price, R-Holland, and Rep. Thomas Stallworth, D-Detroit. These bills, currently on the floor of the House of Representatives, represent a comprehensive approach to early literacy that focuses on screening and interventions for all students in grades K-3, along with potential retention for non-proficient thirdgrade readers.

The approach in these bills strikes a proper balance between setting a statewide expectation to end social promotion for non-proficient readers and local control - since there are multiple options to avoid retention which are implemented by the district, principal, teacher and parent.

Even though 35 states have a statewide approach to improving early literacy, Michigan's traditional school lobby is working overtime to stop these bills from becoming law. Are they more interested in preserving the status quo and continuing social promotion than in helping all students succeed?

Unfortunately, Rep. Kurt Heise has not yet decided to support these bills to help struggling readers. Please contact his office at 517-373-3816 and urge him to vote 'YES" on this reasonable bill package.

Gary G. Naeyaert Executive Director Great Lakes Education Project

#### **Big garage sale**

The annual garage sale that benefits both the Northville Historical Society and the Mackinac Island Honor Girl Scouts will be a success once again - with your help. It is a win-win for all parties involved Many people aren't sure where to dispose of excess items, but would like to find a good home for them. Other people are looking for things they need – either way it's a great exchange. College students are always thrilled to outfit their apartments and enable them to better afford ever-rising tuition costs.

We never know what will be donated for sale. New items arrive continuously during the sale - some items are purchased before they are even unloaded. We get everything from valuable antiques to garage sale leftovers - yet someone will come along that can 'repurpose" any item and turn it into something useful. Come on over, drop your excess items off, pick up things at very reasonable prices - either way helps out the Historical Society and the Girls Scouts.

We will be setting up on Sunday, June 8 and the sale will run Monday through Friday, June 9-13 from 9 a.m.



Kurt Kuban, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor

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could cover things like auto insurance and payments, gas, food and family. I just don't see it happening."

could you meet all of your financial obligations? There would be a lot to give up."

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have to be good with a budget and only buy the necessities. If I had to I would."

> Daniel Jacobi Northville

things like gas have doubled and even quadrupled in some cases while minimum wage is now just inching up."

**Richard Kramer** Novi

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#### Minimum-wage means poverty

Something is wrong with the way our economy rewards hard work. The average CEO gets paid 340 times the pay of the average employee. To combat this wage disparity, many states have raised their minimum wage. Today, 15 percent of Americans live in poverty and almost half of Americans carry debt that exceeds their assets. Michigan's recovery would be helped by boosting the wages of its lowest paid workers to \$10.10 per hour. This higher minimum wage will stimulate our economy because more people will have enough money to buy goods and services.

Michigan's minimum wage will rise to \$9.25 an hour by 2018 under legislation that Gov. Snyder signed into law. This law passed just one day before the citizen's group, Raise Michigan, turned in petitions on a voter initiative to raise the rate to \$10.10 an hour. This ballot proposal may be in legal limbo since it seeks to amend a law that no longer exists. Our legislators missed the boat when they passed this \$9.25-an-hour legislation. Hard work should be fairly compensated, and \$9.25 is inadequate. No American who works full-time, year-long, should have to live in poverty. This is not the dignity of work and Michigan deserves better.

> **Colleen Crossey** Novi

#### Schauer needs a plan for our schools

As one famous Democrat political consultant said, "It's the economy, stupid". It's kind of important, and in Michigan it is especially important. Many people do not consider how education impacts economic growth, but education helps build for the future, so it is really important in terms of having that strong base moving forward.

Mark Schauer has claimed that Rick Snyder's education plan has been hurting the economy. This is a claim that is hard to believe when Snyder has been able to reinvest money into the education system. Snyder even raised the per-pupil funding by 9 percent. These strides show Snyder's desire to help education and the economy moving forward.

Criticize the governor's education plan all you want but at least he has one. Schauer has yet to even come out with a plan. Schauer's lack of commitment to even just come up with a plan should be alarming to voters.

Snyder has really been key for paving the way for future economic growth by reinvesting into education. His plan has really helped set Michigan ahead for the future. An investment in our children is an investment in our future.

**Yasser Khan** Novi

#### **Fragile economy**

Does anyone think that workers will work any harder or be more productive if given a 40-percent increase in pay through no efforts of their own?

And what about the small business owners who provide these jobs? Can they sustain a 40-percent increase in their payroll costs, plus the increased FICA and other taxes? And then they will be demonized when they have to reduce their number of employees through this government mandate

This is what the push for an increase in the minimum wage will mean to our fragile economy. And when I called Congressman Peters' office today and asked where he stood on this issue, the person on the phone said the congressman is still researching this. Well, I got a letter from Peters' office two weeks ago saying he fully supports Obama in increasing the minimum wage. What we have is a failure to communicate

**Bill Smith** Farmington Hills

#### Hold road construction contractors accountable

With the ongoing road construction on I-96, I would certainly hope the state will hold these contractors accountable for their work, unlike what has transpired with I-275. I-275 is an abomination after just having undergone total reconstruction a few years ago. The problem?

Contractors filling of cracks between separate slabs that came out almost immediately and laid all over the road and were never replaced.

Now we are seeing the result of this shoddy workmanship with the colossal potholes that extend the entire length of these cracks across the highway.

**Derek Pennington** 

Livonia

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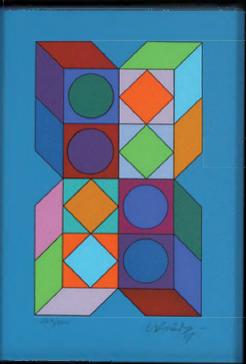
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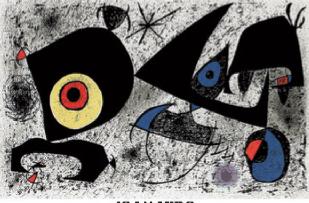
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# Mustangs battle adversity to win district title

Northville baseball team enters tough regional tournament at Novi

> By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Getting wins when everything is going your way is easy – it's getting wins when things aren't working in your favor that are memorable.

The Northville baseball team, coached by John Kostrzewa, picked up two wins in the district tournament Saturday even though it had trouble getting all aspects of the game working right out of the starting gate.

"It was great to see our team battle through a lot of

#### **ON TAP**

Northville will take on West Bloomfield at 10 a.m. Saturday in the first round of the regional at Novi.

adversity offensively and find a way to get it done," Kostrzewa said. "Credit our pitching. It's been a consistent strength all year and Taylor (Turner) and Evan (Flohr) both did a tremendous job and our defense was solid."

Even as one part of their play struggled, the Mustangs stepped up in all other facets, keeping the momentum flowing and the wins coming. They topped Salem in the opening game, 1-0, before beating Canton, 5-1, to earn the championship.

"Pitching was the story for us," Kostrzewa said. Turner earned the win against Salem, while Flohr picked up the win against the Chiefs. "They both pitched fantastic and gave us a chance to scratch out the runs we needed to win."

Against Salem, neither team could get on the board until Tim Eis came off the bench and delivered a huge hit for Northville in the top of the seventh inning to score Steve Grosz and earn the win.

Taylor allowed just one hit over seven innings; he struck out 11 along the way.

Against Canton, the Mustangs scored more runs, but

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Northville pitcher Evan Flohr pitched an excellent game to help his team sew up the district final against Canton. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Alison Robinson races with baton as Northville's 3,200 relay team took second place, set a school record and earned all-state status at the Division 1 state finals Saturday in Rockford. PHOTOS BY LYNNE MOSTELLER



# Northville tennis team ties for third at finals

Alex Jeannotte and Jordan Hermiz win state title at No. 3 doubles

#### By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

The goal heading into the weekend was clear – finish better than fifth at the MHSAA tennis state finals.

Northville, coached by Linda Jones, set that as its ultimate achievement at the beginning of the 2014 season. Last weekend in Midland, the Mustangs accomplished that goal, tying with Bloomfield Hills for third place with 19 points. They rimsnea benina secona place Clarkston, with 22 points, while Grosse Pointe South won the tournament with 28 points. Novi was the only other area team in the tournament, finishing tied for 14th with five points. Jones said her team had a mission to accomplish from the moment it finished the regional and headed for the state finals. "That mission was to finish the weekend with a finish better than last year's fifth-place finish," she said. "Each team played exceptionally well. The depth this year across all flights was absolutely fantastic. Northville knew that, as a team, it would have to turn in some pretty impressive performances to take a top-five spot. When all was said and done, it had a state champion, a runner-up and two others flights in the semifinals. Earning the state title was the duo of Alex Jeannotte and Jordan Hermiz. They have dominated No. 3 doubles all season and the state finals was no exception They came into the tournament with an undefeated record and earned the top seed in the bracket. They stood true to that ranking, taking a bye in the first round before winning the next round with a perfect 6-0, 6-0 performance. In the semifinals, they defeated Amy Brozovich and Rebecca Gorz of Clarkston, 6-1, 6-0, before topping Traverse City Central's Isabel Lutz and Molly Whiting, 6-1, 6-1, to advance to the championship round. There, Hermiz and Jeannotte took on Troy's Julianne Fava and Leena Penumalee and walked away with a convincing win, 6-3, 6-2 They ended the season with a perfect 26-0 record. Runner-up was the No. 4 doubles team of Libby Quinn and Chloe Page. They came into the tournament with a third seed and fought

# RUNNERS-UP

# Mustangs finish second at Division 1 track state finals

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

ports are all about the numbers.

Here's a look at some numbers following the Northville girls track and field performance Saturday at the Division 1 state finals:

» 2 – the Mustangs' finish among all teams in the state.

» 9 – the Mustangs' all-state finishes.

» 5 – school records set by Northville athletes.

» 1 – first-place finish by Northville.
» 50 – points scored by the Mustangs.

Heading into the final event, places through fifth were going to come down to how well each school did in the 1,600 relay.

Northville had a strong team, but after a long, hot day of competing, the members had no idea how fast they could go.

"As a team, we were in fourth place with 42 points, Rockford was in third place with 47 points and East Kentwood was in second with 49," Northville coach Tim Dalton said, noting Oak Park – the state champion team – had the 1,600 relay all but wrapped up as a clear favorite. "If we could find a way to finish second in the four-byfour, it would move us into second place with 50 points. We were seeded fourth in the race."

But seeding didn't matter to the team of Gracie Goble, Morgan Robertson, Chloe Abbott and Lindsay Walters. The quartet went out and raced its best time of the season, blazing across the finish line in 3:54.49, cutting six seconds off its previous best and earning second place and all-state status. The finish, which also set the Northville school record – propelled the Mustangs to second place overall as they finished ahead of Rockford and East Kentwood failed to make the top eight.

"The whole team was at the finish



The Northville girls track and field team poses with the runner-up trophy at the Division 1 state finals.

line to celebrate and I know it is a memory these girls will have for a lifetime," Dalton said. "It was a total team effort from top to bottom and I am very proud of this group of student-athletes."

Also turning in a second-place performance, an all-state finish and setting a school record was the 3,200 relay team of Alison Robinson, Lexa Barrott, Erin Zimmer and Rachel Coleman with a time 9:01.99.

Coleman was the only Northville athlete to earn an individual state title. She ran to a school record in the 1,600 with a time of 4:45.76. Lexa Barrott was 12th in 5:08.17, followed by Taleen Shahrigian in 16th in 5:14.2.

"I was kind of expecting to get first, but wasn't expecting to get a PR at all because I ran in the four-by-eight earlier and it was really hot," Coleman said after the 1,600. "I was really happy. I'm really happy with how my season went this year.

"From my season last year to this year, it's just so much better. It's a huge confidence boost going into college."

Coleman, who will be running at Michigan, added to her day with a second-place finish in the 3,200, setting the school record with an all-state performance of 10:24.58.

Cayla Eckenroth also earned allstate with an eighth-place finish in 10:44.65, while Shahrigian was 20th in 11:13.61 and Emma Herrmann was 38th in 11:47.65. Robinson added another all-state performance with a fifth-place finish in the 800 with a season-best time of 2:14.07, while Zimmer finished 13th in 2:19.35.

Finishing in sixth place and earning all-state was Chloe Abbott in the 100 as she finished in 12.39. Morgan Robertson was seventh in the 100 hurdles, earning all-state honors with a time of 14.86.

In the 800 relay, the team of Robertson, Goble, Robinson and Abbott finished third to earn all-state status and set a school record in 1:41.38.

"It was a team effort today from top to bottom," Northville assistant coach Jack Dalton said. "Two of our relay teams that qualified finished second, while the four-by-200 finished in third place. That shows the depth our team has and how the girls worked together as a whole to finish as the runner-up team."

Abbott just missed out on an allstate finish – top eight finishers in each event earn the honor – in the 200 when she finished in ninth in 25.39, just 0.03 seconds out of eighth.

Lindsay Walters ran 58.68 in the 400, earning 14th place with her season-best time.

"It was a special day for us all around," Tim Dalton said. "The message to the team all weekend was making the most of your opportunities."

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# Thrice as nice: Northville wins district soccer title over rival Novi

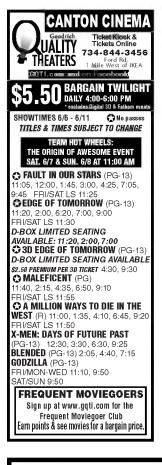
#### By Chris Jackett Correspondent

They played three times this season and the result was the same all three occasions.

No. 1 Northville (19-0-0) defeated No. 6 Novi (14-4-2) for the third time Friday. Following 3-0 and 3-1 victories in league play, the Mustangs won 3-1 in the district final at Novi's Meadows Stadium.

"(This one) means more. We're not going home," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "Regular season is important; don't get us wrong, it's always a rivalry game as close as these guys are. Everybody knows everything about every player. It's just who's going to go out and perform and it's state playoffs. It's win or go home."

Behind the powerful tandem of seniors Jamie Cheslik and Megan





The Northville girls soccer team clinched the district title Friday with a 3-1 victory against rival Novi. CHRIS JACKETT

Buckingham, the goalkeeping of junior Emily Maresh and a plethora of talent throughout the rest of the field such as senior midfielder Gabby Mencotti, the Mustangs provided a tall order for Novi to fill.

#### First half

Northville got on the board early, as Buckingham converted a penalty kick in the first five minutes for a 1-0 lead, but the Wildcats nearly tied it just as quickly with a shot off the post moments later.

Novi almost got it back when sophomore Chloe Allen turned and fired a shot from the penalty spot in the 18th minute, but it was deflected wide right of the net. Just 40 seconds later, a counterattack off a corner kick clear up the left side featured Buckingham connecting with

#### BASEBALL

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they waited a bit to make it happen.

The two teams were tied, 1-1, after the first inning and both offenses remained stagnant until the sixth, when the Mustangs scored four runs in the bottom of the inning Cheslik for a shot from the right that beat freshman Wildcats goalkeeper Bethany Kopel to put the Mustangs ahead 2-0 on their second shot of the game.

The Wildcats kept the pressure on the Mustangs and outshot them 5-2 in the first half, with a 3-0 advantage of corner kicks.

Following a scary moment for the Northville faithful when Cheslik had to leave the field with an injury, Novi got on the board with 9:37 left before halftime. Senior Taylor Pavlika took a throw-in from 20 yards up the right sideline, which was cleared back to her from the defense for a left-footed one-timer from outside the goal box that beat Maresh just under the crossbar to narrow the deficit at 2-1 heading into the break.

to leap into the lead. It started with Tyler Lowe laying down a bunt to get on base and ended with a huge second-strike hit by Kevin Bak to score two.

Northville then held off the Chiefs in the top of the seventh to secure the win and the title.

Flohr struck out six while giving up four hits and walking one.

The team enters the

#### Second half

The match was much more back-and-forth in the second half, as both squads either squandered golden opportunities or allowed the goalkeepers to put on a clinic for digging yourself out of crummy situations on failed defensive clears.

With 23:14 left in the game, Northville got the insurance goal it needed on a controversial noncall. The Novi defense attempted to clear the ball out of the left side of the goal box, but it hit Cheslik in the arms as she was attempting to block her face and duck out of the way.

However, the deflection put it right into her running path along the side of the goal box that she took to the line before centering to Buckingham just inside the penalty spot for a low one-timer into the far side of the net past a diving Kopel.

Northville's path to the district final included a 2-0 victory May 28 over Farmington Hills Mercy and 8-0 mercy-rule victory May 29 over North Farmington.

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regional Saturday at Novi along with West Bloomfield, Novi and Brighton. The Mustangs will open with a 10 a.m. game against West Bloomfield.

The Mustangs are 27-4 on the season.

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The state champion duo of Alex Jeannotte and Jordan Hermiz pose after winning the No. 3 doubles title at the state finals last weekend in Midland.

### TENNIS

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their way to the state championship round, where they lost to Grosse Pointe South, 6-2, 6-4. They finished the year with a 20-1 record.

Making it to the semifinals were Joanne Gao at No. 3 singles and the No. 2 doubles team of Paige Baal and Claudia Ma.

Gao, who finished the season with an incredible 22-3 record, met up with the eventual state champion and fell, 6-2, 6-1.

Baal and Ma were ranked as the fourth seed and earned several points for Northville before bowing out to the eventual state champions of Port Huron Northern in a hardfought, three-set match, 0-6, 6-2, 6-4.

The duo ended the season with a 22-3 record.

The No. 1 doubles team of Danielle Romano and Anika Mukherji was successful in the first round, beating a duo from Ann Arbor Huron, 7-5, 6-3, but fell to the eventual state champs from Port Huron Northern, 6-4, 6-1. They finished with a 19-5 record.

"This flight (No. 1 doubles) was more competitive and challenging than in any of the years I have observed play at states," Jones said.

At No. 3 singles, Amelia Albanelli earned a first-round win to help the Mustangs to third place, but fell in the next round to the top-ranked player from Midland Dow to finish with a 19-5 record.

At. No. 2 singles, Emma Worley came into the tournament with a fifth seed and earned a point for the Mustangs with a solid first-round victory, 6-2, 6-2, but fell in the next round to the fourth-seeded player to finish her season with a 20-4 record.

At No. 1 singles, Reeshma Kumar had the best players in the state in her bracket and she fell in the first round against a player from Grand Ledge, 6-3, 6-1. She finished the season with a 9-10 record.

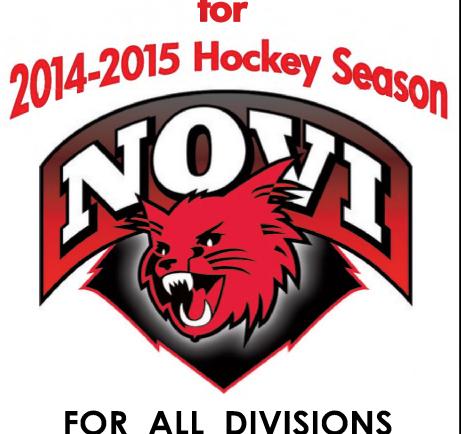
Jones noted that the season wouldn't be complete without mentioning the No. 5 doubles team of Malika Sachdev and Molly Bis, as well as alternate Brittany Macaddino.

"The competition that these girls provided in our many practice rounds and challenge matches helped make the rest of the team earn the No. 3 finish in the state," Jones said.

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# **Catholic Central advances to golf state finals**

### Northville, Novi bow out in regional tournament

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

Only the best golf teams are able to escape from regionals and advance to the Michigan High School Athletics Associa-

tion state finals. Fortunately for Detroit Catholic Central, it was one of those teams. The Shamrocks scored 297 to finish second at

the regional, just four strokes behind champion Lakeland, which had 293.

University of Detroit-Jesuit finished third, with a team score of 310.

Catholic Central was led by freshman James Piot, who recovered from a less-thantypical district tournament score to finish as the secondbest scoring golfer in the regional with a 73. Right behind him was Glenn Piot, a junior, who carded a 74, along with teammate Domenic Mancinelli, a senior. Senior Dan Ault recorded a 76, while freshman Ben Smith shot an 80 to round out the scoring for CC.

Only the top three teams advance from the regional to the state finals and neither Northville nor Novi were able to earn one of those coveted positions.

Northville finished in sixth

place, shooting a team total of 323, while Novi finished ninth with 330.

Leading the way for the Mustangs were Andrew Sarokin and Brad Minniear, both seniors, as they shot each a 79, while Andrew Stevens, a senior, shot an 82, followed by junior Jacob Pierce's 83. Matt Robinet, a senior, carded an 87.

Novi was led by senior Garret Buckley, who shot a 79, while junior Bryan Fegert and freshman Ryan Welch each

carded an 81. Junior Erik Czekaj shot an 89, while junior Billy Ulle recorded a 91.

The top three individuals not on qualifying teams also earned a berth to the state finals. Those players were Birmingham Groves' Jordan Bohannon (73), Hartland's Bryce Messner (73) and Brighton's David DeMarios (74).

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# Northville boys track team places in two state events

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

It was a quality ending to a quality season when the Northville boys track and field team headed to Rockford last weekend for the Division 1 state finals.

The Mustangs didn't bring with them enough firepower to have a shot at placing in the top 10 teams, but they brought with them determination and talent and, in the end, that was what they needed to score six hard-earned points.

"It can be humbling when you run with the best the state has to offer," Northville boys head coach Brandon Langston said. "It can also be very rewarding. We got to experience both Saturday."

Northville's 3,200-meter relay team has turned up its performances through the end of the year and didn't disappoint in the finals. Dan Sims, Jason Ferrante, Nick Noles and Conor Naughton ran a 7:52.46 to finish in fifth place, earning them all-state honors. They also again set the school record in the

outstanding high school career. He ran 4:15.11 in the 1,600, finishing seventh to earn all-state status.

Sims will continue his career at Michigan State University.

The event was won by Grant Fisher of Grand Blanc, who ran 4:10.82.

Seeing Dan Sims' last high school race was tough," Langston said. "As a coach, I wish I could have him come back as a super senior and run again.

'His presence on this team the past few years has been a beacon of strength for everyone involved. He helped set the trajectory of the Northville track program in the right direction."

Sims said he was happy to be able to share these final high school memories with his teammates.

"We're a close-knit team," he said. "We hang out all the time. You turn into brothers over the course of time. That's how it is for us."

Ferrante also finished 10th, just two spots out of an allstate finish, in the 800, in 1:54.23, while Naughton ran to 14th in the 3,200 in 9:44.23, followed by Sean McCullough in 25th in 10:06.89. "At some point, I'll forget the times that were ran this year and the kids will, too, but I know there will be memories that we'll all have together that will make us smile or laugh and that's what is unforgettable about this season," Langston said.



event.

"I think at first they were unhappy with where they finished, place-wise, but then they realized they accomplished something special that they'll always share together forever," Langston said

The first-place team from Saline ran a blazing 7:40.54, beating the old record of 7:41.27 that was also set by Saline in 2004.

Sims also had a top-eight individual finish to end his

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Northville senior Dan Sims finished seventh in the 1,600 at the Division 1 state finals Saturday, earning him all-state status. BRANDON LANGSTON

#### Northville softball bows in district

It was a rough end to the 2014 season when the Northville softball team met up with Livonia Churchill in the opening round of the district tournament last week

The team, coached by Jim Ritz, was on the wrong end of a 12-2 loss against the Chargers. The loss ends the season for the Mustangs.

Churchill went on to lose to Canton in the district title game, 10-2.

#### **Northville runners** dominate Victory Run

It was quite the showcase for several Northville runners when they raced in the fourth annual Our Lady of Victory 5K Run last weekend.

Earning the overall men's victory was Edward Clifton of Northville, who ran 18:09. He was more than a minute ahead of second-place finisher Kevin Courtney of Canton, who ran 19:26, while Northville's Scott Mullan ran to third with 21:19.

Northville's Erika Thompson was the overall women's winner, finishing in 23:58, while Northville's Isabelle Smith finished second with 25:06. Mackenzie Montagano of Clarkston was third overall

Top finishers from Northville in each age group were: Male 10 and under: Mark Ling, second place, 24:27; Female 10 and under: M.

pionship in Ohio.

Fourteen rowers in the girls varsity single competed for a spot in the finals. Tatge earned a position by rowing her personal best in the 1,500meter sprint Friday and placing second in her heat. The finals were extremely competitive, with the top six rowers vying for medals. Natalie Stuart of Episcopal Academy, Pa., held a slim lead throughout the race, finishing

first. Erin Heald from Western Albemarie High School, Va., followed two seconds later for silver. The bronze medal came down to the wire as Kate Horvat of Germantown Academy, Pa., came from behind to put pressure on Tatge. She held strong and determined to the end, winning the bronze by a mere

0.07 seconds. "The Northville rowing club is happy to congratulate Emily Tatge on her bronze in the (girls) single at scholastic nationals," Northville director of rowing Van Papoulis said. "The team has had many boats go to regional championships with success, but this is the first to go to nationals, let alone taking a medal. We give Emily our best and wish her all the success at Michigan State rowing. We hope that Emily's success can help the team spread the joy of rowing and get the word out. This is the best ever achievement in the short existence of the Northville High School rowing club.'

# Shamrocks fall in district semifinals

Baseball team earns opening-round victory, can't get past North Farmington in 7-3 decision

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

The Detroit Catholic Central baseball team ended its season Saturday with a tough loss to North Farmington.

The squad, coached by Dan Michaels, couldn't find its offense in the first round of the district tournament, while the North Farmington bats were red hot, resulting in a 7-3 loss for the Shamrocks.

North Farmington went on to lose in the district final to Novi, 3-2, in a 10-inning game.

But the week wasn't all bad for the Shamrocks, who had to win a pre-district contest May 27 in order to advance to the district semifinals.

In that game, the Shamrocks used solid pitching from Grant Hartwig to lead them to a 4-2 win over Farmington Hills Harrison.

Hartwig threw six innings, allowing two runs while striking out eight. He was relieved in the final inning by Joe Abeska, who picked up the last three outs and earned the save.

"We were happy with the way the team battled," Mi-chaels said. "Grant Hartwig gave a great performance on the mound. He battled all day and bore down when he needed to. He really showed what he is made of (and) gave his all.'

Mike Scott, Justin Green, Chris Dulzo, Yuki Taketani and Nolan Clenney all picked up hits in the win.

The Shamrocks ended their season with a 12-18 record.

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#### SPORTS ROUNDUP Grace Martin, first place, 25:57; Male 11 to 14: Charlie Mentzer, second place, 23:22; Female 11 to 14: Anna Ling, first place, 26:17; Male 15 to 19: Nicholas Gessler, first

place, 23:35; Female 15 to 19: Jacqueline Beazley, first place, 28:23; Male 20 to 29: n/a; Female 20 to 29: Kaitlyn Sabourin, first place, 26:08; Male 30 to 39: Tim Lauster, first place, 21:27; Female 30 to 39: Colleen Lauster, first place, 25:59; Male 40 to 49: John Bebes, first place, 23:24; Female 40 to 49: Jen Hamilton, second place, 29:14; Male 50 to 59: Gerald Justin, first place, 25:37; Female 50 to 59: Linda Neal, first place, 34:28; Male 60 to 69: Timothy Fox, second place, 23:03; Female 60 to 69: Angela Thomson, first place, 50:44; Male 70 and up: Carlos Obregon, second place, 54:45; and Female 70 and up: Nicole Obregon, first place, 55:01.

#### **Tatge takes bronze** at nationals

Northville High senior Emily Tatge rowed to a bronze medal in the Scholastic Rowing Association of America National Regatta two weeks ago at the U.S. Olympic Training Site at Mercer Lake in Princeton, N.J. Some 174 clubs and 557

individuals took part in the National Regatta. Rowers were selected from seven qualifying championships. Tatge qualified by placing second at the Midwest Cham-

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Luxury homes displayed at Homearama offer improvement ideas for homeowners at all levels, organizers say.

# Homearama return signals growth in housing market

Dominic J. Moceri, who leads the Moceri Companies Development division, announced recently that "Our dedicated trades worked tirelessly through this winter's bitter cold and snow to keep construction of our spectacular Pinnacle community on track for completion this summer. Our custom home building partners also worked side-by-side with their subcontractors through terrible weather conditions to insure that all six multi-million dollar Homearama 2014 'masterpieces' will be finished for the gala preview opening to be held on Aug.27, 2014." Pinnacle is located at Silverbell and Adams Road in Oakland Township.

Moceri reported that the developer and builders were faced with budget overruns of more than \$2.5 million to deal with this winter's weather-related construction issues. "We're all in this together, committed to hosting the first Homearama in over a decade. We only have four months to build and decorate six amazing homes that would normally require up to two years each to finish, so we are very focused. Ultimately, there will be nearly 60,000

These are the area residential real

estate closings recorded the week

430 Fox Hills Dr N # 4

2159 Klingensmith Rd



Getting Homearama work on track has taken teamwork. Organizers are excited to have Homearama return.

square feet of indoor/outdoor living space – as much as you would typically see in 25 new model homes. This unique event will be truly over the top in every detail. The market for luxury homes is very strong and we are sparing no expense to amaze every single Homearama guest," he

said. Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (HBA) remarked, "Homearama is a public service activity of HBA and is held to offer everyone who owns, or would like to own a home, the opportunity to experience firsthand the one-of-a-kind concepts that are found in the finest \$1.8-\$4 million custom homes. While many who visit during

the 17-day run of Homearama 2014 will be lookers and dreamers - not necessarily buyers - this event will help them 'Bring the Dream Home' as they see concepts they can later bring into their own homes."

After its Charity Preview on Aug. 27, Homearama will be open to the public from Aug. 29 (Labor Day weekend) through Sept. 14, 2014. Cus-tom home building companies, all professional builder members of HBA, that will feature homes during the

"With the improving economy, the sharp rise in demand for new homes, the many technological advances that make new homes a valuable investment and today's favorable interest rates," com-mented Stoskopf, "conditions are optimal for the families of our area to experience these magnificent dream homes that will be lavishly decorated and landscaped by some of the nation's best professionals."

Additional information on he homes and builders, in-

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### Senior making buy could be in for bad time

Q: My friend is thinking about buying a cooperative in a senior citizen community. The cooperative doesn't own the land on which the cooperative is built. Do you see that as a problem?

A: I see it as a huge problem for those persons that buy into a cooperative not knowing

what the nature and extent of the land lease is. This has been a windfall for certain developers who have used the Florida technique of development by



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requiring a perpetual recreation lease of certain amenities in order to maximize their profit by continuing to receive rent from the association for decades after they have sold all of the units. This typically places a huge burden on the cooperative association to utilize a substantial portion of its maintenance fees collected from its members to pay off a land lease which will never get paid off for decades. Moreover, the land lease typically makes the cooperative totally responsible for maintaining the land, including retention ponds as well as paying the taxes. It is a great deal for the developer and, in our opinion, a lousy deal for anyone buying into it.

### Q: I am wondering if it is much cheaper in the summer time in Naples, Fla., in regard to buying property.

A: Most everything is cheaper in Naples, Fla., during the summer, but not necessarily buying property, unless someone has had it on the market for a long period of time and is in a hurry to sell. However, some deals can be had after May 1 through Sept. 30, and you are best advised to contact a Realtor now to see what opportunities are available, particularly those properties that have been listed for two months or more.

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

event include:

Arteva Homes - Brian Szliter & Vito Terracciano, Cranbrook Homes – Sebastian Lombardo, MJC Companies Michael A. Chirco, Moceri Companies - Frank Moceri.

cluding photos, renderings and floor plans may be viewed now at www.HomearamaHBA.com. Advance ticket sales, with online discounts, will begin on the website in June.

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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 the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

#### Investors

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

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The 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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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb.10-13, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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\$355,000	29770 Lacy Dr
\$415,000	30505 Louise St
\$176,000	7769 Manor Cir
\$180,000	4895 Matthew St
	7649 Melvin Ave
\$70,000	5624 N Crown St
\$38,000	38189 N Jean Ct
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\$69,000	6605 N Wildwood St
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\$40,000	36323 Palmer Rd
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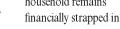
### Car Report

# Mitsubishi Hits Its Target with New Mirage: High-Mileage Commuter Car



Fuel economy has become the most important consideration of the American car buyer in these times when gasoline prices still routinely press the \$4-a-gallon mark and the typical U.S. household remains

By Dale Buss





There's plenty of room inside the Mirage.

an economy that is struggling to grow enough to provide vigorous employment for everyone.

And for that reason alone, the 2014 Mitsubishi Mirage merits consideration for purchase for a huge cohort of American car buyers. With an EPAestimated 40 mpg rating the car has the highest fuel-efficiency rating for any nameplate available in this country that is neither a hybrid nor a plugin. Being king of the hill in such an important criterion for modern automotive purchases is quite an accomplishment.

That's not all Mirage has going for itself. The car's base price of around \$13,000 makes it one of the most attractive offerings around for someone

who wants to buy a commuter car, yet the 2014 Mirage offers enough quality and creature comforts to make the ride an enjoyable one.

> Clearly with this car, the premium is on fuel economy, not speed or power. Mirage comes with just one engine, a 1.2-liter, three-cylinder that puts out 74 horsepower and 74 pound-feet of torque, which makes it among the least robust cars sold in the US market. It offers two transmissions: a five-speed manual gearbox or, for \$1,000 more, a new and very compact continuously variable transmission that delivers the highest gas-mileage ratings.

With the CVT, Mirage delivers an impressive 44 mpg on the highway and 37 mpg in the city, for a 40-mpg combined average. Opting for the five-speed manual actually knocks that down to 37 mpg combined, or 34 mpg in the city and 42 mpg on the highway. Traditionally, manual transmissions often have offered better mileage than automatics, but such is the effectiveness of a good CVT that it can tease optimum fuel economy out of a car – and do it far better than human guessing.

Plus, Mirage is a very light car, logging in at a curb weight of just 1,973 pounds in its base form. Impressively, that compares with 1,808 pounds for the significantly smaller SmartforTwo mini-car and 2,269 pounds for the Chevrolet Spark. That's because Mitsubishi put a lot of effort into "light-weighting" the vehicle in every facet.

Another area where Mitsubishi was able to augment the car's fuel economy is exterior design. The new Mirage doesn't look distinctive – it doesn't have the sassy appearance of, say, the comforts that much more expensive (and worse-mileage) cars offer. These include a rear spoiler, 14-inch alloy wheels, fog lights, variable intermittent wipers, 50/40 rear split-fold seats, cruise control, leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob, a startstop button, power door locks and

car brings tinny resonances that underscore just how "lightweight" the car really is.

Neither is Mirage fast or powerful. It particularly labors at higher speeds where other small cars can find their range once they've accelerated. That



The 2014 Mitsubishi Mirage is a high-mileage but comfortable commute buster.

new Ford Focus or anything close to the signature look of a Mini – but style was sacrificed in the service of a low coefficient of drag. The company says the 2014 Mirage's drag coefficient is a remarkable 0.28, which compares well with just about anything on the road.

The other most laudable feature of this car is the fact that, even with all of the above, Mirage can still actually seat four people very comfortably, and five in a pinch. In that sense it's an ideal tool for car pooling, if that still occurs.

Also, in the ES version that I drove, Mirage offers every bit of the creature sideview mirrors – and even, for an extra \$900 sticker, a navigation system and rear-view camera system.

True, the car does have some drawbacks, which will be clearly recognized by any potential purchaser.

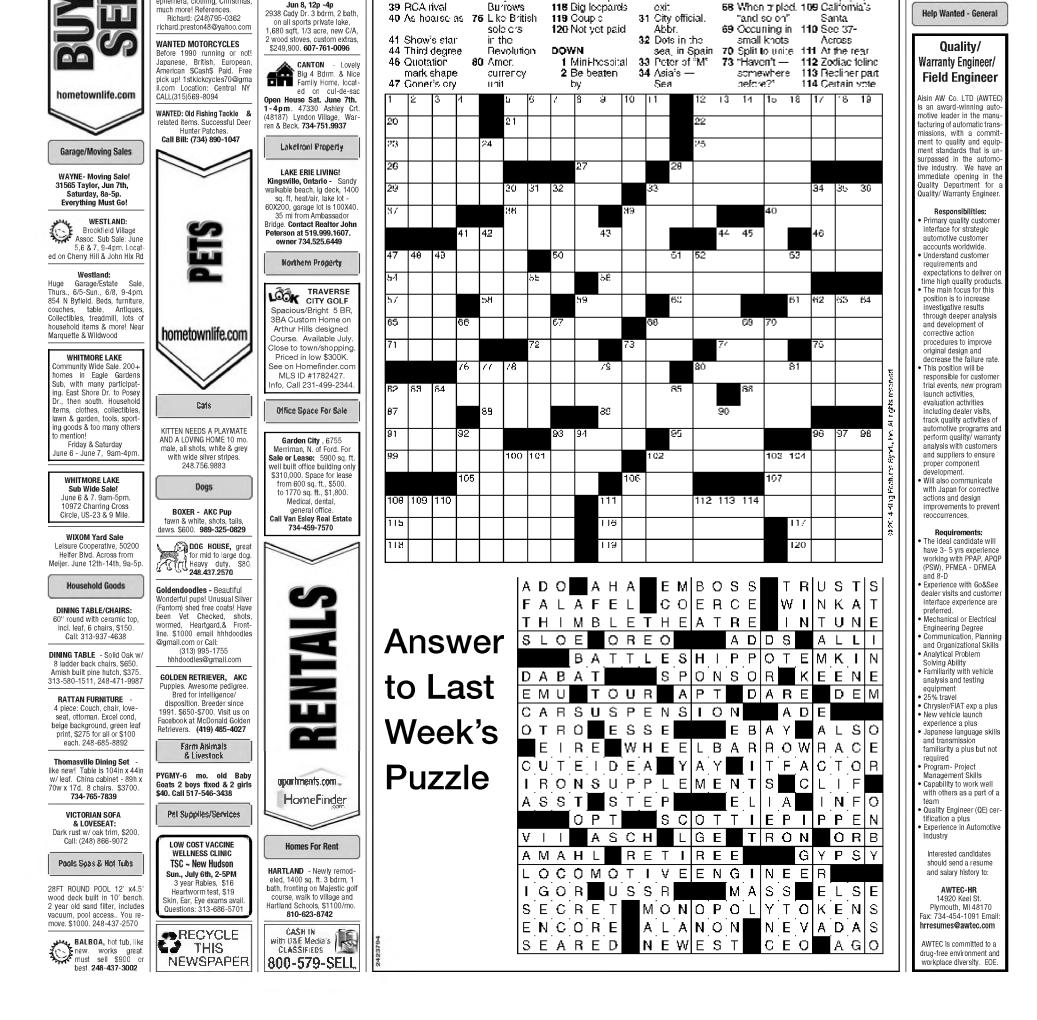
The wheels look too small for a car that is tall for its length, and are set into the wheel wells deeply, which exaggerates the perception of their small size. Inside, Mirage is plain, and every interior surface is covered in hard plastic, lacking soft-touch materials even on the door arm-rests. Closing doors to enter or leave the means, for example, difficulty in passing other cars – and generation of a lot of engine noise in the effort.

In large part, of course, this is because Mitsubishi obviously has tuned the car for city and suburban use. For example, a complementary effect is that the CVT version I drove surges away from stops in snappy fashion.

And so in aiming for a maxmileage car that provides just enough substance to ensure a smooth commute, Mitsubishi has hit its target with the 2014 Mirage.







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How to turn your Twitter

# into a valuable industry resource



#### **By Adrienne Erin**

If you already have a Twitter account, no doubt you already know the great value of this social media platform. But did you know that you could turn your twitter into a valuable resource for your industry? It's true; you can, and there are plenty of reasons why you should want to do this. Creating an industry resource with your Twitter builds your reputation and helps you gain influence. Here are the steps to follow to make this happen.

#### 1. Make a list of influencers

Carefully construct Twitter lists of the people you'd like to emulate. These can be leaders in your industry or field, people unanimously respected in the industry, or new up-and-comers that are rapidly gaining popularity in your field. Also, you can look at other influencer's lists, such as Robert Scoble, to find ideas of people who should be on yours. You can even subscribe to public lists of other people on Twitter.

#### 2. Start curating

Great industry leaders such as Maxwell Systems collect or 'curate' resources that will be useful for their followers. Maxwell has become well known in the construction technology sector for being so good at finding great resources to share with their followers. So how do you find this great stuff to share? You can start by sharing the best snippets of content from the blogs that you're already reading. In addition, you can frequently find good material from your Twitter lists.

It's also a good idea to keep a close eye on news headlines. Watch for any breaking stories with relevance to your field or industry, and share them on your Twitter. Subscribe to newsletters that you find informative and like pages on Facebook that postinteresting content. Be a student of your industry or field and make a conscious effort to always be learning.

Read books and magazine or journal articles written by experts in the field, and listen to podcasts by experts. Attend webinars and conferences, and always have a pen and paper ready to take notes. You never know when you'll come across some inspiration for great content.

While you're curating this content, there are two important things to consider. First, always give credit where credit's due. If you're using content created by someone else, be sure to acknowledge him or her for it. Also, try not to just pass along this information. If you're really serious about using your Twitter to become a valuable industry resource, you should make your own contributions to the wealth of material that's already out there.

This means that you should expound upon the material that you're curating. Why is it so good? What makes it valuable? What are some important points that the original creator might have failed to mention? Think about and explain these things to your audience.

Another important tip to keep in mind: you should be using a tool to schedule your tweets. Buffer and HootSuite are two good ones worth checking out.

#### 3. Build a following

Once you've found great influencers and have started to accrue some great content, the next step is to build your own following. One of the brilliant minds behind Tweet Smarter, Dave Larson, says that the answer to building a following on Twitter is finding a 'Super Advocate.' And you find this, Larson explains, by becoming a 'super advocate' for someone else.

This means that you do everything you can to support that person, from retweeting their tweets to commenting on their tweets and giving shout outs that praise them on your own Twitter. Why is this strategy so effective? It all goes back to the golden rule: do unto others, as you would like them to do unto you. Endorsing someone else on Twitter makes

it much more likely that YOU will be endorsed on Twitter. Remember, what goes around comes around. It pays to be nice.

Becoming an industry resource on Twitter is an essential part of establishing yourself as a leader in your industry. With the right influencers, a selection of great content and a good following, there's no limit to what you can do!

Adrienne Erin is a freelance writer and social media marketer who loves picking apart social campaigns to see how they tick. To see more of her work, follow @adrienneerin on Twitter or visit her blog.



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