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## Accounting award

The Government **Finance Officers** Association of the United States and Canada has bestowed its annual Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to Northville Township. According to the GFOA, which is a nonprofit professional association serving nearly 18,000 government finance professionals across North America, the award represents a significant achievement and reflects the township leadership's commitment to "meeting the high-est principles of governmental budgeting."

In order to be considered for the award, the township had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. All budget documents must be rated "proficient" in four categories: a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device.

According to Marina Neumaier, the township's finance director, the award is considered the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting.

## A commitment to local arts

Arts and Acts Festival continues to expand

**By Julie Brown**Staff Writer

Northville's Arts and Acts Festival will take to downtown city streets June 20-22. The festival used to be called Art in the Sun, with that moniker now the fine arts portion of Arts and Acts.

"We depend on this to keep the Art House open," Northville Art House Director Joan Potter Thomas said of the festival. "We depend on a successful Arts and Acts festival literally to keep our doors open."

Art in the Sun dates back 26 years, with the switch to Arts and Acts four years ago. More than 60 artists will be featured. Make sure you visit the information booth. The Art House will be

raffling off a painting donated by art commissioner Amy Fell-Burford of amyfellart.com.

"They'll be out on the streets," said Liz Carter, special events coordinator for the Northville Art House. Photography, pottery, painting, jewelry and a few fiber artists and mixed media artists will be in the fine arts portion.

#### **Art House offerings**

The Art House offers art classes for all ages, as well as an exhibit each month other than July. An exhibit opening takes place the first Friday of each month. The facility is at 215 W. Cady Street, west of the Northville post office and across from the Northville District Library.

Arts and Acts takes in a Sandbox Play Festival play competition of the Tipping Point Theatre, live music, the Reel Michigan

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Funds raised from Arts and Acts event go directly to support the operation of the Northville Art House.

## ALL TOGETHER NOW ...



Ridge Wood Elementary School student Cole Drummond (far left) and other teammates work together during a tug-of-war competition at the school's June 5 Field Day. Parent volunteers helped guide the school's students through a variety of games and challenges that gave the kids the opportunity to sharpen their teamwork skills. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Chief Allen to be honored at public retirement bash

By Kurt Kuban Staff Writer

Northville Fire Chief James

That's what Lt. Jason Jordan

Allen has been a big part of the

Northville community for more

than a half century. You might

worked with the retiring chief

for 21 years, is organizing a

retirement banquet for Allen

on June 26 at the Italian Amer-

ican Banquet Center in Livonia.

The event is open to the gener-

al public. Tickets for the event,

which begins at 6 p.m., cost \$40.

Jordan said the Northville

firefighters wanted to do some-

thing special for Allen, who

150 tickets, mostly to other

and other fire chiefs in the

area," Jordan said. "But we

firefighters, family members

really want to open it up to the

community. It is going to be a special night. We've got a lot of

January of 1964.

began with the department in

'We've already sold about

even call him an institution.

calls him. Jordan, who has

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Northville Fire Chief James Allen is retiring this year after 50 years with the department.

nice surprises in store."

Jordan said some special guests will be in attendance, including Congressman Kerry Bentivolio and Mayor Chris Johnson. There will also be several guest speakers at the event.

Tickets can be purchased at

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# Northville district hires two more principals to fill vacancies

By Lonnie Huhman

Northville Public Schools continued its torrent pace of hiring candidates for the remaining open principal spots within the district. Meads Mill Middle School and Winchester Elementary will have new leadership next school year, after the retirement of two longtime principals.

The Northville Board of Education is expected to approve the recommendations made by the hiring committees to hire current Hillside Assistant Principal Brad O'Neill as Meads Mill new principal and Kelly Lindsay as principal of Winchester Elementary.

According to school administration, these recommendations follow a multi-stage, indepth process with several

phases of interviews, including a full-panel interview with representation from school parents, teachers, and administrators, along with a written component and reference check.

#### O'Neill to Meads Mill

NPS Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said O'Neill brings a wealth of experience within Northville Public Schools to this position, having served as a teacher at the elementary and middle school level, coach, interim assistant principal at the middle and high school levels, and most recently assistant principal at Hillside Middle School.

"Mr. O'Neill emerged as the finalist based on his leadership experience, knowledge of the

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# Section of Eight Mile to close on Monday

School is out, so work on Eight Mile Road is scheduled to start up

Construction work will begin on Monday between Taft and Beck roads.

According to City of
Northville Public Works
Director Jim Gallogly,
Oakland County is still
planning on improving
Eight Mile Road from
Beck Road east to Taft
Road. This segment of
road is part of last year's
project, which took place
west of Beck Road. Work
is not expected to start
until after school is out in
June.

The cost of the project is about \$4.7 million with \$2.8 million coming from federal funds and the remainder (\$1.9 million) is shared by the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), Northville Township, the City of Northville, the City of Novi and Oakland County general government through the Tri-Party Program.

Part of the improvements will include add-

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ing a continuous left turn lane from Beck to Taft. As part of the overall project, the traffic signals at the Eight Mile and Beck Road and Eight Mile and Taft Road intersections will be updated as will the flasher at the Eight Mile and Napier intersection. The pedestrian crosswalks along this section of Eight Mile Road will also be upgraded to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Originally, RCOC expected to complete the section between Garfield and Beck in 2013, with the section between Napier and Garfield to be completed next year. However, the scheduling was changed to avoid closing the road just before the start of school.

The project involves resurfacing this section of Eight Mile with three inches of asphalt. Additionally, the lanes will be widened for bicycles, and drainage improvements and sidewalks will be completed between Beck and Taft roads.

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**HOW TO REACH US** 



Tom and Gina Van Horn's Novi garden will be featured June 21 during the Garden Walk of The No-Nos. They've been working on their garden, which features a monarch butterfly flower patch, for about 30 years. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER

# Garden Walk blooms with beauty, friendship

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

This year's outside color is a bit late, due to the harsh winter and cool spring, but the Gardeners of Northville & Novi (The No-Nos) are ready for its annual Garden Walk from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 21.

Barbara Krabbenbos of Livonia is this year's publicity chair. The walk has been held every other year, for 12 years, she said, making this year's the sixth.

Seven gardens in Novi and Northville will be featured during the Mad Hatters' Tea Party Garden Walk, held June 21 rain or shine. There are four Novi gardens and three from Northville. Garden styles range from formal to cottage, forest, woodlands and rock gardens. Not to be missed is a 14-tiered waterfall with multi-level gardens at one of the homes.

"It's something that appeals to a certain segment of the population," Krabbenbos said, touting the event's exercise and fresh air. The club's last garden walk drew some 300-400 people. "A lot of it hinges on the weather. We're hoping and praying for good weather."

There will be refreshments, vendors and a 50/50 raffle during the walk. Public restrooms are available at the Art House. Attendees are asked not to bring strollers or wagons. There will be a chance to win a custom-designed quilt donated by a garden club member.



The Van Horn garden has a resident robin that's set up shop near the shed. Its nest has been duly noted by signage, too.

#### **About the club**

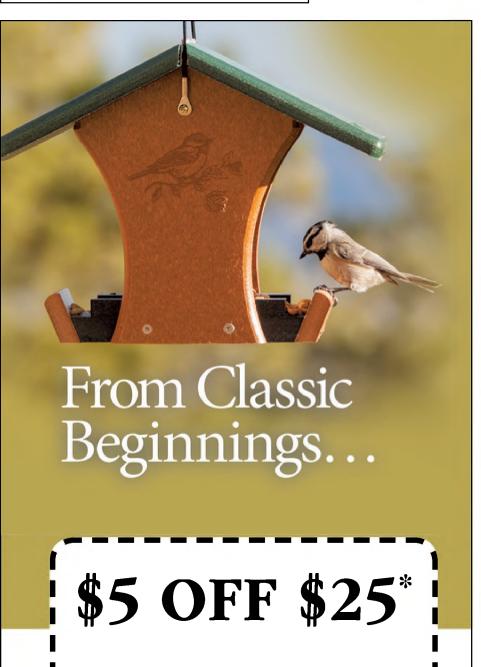
The No-Nos host speakers on gardenrelated topics eight months of the year which have speaker fees. Garden club members also do maintenance of the Art House gardens, as well as giving scholarships and contributing to local food banks.

"We do do community service and we do have a scholarship fund," Krabbenbos said.

The club website is www.gardenersnorth ville-novi.org.

The garden club meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at the Northville Art House. It's open to men and women (high school age and up), many from Novi or Northville, but also Plymouth, Southfield, Walled Lake and other communities.

"We're getting members from a larger area. We have a lot of quality speakers," with many focused on education, she said.



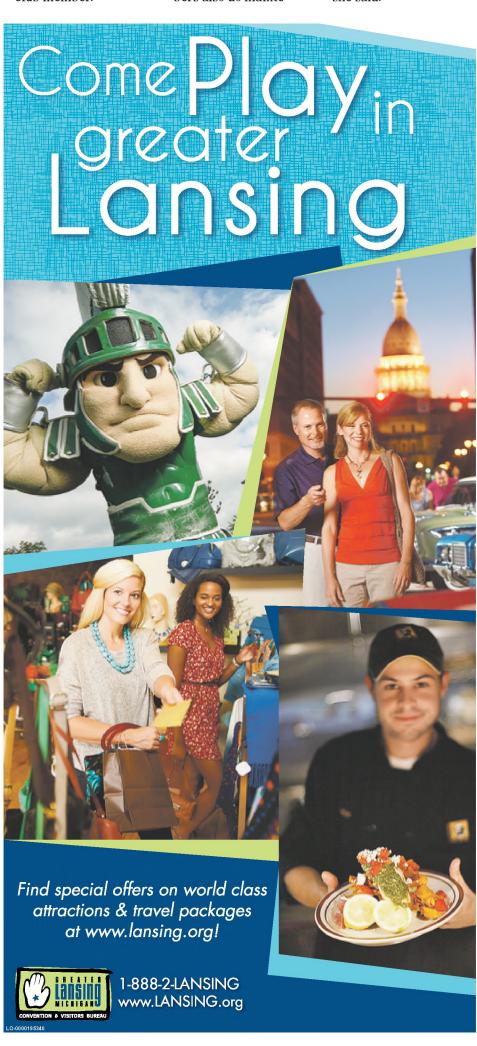
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## Parking issues holding up Center Street development

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Any passerby can see the building at 410 N. Center Street is quickly rising and not far from completion. However, before the new building can open its doors, its owner is going to need to come to an agreement with the City of Northville on a shared parking plan.

This is the first shared parking agreement the city has undertaken. Building owner Dewayne White disagrees with some of the plan's requirements.

Because the two parties could not come to an agreement late last month a decision on the arrangement has been postponed by the Northville City Council in an effort to further discuss it.

The specific issue involves White giving the city a formal notification on any tenant changes, which could impact the parking agreement.

During a May 19 meeting, City Manager Patrick Sullivan recommended the council not approve the shared parking agreements between the owners of 410 N. Center, 114 Rayson and 412 N. Center streets unless a separate agreement can be

reached which helps to control future tenant mix and hours of operation, and revisions recommended by the city attorney and city planning consultant are incorporated into the parking agreements.

At this point White does not want to do that.

White said he thought informing the city of tenant changes was "a little bit unreasonable." He said he has followed each step in the process and has tried to work with the city at each turn.

This hold up has the plans of one of his prospective tenants, a micro brewery, on hold as it waits for the city to move forward on its liquor license. The city has put that on hold until the parking plan can be sorted out.

Meanwhile, homeowners around the building have grown concerned over the increase in parking on their streets and in front of their homes. One is David Marold and he said one solution for on street parking could be time limited parking.

#### Years in the making

This lot sat vacant for a long time, but over the last year the plans for it have taken off. From the start parking has been an issue.



Although Northville's development at 410 N. Center will feature some on-site parking, (with some spots located at the rear of the building as seen here), the possibility of a brew pub at the location has city leaders concerned about parking for the development. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

In August of 2013, the Northville City Planning Commission approved a site plan for a new, two-story building at 410 N. Center Street. The proposed use for the building was to be office and retail. Based on the proposed office and retail uses, it was determined that the building needed 35 parking spaces. The Site Plan was approved with a 37 space parking lot

This part of the city has less public parking than downtown.

Things took a turn in the plan when the city

was notified of the intent to locate a brew pub on the first floor of the new building.

According to Sullivan, the city responded that the brew pub use would increase the parking requirement and that additional parking would need to be approved prior to occupancy by the brew pub. White subsequently asked for consideration of a shared parking arrangement pursuant to 17.01.13c of the City of Northville Zoning Ordi-

The ordinance states that the Planning Com-

mission and City Council consider the shared parking arrangement and possible reduction on the following factors: peak hours of operation for each use, average/peak parking demand, impact of the shared parking on adjacent uses and written legal evidence of a shared city I and S ment deali ant c in ho each use, average/peak parking on adjacent uses and written legal evidence of a shared

parking agreement.
Sullivan said as the sufficient number of parking spaces hinges on the uses which occupy each tenant space, and the hours of operation of each tenant, future parking demand will fluctuate. The city attorney,

city planning consultant and Sullivan all recommend some means of dealing with future tenant changes, and changes in hours of operation.

"Our attempts to negotiate a separate agreement with the building owner have been unsuccessful," Sullivan told council.

There has been no timetable as to when the city council will again review the agreement for a possible decision.

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## **Pumped up for Amerman**



Gabriel McDougal, 9, takes part in a balloon blowing-up-and-thenbursting-game at Amerman Elementary's June 6 carnival and ice cream social. The event was a general fundraiser for the Northville school. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Northville academic team makes mark on state, national stage

The Northville Academic Games Team continued the tradition of participating in both state and national tournaments this spring. The team is comprised of 70 students from Amerman, Hillside, and Meads Mill. The tournaments are divided into Minor (third- and fourth-graders), Elementary (fifth- and sixth-graders), and Middle (seventh- and eighthgraders) divisions.

At the state tournament, the Northville team had a strong presence. After three days of competition, two Northville Minor teams won co-state Champions in Equations, a mathematical game. Another Northville team also won the state championship in On-Words, a language game. In the Elementary division, the Northville teams won a total of four state titles in On-Words, Adventurous Equations, Wff N' Proof (a game of symbolic logic), and Presidents (a game of presidents' history).

Five Northville teams qualified for the national tournament, and 20 students traveled to Knoxville, Tennessee to face teams from other states. The three-day competition was

Team Time Square, comprised of Liana Lau, Catherine Jiang, Austin Hu, Marcel Wang and Gowrav Mangipudi, finished first in the nation

based on overall performance. They are also the national champions in the game of On-Sets. Team I Like  $\pi$  (Jeffrey Zhang, Jeffrey Yang, Oliver Wu, Ahmad Raaiyan and Brian Yang) were named national champion in the game of Equations, and ranked 3rd in the overall performance. Individually, three Northville students – Ľiana Lau, Jeffrey Zhang and Brian Yang - were ranked in the Top 10 in the country based on their overall performance in all four games they played.
All Northville Academic

Games players worked really hard throughout the year, practicing at least twice a week since last September, and some of them continue to do so after the tournaments. They participated in regional tournaments once a month on Saturday mornings. Their hard work paid off. Not only do they now have lots and lots of memories and friends, but also math and logic skills.

State champions in Minor Basic Equations were: Team Crazy Smarties (Akshaya Kannikeshara, Arya Gowda, Bi-anca Brie, Keerthana Danasekaran and Alyssa Shi) and Team Awesome Five (Sambhav Gupta, Mehmet Tascioglu, Joshua Chacko, Sabrina Loftus and Lana Ho). Team Crazy Smarties is also the state

champions in Minor Basic On-Words. Basic Elementary On-Words State Champion is Team Girl Power (Lily Wang, Vaishvi Salvi, Aarti Shridar, Ria Ellendula and Sneha Ganan). Elementary Advanced Equations state champions are Team Time Square and Team I Like  $\pi$  . The latter, I Like  $\pi$ , is also the state champion in Presidents. Three Northville teams are the co-state champions of the game Wff N' Proof: Time Square, I Like  $\pi$  and Terminators (Rithik Babu, Rohith Kesamneni, Eric Song, Jason Brown and Andy Jiang).

The Northville Academic Games team is fortunate to have a group of dedicated parent coaches: Madhur Malhotra, Sri Mangipudi, Yang Yang, Simona Marincean, Kannikeswaran Subramanian, Tammy Shen and Pradeepa Sekaran. It is also supported by many other parent volunteers who contribute by doing everything from running weekly practices to chaperoning overnight tournaments.

Beginning this fall, Northville Academic Games Team will split into three teams, i.e., each of the three participating schools will have their own team. For more information about these games, visit the Michigan League of Academic Games website www.mlagonline.com.

## NHS SANP party takes participants on 'farewell tour'

**By Lonnie Huhman** Staff Writer

Hard work and creativity made this year's Northville High Senior All Night Party a night to remember for the outgoing seniors.

The Northville Senior All Night Party was a huge success," said Northville parent and SANP chairperson Dawn Carson. "Due to countless hours of preparation by our

parent volunteers our seniors enjoyed a fun and safe place to celebrate their graduation.'

The theme for the June 1 party was "Oh The Places You Will Go": Farwell Tour Northville 2014. New York, New Orleans, Louisville, Las Vegas, and Detroit were all represented with fabulous decorations that truly transferred attendees to those cities. There was also an enormous variety of great food and drinks.

Carson said the theme "inspired our decorations committee to transform the high school into five different cities, including a live jazz band, a mini hockey rink, Central Park and a casino which is always a big hit."

The SANP planning team wants to thank a lot of supporters.

The community really stepped in to help make a special night for almost 500 students with their generous donations," said Carson. "The food was delicious and plentiful and many memories were created as the student's high school days came to an end.

She added, "It takes a combination of parents and community pulling together to keep this long lasting tradition alive. Thanks to the many volunteers and businesses who helped put this special night together."



Those who attended the party enjoyed dancing, music and plenty of time to reflect on their years at Northville High School.



## Senior All Night Party Committee Northville High School Glass of 2014

Wishes to Thank All Those Involved in Making This Year's Party a Huge Success

To the committee members who worked so hard over the past year, to all the volunteers who donated their time and energy, to the community who supported us, and to all the many who contributed to ensure that the graduating class of 2014 had a night to remember we express our sincere gratitude.

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# Summer carnival spins into town next weekend at Northville Downs

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The carnival is coming to town and bringing with it a whole lot of familyoriented fun.

Northville's Summer Carnival is coming to downtown and will again be set up at the Northville Downs Racetrack parking lot. This is a Northville Chamber of Commerce sponsored event.

"The carnival is brought to Northville as a compliment to the Arts and Acts Festival, making the weekend one with activities for all ages," said Traci Sincock, associate director at the Chamber of Commerce.

Fun, food, and exciting carnival rides will return when Elliott's Amusements of Mason set up shop. There will be popular thrill rides for all ages and kiddie rides for the younger crowd.

For the mature crowd there are the bumper cars, Ferris wheel and Zipper. Those are just a few of the different rides that will be operating.

For the younger crowd there is a good variety of rides such as the Berry-Go-Round, helicopters and super slide.



The sun sets behind the Ferris Wheel at last year's Northville Summer Carnival. photo by Traci Sincock

#### NORTHVILLE SUMMER CARNIVAL

When: June 19-22

**Where:** Northville Downs Race Track parking lot (Seven Mile Road and Center Street)

**Hours:** Thursday and Friday 4-11 p.m.; Saturday noon to 11 p.m.; Sunday noon to 8 p.m.

More info: Call the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640

The carnival will also have a line of quality game and food concessions.

Carnival promoters say, "Unlike the carnivals of yester-year, our games are designed with the player in mind."

Many games award a "prize every time" to

kids, or let them play until they win. The games are designed to be fair, honest and fun and award the player with a quality prize.

The selection of various food items are classic crowd pleasers such as cotton candy, popcorn, elephant ears, funnel cake, deep fried candy bars, sausage and peppers, and as well as many other carnival favorites.

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## Ruby turns 99



Ruby Albertson, a resident at Northville Senior Living located on East Main Street in Northville, celebrated her 99th birthday last Tuesday. Her three sons – Robert, Richard and Ross – stopped by to help her celebrate the milestone, along with her fellow residents at Northville Senior Living, where Albertson has been living for the past four years. She always enjoys talking to the other residents and loves playing bingo and listening to the live music every week.

# Livonia Public Schools Opening Japanese Immersion Magnet Program To Out-Of-District Students

Livonia Public Schools is opening its Japanese Immersion Magnet program to Limited Schools of Choice 105c for the 2014–15 school year. This program is geared toward elementary students looking for a specialized learning experience in a Japanese/English dual immersion setting.

Seats are open to students entering Kdg, 1st,2nd, 3rd or 4th grade in the 2014-15 school year. 50 seats in Kindergarten; 25 seats in each grade 1st-4th Limited Registration Window: June 10 - June 24, 2014

Applications will be accepted at LPS Board of Education Office— Personnel Department, located at 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154 June 10, 2014 at 8 a.m.-June 24, 2014 at 4 p.m.

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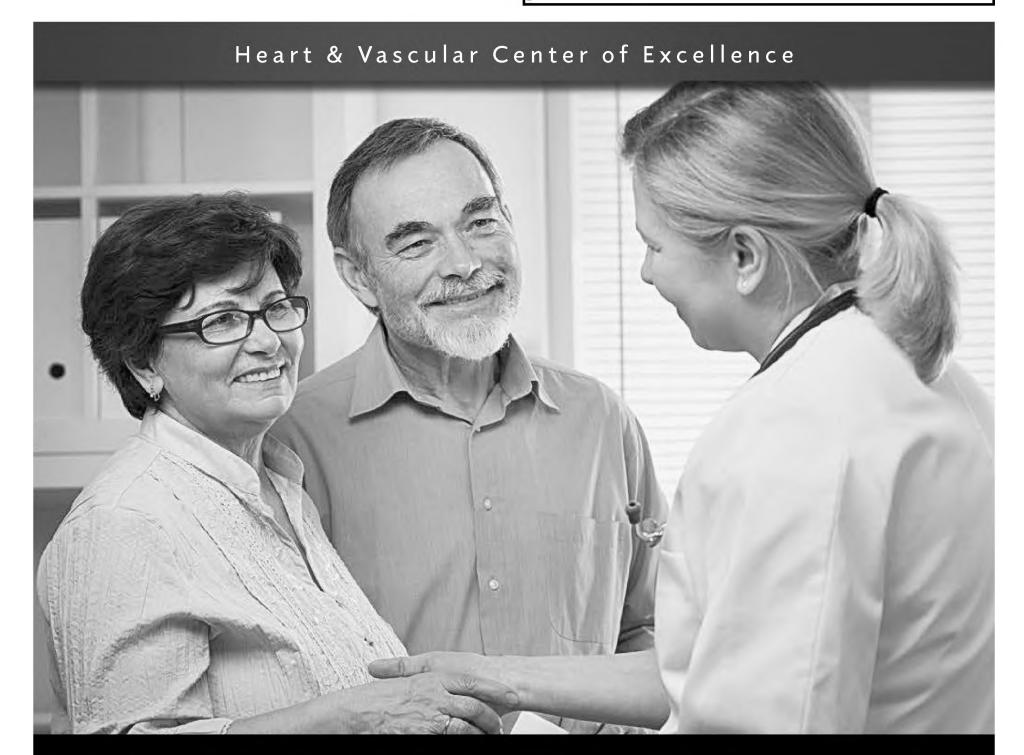
All candidates must meet the stated minimum selection testing criteria in Japanese Language Proficiency.

For complete information on the application process, visit www.livoniapublicschools.org or contact Livonia Public Schools at 734-722-2522.

## Volunteers improve trails at Maybury



About 40 volunteers showed up to work on June 7 for the REI and the Friends of Maybury sponsored National Trails Day event at Maybury State Park. The volunteers worked on improving trails with crushed limestone, removing invasive garlic mustard, blocking abandoned "renegade" trails, and upgrading signage along the park's trail system.





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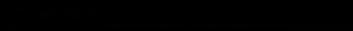
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Film Festival, the Short on Words literary event sponsored by Preservation Dental, children's activities and more.

"We get a great crowd every year," Carter said of the three days. "We estimate about 10,000."

Said Potter Thomas: "This is going to be an outstanding year. We have some great artists coming. It's going to be a great festival."

Some of the artists, such as a potter or jeweler, have a following with repeat visitors each year. The fine arts portion was juried in early

"Every year, we're excited about the quality of artists we're getting," Carter said. "There's definitely a place for craft," but here the focus is on fine arts, "in order to give people a nice variety as they're walking through town."

She praised the committee members who put the festival together each summer, as well as the Northville Art Commission and Potter Thomas.

"A really great group of people who care so much about the arts. We



Funds raised from Arts and Acts event go directly to support the operation of the Northville Art House. CAL STONE

have a great group of volunteers that try to make it easier on the artists," Carter said. Those volunteers provide artists with bottled water and other creature com-

#### 'Art Opens Doors'

Last year, there were strong thunderstorms during festival setup, so organizers are hoping for sunny skies this year. The children's activities have an "Art Opens Doors" theme this year.

"We're looking forward to some great artwork out of the kids this year," Carter said. In one children's activity, art will be "framed" by a door and displayed in the town square.

Organizers are having the children draw what

interpersonal skills, and

ability to foster a collaborative school culture,"

She said he demon-

Gallagher said.

Northville looks like to them. They are using markers, crayons and "found objects" (corks, toy wheels, wooden blocks, etc.) and stamp pads to create their artwork. Those in charge are "framing" the work

They can decorate the door as well. The children can either take their artwork with them or

with a die cut door.

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they can have it on display on the Rock on Main wall in Town Square and they can pick the artwork up the following week at the Art House. Children's activities are sponsored by Town and Country Eyecare.

Festival hours will be noon to 8 p.m. Friday, June 20, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 21, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 22, with music going later Friday and Saturday.

Carter is excited about Saturday's new Chalk Festival, sponsored by Renewal by Andersen. "Hopefully, we'll get the whole community out drawing chalk squares," she said. "It should be fun."

Potter Thomas, too, is excited about the inaugu-

ral Chalk Festival. "I think that's going to be a really exciting component," she said. "The community of all ages can get involved with that.

Participants will create their chalk work in a designated sidewalk square on the west side of Wing Street and the north side of Cady Street. The registration fee is \$10 per square. The Northville Art House will provide each individual or group with one box of chalk. Registration forms are available at www.northvillearthouse-.org. Cash prizes will be given in four categories.

Potter Thomas noted the city of Northville provides the Art House building, "which is won-derful," but there are significant additional costs to running the facil-

"Our reputation is growing" among artists, she said, adding she's pleased to have free exhibits open to the community. The Art House also has an artisan store.

"We are a really important component of the community," Potter Thomas added, noting such an arts center is a "key to a desirable city."

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strates a strong commitment to leadership, collaboration, a focus on students, and advancing the work already underway at Meads Mill in the areas of school improvement and implementation of the International Baccalaureate

Middle Years Program. He's replacing longtime Meads Mill principal Dr. Sue Meyer.

#### Winchester's new face

Gallagher said in an announcement last week that Lindsay brings seven years of elementary teaching experience, along with two and a half years of experience in an instructional leadership role as head teacher



Former Hillside Middle School Principal Brad O'Neil (center) will move a few miles to the east and take over at Meads Mill Middle School as its principal. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF

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(similar to an assistant principal role) in Walled Lake Community Schools to this position.

of leadership experiences to her work including knowledge of The Leader in Me journey, and was the Elementary District Teacher of the Year in Walled Lake for the 2010-11 school year," Gallagher said. "Her professional references were extraordinarily outstanding." Lindsay's credentials

also include a Master of Arts in teaching with professional certification in mathematics education and elementary education and an educational specialist degree in educational leadership, as well as school administrator and central office certification.

Lindsay replaces the retiring Pat Messing.

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Jordan said Chief Allen has definitely left his mark on the Northville community, and that it will be strange when he moves on this sum-

"I've always respect-

ed Chief Allen, even when we didn't see eye to eve on certain issues. He is one of the last oldschool chiefs. And there is no doubt he is an in-

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## Bringing Zen to all

New Northville yoga studio to open this weekend

When Empower Yoga Studio opens its doors June 14, students will find no "guru" dictating classes. Instead, the new studio will be sporting a "community" approach, freeing its team of teachers - each with yoga specialties - to lead classes in their own preferred style. The result: a breadth of options for matching teachers to tastes, interests and abilities, all in what owner Julie Cook calls "a judgmentfree environment."

Cook said her studio is designed to appeal to people with all levels of yoga experience.

'In our technologyfilled lives, sky-high stress is an epidemic in our society. We don't get the chance to reboot and heal. Yoga can reduce stress levels greatly and improve health and quality of life," said Cook, a certified yoga instructor. "At Empower Yoga, we meet the student where they are with a variety of class styles and levels that meet our students' unique needs and in-

terests. For example, in addition to classic Vinyasa classes (hot and otherwise), there's the ongoing "Yoga for Beginners," a 30-day program that gently guides those who are new to yoga. "Healthy Backs" is a restorative yoga that is ideal for anyone seeking healing and relaxation. For competitive athletes, there's Cook's "Endurance Yoga" – a program that caters directly to the needs of



Julie Cook is owner and operator of Empower Yoga Studio, located at 41620 Six Mile Road in Northville Township. The studio opens its doors June 14.

competitive athletes. Cook said Endurance Yoga has built local renown for its ability to improve athletic performance while reducing risk of training-related

"Yoga for athletes is usually taught in a gym and participants miss out on a quiet, peaceful experience," she said.
"The Empower Yoga setting is serene, providing a Zen-like, relaxed feeling the moment you walk in the door. It's yoga the way it's meant to be experienced."

The experience is an essential element to generate the full power of yoga, she says.

"The meaning of yoga is to 'yoke.' It creates a oneness with both the body and mind, balancing the brain and easing stress and de-pression," Cook said. "The physical postures help us to work out all of the stress and tension that we hold deep in our

tissues.' Indeed, yoga's physical postures (called

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Asanas) are designed to keep the body strong, fit and flexible, while breathing techniques aim to focus the mind. "Together they work beautifully to change the biochemistry of the brain and help restore balance to both body and mind," Cook said.

Cook's passion and enthusiasm for the power of yoga to change lives is evident in the studio's philosophy of "Karma Yoga" – the act of giving without any expectation of receiving. The studio has a full plan for giving back to the community, included are some karma-building fundraisers for Pontiac's Light House Mis-

Empower Yoga Studio is located at 41620 Six Mile Road in Northville Township. There are a number of grand opening specials, including 30 days of unlimited yoga classes for just \$30. For more information, call the studio at 248-719-7520 or visit www.empoweryoga.net.

# Major outlet mall coming to Canton

Shoppers tired of driving to Auburn Hills or Birch Run to find a good outlet mall will have their problems solved in the next 24 months or so if plans made by a Baltimore-based developer go through.

Paragon Outlet Partners is scheduled to break ground next spring on a 357,000-square-foot outlet mall that could feature as many as 100 stores and open by summer 2016.

Paragon's develop-ment would join other outlet malls in the region, including Tanger Outlets in Howell, Birch Run Premium Outlets in Birch Run, and Great Lakes Crossing Outlets in Auburn Hills.

Kristen Thomas, Canton's economic development manager, said township officials believe an outlet mall in Canton could give the same sort of boost to the area as did IKEA when it opened in June 2006.

"The kinds of retailers they attract ... we don't have any of that in the area," said Thomas, who pointed out tenants in some of Paragon's other malls include brands such as Tommy Hilfiger, Nike and Calvin Klein. "It would be a regional draw, just as IKEA is.'

Thomas said the outlet mall, which would be located in the Ford Road-Lotz area, would be good for other businesses in the area.

"People would be coming from all over the



Rendering of the proposed outlet mall on Ford Road in Canton.

area," she said. "People might spend the night here, they'll stay for dinner, they might do some more shopping along Ford Road. We have so many visitors to the area because of IKEA and the sports center on Michigan Avenue, it creates a great synergy. Not only did more visitors come, it brought more retailers who hoped to build off the draw of IKEA."

Nicholas King, a principal with Paragon, said the company is "excited about Canton," and believes the metro Detroit market can handle - even needs - another outlet

Paragon, he pointed out, has been "successful developing outlet centers" for more than 20 years, including their most recent one in Minneapolis, Minn. He said the company is in the developmental stage right now and is "in the process" of speaking with potential tenants.

In fact, he said, he'll be in Canton today to meet with prospective

tenants. 'We try to differentiate ourselves form the existing retail offerings

in the market," King said. "We try to bring a unique tenant mix, some products and some brands that aren't in the area.'

Thomas said Canton officials met with Paragon at a Las Vegas convention last month. She said the development comes at a good time, even for the traffic-challenged Ford Road/I-275 area. The township recently received some \$5 million for paving Lotz out to Cherry Hill and another \$1.8 million for improvements to the I-275/Ford interchange.

"The nice thing is it's east of I-275 and most of the (traffic) problems are west of I-275," Thomas said.

King said Paragon has already started looking at traffic issues and doesn't think there will be additional problems related to the outlet mall.

"We'll do full traffic studies and work with municipalities and the state and local highway folks to make sure it functions for us and for everybody else," King said. "We've looked at it already and we don't anticipate any problems.

## Frush Financial Group relocates to Cantoro's

Northville-based financial adviser Scott Frush, CFA, CFP©, has relocated his Frush Financial Group office to the mezzanine level of the recently opened Cantoro's Italian Market and Trattoria on Haggerty

Road north of Five Mile in Northville Township. Frush has been providing individuals, families,

Scott Frush and busi-

nesses customized financial services for

more than 20 years. The Frush Financial Group financial solutions include: portfolio management, individual retirement plans, educational savings plans, business plans and financial coordination. Frush is also the author of seven investing books: The Strategic ETF Investor, All About Exchange-Traded Funds, Commodities Demystified, Hedge Funds Demystified, Understanding Hedge Funds, Understanding Asset Allocation, and Optimal Investing.

With this unique office location, (Cantoro's is owned by his wife's parents) Frush will be offering monthly wine tasting and investment seminars covering a number of important investment issues in the building's lower lever "old world designed" Wine Cellar, which is reserved for private events throughout the

"I am very fortunate to relocate my office inside my in-laws' Cantoro's Italian Market," he said. "I am looking forward to supporting all my present clients and I am looking forward to meeting and supporting new individuals that need sound financial advice or maybe an objective solution for their financial situation."

Over the years Frush

has received two top honors. In 2010 he was selected to the Dbusiness Magazine's "30 in Their Thirties" annual award for his accomplishments made before the age of 40 and in 2007 he was a recipient of CFA Maga zine's prestigious "Most Investor Oriented" annual award for his outstanding contributions made to investor education.

Frush is the founder and managing director of Frush Financial Group, and he is a past instructor of finance at the University of Michigan, Flint. In addition, he is publisher of the newsletters ETF Market Watch and The Closing Bell, and host of ETF Professor TV (all about exchange-traded funds-...video style).

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## Dashing through the streets



Ian Kramp, 8, of Allen Park, takes off at the 8:45 a.m. 5K race during the June 6 Kona Run held in downtown Northville. Hundreds of runners dashed through the streets of Northville that morning in varying races. For more information, visit www.solsti-Cerun.org. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

#### **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

#### **Oldtimers Luncheon**

The annual Oldtimers Luncheon will take place beginning at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 17 at Genitti's, located at 108 E. Main, Northville.

According to Laura Genit-ti, the Oldtimers Club is made up of a number of seniors who are longtime Northville residents.

'They get together once a year and tell stories about Northville. They always have a great time," Genitti said. "They would love to get some new members. They are just a great group of

They are inviting anyone age 50 and up to come up and share some stories and lunch.

Cost of the lunch is \$15. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. For more information or to make reservations, contact Genitti's at 248-349-

#### **Girl Scout garage sale**

The 16th Annual Historical Society/Girl Scout Garage Sale runs 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Friday at a residence located at 218 W. Dunlap Street in Northville.

The annual sale benefits both the Northville Historical Society and the Mackinac Island Honor Girl Scouts. For more information, call Bill or Carole Jean Stockhausen at 248-349-2833.

concert series starts June 17 as Gemini takes the Town Square stage from 10:30-11:30 a.m. This twin brother team includes sing-alongs, hand motions, folk tales, and music from around the world.

Theatre, 108 E. Main.

presented by the Northville Downtown Development Authority and Community Financial, and managed by Northville Parks & Recrea-

Lindsey Butzin, pro-

## specialist for Northville

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Northville's Tunes on Tuesdays children's

The Tunes on Tuesdays concerts are all free, and take place each week from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Town Square. In the case of rain, the concerts will be moved inside Genitti's Little

The concert series is

"It has been Tunes on Tuesdays forever," said gram and marketing Parks and Recreation. The weekly concerts will wrap up this year with an Aug. 26 performance.

Tuesday concerts to draw kids, families

"A long time," Butzin said of the series origin. "I cannot remember a time we didn't have it and I've been here 12 years."

Gemini usually opens Tunes on Tuesday, she said, with a couple other performers who also return each summer. "Then we try to throw in a couple new ones" for variety.

On a nice summer day, organizers get up to 250 attendees "easily. Some of the bands come with their own following.'

Tunes on Tuesday is publicized online, Butzin said, and it's being free and publicized enhances its geographic draw. "Even on the rain days, we're full house," she

said, noting parents like to socialize while their children enjoy enter-

tainers. For more information, contact Northville Parks & Recreation at 248-349-0203 or visit

www.northvilleparks andrec.org. After Gemini on June

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#### SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2014-15 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 24, 2014, at 6:30 o'clock p.m., at Hillside Middle School, 775 North Center St., Northville, Michigan, the Board of Education of Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2014-2014 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2014-2015 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2014-2015 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 501 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan.

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

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education

Cynthia Jankowski, Secretary

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# Julius Saner always had a Werther's to offer — and a smile

By Kurt Kuban Staff Writer

To those who knew him. Julius Saner will forever be linked with Werther's candy. That's because the longtime City of Northville employee and resident was known for carrying the little candies around in



Mr. Saner

his shirt pocket and giving one to nearly everyone who crossed his path. Saner, 85,

died on Wednesday after an accident at his Northville home. Many in

the Northville are mourning his passing, calling him one of the nicest men you could ever meet. "Uncle Julius was always a very, very happy person. If you were around him, even if you were in a bad mood, he

would make you feel happy. That's just the kind of personality he had," said Roxanne Casterline, who is married to Saner's nephew Butch Casterline, and owns the Casterline Funeral Home in town. "He was just such a welcoming person. And of course, he always had a Werther's candy for you. My children always remember Uncle Julius stopping by and handing each a Werther's. They always looked forward to it. That was kind of his signature.'

Saner's other signature was his ability to fix just about anything. He worked for 30 years as the mechanic for the Northville Department of Public Works, retiring in the late 1980s. After that he went to work for the fledgling Northville Parks and Recreation Department. Traci Sincock, who was hired by

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the department right around the same time as Saner, said he was the only full-time maintenance employee at the time and pretty much single-handedly kept all the equipment operational. Oh, and he also cut the grass at the parks.

"The department didn't have much back then. Everything we had was used or hand-medowns. But he would tinker and tinker, and kept everything running," Sincock said. "And he did a great job maintaining the fields. He was the one who made it happen for the kids who were in our early soccer program. He would be out cutting grass until the cows came home. That's what made him happy.'

Sincock said Saner worked for about four years with parks and rec before "retiring for real." However, when Sincock was hired as director for the department in 1991, she convinced him to come back for a couple more years.

"He was just great to have around. He absolutely loved his community," she said.

And, as someone who spent a generation working for the city, he knew quite a bit about Northville's buried secrets literaly. Current DPW director Jim Gallogly, who was hired after Saner retired from the department, said Saner would frequently stop by the DPW yard to chat with the guys and he often had invaluable advice. Like the time they were getting ready to reconstruct a local road, and Saner remembered from a previous construction project years ago that an artesian well ran underneath the road, which helped with the planning.

"He knew the ins and outs of Northville, that's for sure. He could tell us all kinds of information the kind of stuff an engineer would never know,' Gallogly said. "And he was everyone's friend. He was just a good guy to have around. I always enjoyed his visits."

Some folks may also remember Saner as the man who graded the track at Northville Downs before every race.

#### **Devoted husband**

Roxanne Casterline said Saner grew up on a farm on Powell Road in Plymouth Township. He was the only son of Julius and Sophie (Huegel) Saner, and grew up with five sisters. Even in his early years, Casterline said young Julius was generous. As a teenager, he would jump on his father's Ferguson tractor ("Uncle Julius wasn't a John Deere man, he was a Ferguson man," Casterline said.) and plow the farm, and when he was finished he would plow for all the neighbors.

Saner lived with his beloved wife Marjorie for more than 60 years on Grandview Street, where they raised two children, Denise and Lyle.

While Saner may have been known to most for handing out Werther's or his ability to fix things, Casterline said his true passion in life was Marjorie. In recent years, she had some physical ailments that limited her ability to get around, and Julius made the decision to be her main caretaker - something he did with devotion and love.

"He was always by her side," Casterline said. "There was never a man more devoted to a woman than Julius was to Marjorie. It was all about

Marjorie. He took very good care of her. He was a very devoted husband."

Saner is survived by his wife, Marjorie D. Saner; his children, Denise (Doug) Jordan and Lyle (Carol) Jones; his sisters, Tillie Schultz, Madeline (Avery) Penney, and Shirley (Chuck) Brokas; his grandchildren, Natalie Jones, Kimberly (Royce) Jones, Kristin (David) Maund, and Katie (Rodrigo) Himiob; and his great grandchildren, Jet, Skylar, Jordan, Riley, and Benjamin. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Emily Casterline and Sophie Balko; and his great grandma Heugel, whom he loved dearly.

A funeral service was held Saturday, June 7, at Casterline Funeral Home. Pastor Terry Nelson from Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, where Saner was a parishioner, officiated the service. He will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

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a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish) Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org

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a.m. and 11 a.m. Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednes-

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

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#### **BELLISARIO, MARY**

Age 84, June 6, 2014. Visitation June 9, Phillips Funeral Home. Funeral June 10, St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon.

#### **BOYD, FRANK** January 4, 1932 - June 1, 2014 obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

#### BROWER, WILLIAM N.

Age 71, of Salem Twp., passed away June 4, 2014. Online con-

dolences at

### DEWEY, PAULA J.

Age 67, passed away May 28, 2014. Memorial service June 5, 11am, Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. phillipsfuneral.com

HESSE, KIMBERLY A. Age 45, of Bloomfield Township, passed away June 2, 2014. Online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

#### KING, STEVEN L. Age 56, of White Lake, passed way June 3, 2014.

Online condolences at: www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



### LAMBROS.

**DEMETRIOS CHRIS** Of South Lyon, MI passed away peacefully after a long battle with cancer on Saturday, June 7, 2014. Demetrios is survived by his long time companion and wife Diane, daughter, Sara, sonin-law Jeff, grandchildren Hunter and Presley, sister Nitsa and Brother Spyro. Demetrios was known for his down-to-earth personality, great sense of humor and was well liked by many. An avid sports fan, he especially enjoyed U of M football, the Detroit Redwings and the Detroit Tigers. He played hockey from the age of 16, played softball for many years and loved to golf. A visitation will be held at St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church - (36375 Joy Road Westland, MI 48185) on Tuesday, June 10 from 4-8 p.m. and a Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, June 11 at 10:00 a.m. (at the church). In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to the Christopher Atchison "Live the Dream" Scholarship Fund. All checks can be made payable to The Christopher Atchison Scholarship Fund and can be mailed to 4915 Breckenridge Drive Grand Rapids, MI 49525

#### LEHMAN, MARY E.

Age 88, of Northville, MI passed away June 8, 2014. Online condolences at: ww.casterlinefuneralhome.com



#### LETVIN, THOMAS JAY

Beloved husband of Dee Letvin. Dear father of Abbie Letvin and fiance Kevin Sack, and Samantha Letvin. Dearest brother of Brian (Karen) Letvin and Marc (Peggy) Letvin. Loving son of Betty (the late Abe) Letvin. Son-in-law of Helen (the late Claude) White. Brother-in-law of Karen Vance. Also remembered by many loving nieces, nephews, family members, and friends. SERV-ICES WERE HELD JUNE 6, AT THE DORFMAN CHAP-EL, FARMINGTON HILLS, 248-406-6000. INTERMENT TO FOLLOW AT ADAT SHALOM MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY, LIVO-

NIA, or visit www.the dorfman chapel.com.



#### NICHOLS, LINDA SUE (WYNINGS)

Graveside Memorial Services for Linda Sue (Wynings) Nichols, 67, of Davis, Oklahoma, will be at 10 a.m. Friday, June 13, 2014, at Green Hill Cemetery in Davis. She was born May 15, 1947, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, to Corwin and Betty Wynings. She went to be with her Lord and Savior on June 3, 2014, at her home in Davis. Linda graduated high school from South Lyon, Mich., in 1965. She married her husband, Earl, on Oct. 8, 1966, and they had one son, Tim. Linda worked 20 years in banking and then worked in retail until her retirement in 2005. A few years later, her husband retired and they moved to Davis to be near their son and his family. She was a member of the Third and Atlanta Church of Christ in Davis. Linda loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She enjoyed going to watch all their school activities. She would tell everyone they were her pride and joy. She also loved to spend time with her dogs, Molly and Mo. Her favorite pastimes were reading, computer games and puzzles. Talking on the phone with her longtime best friends, Judy Showerman and Susie Beacham, always seemed like a treat to her. She looked forward to every conversation. Linda is survived by her husband, Earl, of the home, son, Tim, and daughter-in-law, Sheri, and her three grandchildren, Logan, Presley and Cory; one sister, Corrine (Corky) Harmon, and one brother, Bud Wynings, both of South Lyon. Her parents and an older sister, Mary Lou Gardner, preceded her in death.

The family has asked instead of

flowers, please send donations to

the American Lung Association.

## NOFFZ, HAROLD C.

Age 86, of Northville, passed away June 3, 2014. Online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

#### PHILLIPS, BERNARD September 13, 1925

May 30, 2014 obrien sullivan funeral home.com



#### SANER, JULIUS H. Age 85, longtime resident of Northville, passed away June 4,

2014. He was born December 5,

1928 to Julius and Sophie

(Huegel) Saner. He was united in

marriage to Marjorie D. Opdenhoff on November 27, 1951; they spent 62 loving years together. Julius grew up on a farm on Powell Road in Plymouth, moved to Northville in 1960. He worked for the Northville Department of Public Works as the head mechanic, retiring after 30 years. Following his retirement, he continued his career working for Northville Downs, maintaining the track during race season, and Northville Parks and Recreation, maintaining the baseball diamonds, tennis courts, and soccer fields. He was a member of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in South Lyon and also attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Northville. He was also a member of the Plymouth Elks. Julius was an incredibly hard working man. He loved to tinker and could fix and repair anything; he could often be found working on his tractor or old blue pickup truck. He was very kind and many of his neighbors and their children adored him. His friendly nature was magnetic; he stayed connected and visited with many of his favorite people around town, always having a Werthers candy to share. His smiling face will certainly be missed by his family and friends. He is survived by his loving wife, Marjorie D. Saner; his children, Denise (Doug) Jordan and Lyle (Carol) Jones; his sisters, Tillie Schultz, Madeline (Avery) Penney, and Shirley (Chuck) Brokas; his grandchildren, Natalie Jones, Kimberly (Royce) Brokas: Jones, Kristin (David) Maund, and Katie (Rodrigo) Himiob; and his great-grandchildren, Skylar, Jordan, Riley, and Benjamin. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Emily Casterline and Sophie Balko; and his great-grandma Heugel, whom he loved dearly. A Funeral Service was held Saturday, June 7, 2014 at 11 a.m at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Pastor Terry Nelson from Cross of Christ Lutheran Church officiated the service. He was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions

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**POLICE BRIEFS** 

#### **Prom party drinking**

Northville Township Police visited a home on the 45000 block of Greenridge Drive in the early morning hours of May 23 to inquire about youth drinking at a post prom party being held at the residence.

Officers arrived at the home around 3 a.m. after leaving three Northville High School seniors who had called police to report one of the three had gotten drunk and was unresponsive. The 18year-old boy's two companions said he had passed out after drinking and they couldn't wake him. Officers were also

unable to revive the boy and the Northville Township Fire Department was called to transport him to the hospital, where he later was revived and sobered up. Officers questioned his two companions, who said they had been drinking at the prom party on Greenridge.

The owners of the home welcomed the officers, and told them the adults had stayed upstairs while the students were downstairs. They said they had checked all the kids when the entered the home to make sure they didn't have any booze. Officers went downstairs to question

the approximate 50 partygoers, and immediately could detect the odor of alcohol in the air, according to police reports. Officers figured out the kids had smuggled the alcohol into the party by putting it into water bot-

The homeowner realized he had been duped and immediately began calling parents to come get their children. Some stayed the night. All of the car keys were collected. The students said the three students who led the police to the home had not been drinking at their party, however.

"This time of year there are a lot of gradua-

tion parties, so parents really need to be extra vigilant about what their children are doing," said Northville Township Public Safety Director John Werth

#### **Trespassing** swimmers

Northville Township Police arrested four young men on May 29 for jumping off the Mission Pointe Bridge in the Stonewater subdivision. A local resident called police to report the men jumping into the lake.

Police arrived to find a 22-year-old Livonia man, two Redford Township teens and a 19-yearold Westland man walking away from the bridge. All were soaking wet. Multiple signs are posted on the bridge to inform trespassers they will be prosecuted. All were cited for trespassing and given a June 18 court date.

#### **B&E** suspect apprehended

With the help of another police department, the Northville City Police arrested a Rochester Hills man after he broke into a home on Summerside Lane. The incident happened on the morning of May 28 at a home in which the owner had recently passed away. This was allegedly

the method of operation for this suspected thief.

Although Northville City Police did not want to name the specific undercover team that followed the man, they did say they were out of Oakland County and had been investigating the suspect for a rash of similar crimes around metro Detroit. The undercover team witnessed the 21-year-old man prying open a garage side door and entering the Northville home. They detained him until Northville Police arrived. There was some stolen evidence recovered from his vehicle, including some jewelry.

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**OUR VIEWS** 

# Flag Day: A time to pay homage to our national symbol

"We take the stars from Heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to

posterity representing Liberty."

That's what George Washington once wrote about the newly created American flag during the American Revolution. His sentiments stir up the patriotism most Americans feel about our national symbol.

Flag Day, which is annually celebrated on June 14, approaches this year with some very good news for local American flag lovers. The effort to refurbish Northville's largest flag, the American flag mural on the back of the Marquis Theatre downtown, has just about reached its fundraising goal. Organizers of the fundraising effort are so close, in fact, that they have already commissioned the artist who originally painted the mural after the Marquis owner Inge Zayti hired him in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks. Artist Jeff Van Buskirk is expected to start work on the mural sometime in in mid-July. Northville Rotary and the staff at Preserva-

tion Dental have led the ongoing fundraising efforts with the goal of raising about \$19,000. The community stepped up to support a variety of fundraisers, including the most recent at the Northville Sports Den on May 27

Flag Day would be a great time to help close the deal as the fundraising group attempts to raise the rest of the funds to pay for the project. The mural is a powerful reminder for both local residents and visitors to downtown Northville that this is a patriotic town.

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

The American flag has a proud history. Authorized by Congress June 14, 1777, what we now know as the Stars and Stripes first flew over the walls of Fort Stanwix in the wilderness of upstate New York. It is unlikely that the soldiers within those walls, who were taking on the most powerful nation in the world at the time, realized that the red, white, and blue American flag would become one of the most recognizable symbols in the world.

Although despised by some, the Stars and Stripes have inspired countless others in nearly every corner of the globe, especially where people have lived under tyranny. It isn't the design of the flag (though it is certainly handsome as flags go) that is inspiring. It is the very ideals for which the flag has stood and which it has represented since its inception: Liberty, democracy,

While there have been plenty of times in our history when we have not lived up to those ideals. they have still been our guiding principles since the founding of this nation. They were the ideals that inspired the makers of the flag, and those who fought to fly it over their heads - not just in the American Revolution, but in every American war since, including today in Afghanistan.

President Harry Truman designated June 14 as National Flag Day in 1949. Every year since we as a nation have honored the Stars and Stripes. We can do that locally this year by making a small contribution to a very worthwhile effort.

And may we all be flag bearers in spirit, if not in actuality. And may our flag continue as the standard for the liberty and justice we so treasure.



Artist Jeff Von Buskirk (from left), Northville Sports Den owner Phil Martinez, and Northville Rotarian Traci Sincock stand next to a small reproduction of the American flag mural Von Buskirk will refurbish on the side of the Marquis Theatre. The reproduction was raffled off at a fundraiser held at the Sports Den. STEVE FECHT

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**COMMUNITY VOICE** 

#### Do you have any advice for the recent high school graduates?

This question was asked at various locations around downtown Northville and one at the Novi



"To continue their education and work to better themselves. The job world is competitive." **Deanna Hernandez** 



"Enjoy your life and have fun, but do your homework. Maybe not necessarily in that order." **Darcy Grant with her** dogs Maggie and

Indy Northville



"Have a goal before you decide on or get to college, so you don't waste your time and money."

Patti Tomasak Northville



"Don't panic." **Jack Wakinshaw** Novi (Class of 2015)

#### **LETTERS**

#### Support millage requests

I am writing to encourage Northville Township residents to register to vote in the Tuesday, Aug. 5 primary for the dedicated millage renewal and slight increase for public safety (police and fire) and shared services, which cover youth, seniors, and parks and recreation in partnership with the City of North-

The deadline to register to vote at Township Hall on Six Mile and Sheldon is July 7. If you know you are going to be out of town on election day you can request an absentee ballot from the Clerk's office.

As we all know, property values in Northville have declined since 2007. Along with that decline is a loss of revenue for the township. While our property values are now rising, the Headlee Amendment and Proposal A control increases to be linked to the consumer price index which this year is only 1.16 percent. Our Board of Trustees have made 12-percent in cuts in personnel and benefits and also decided to fund public safety and shared services since 2010 using up funds in reserve. This fund balance is almost depleted. Thus the request for a Renewal and a slight increase in August for the next seven years until 2020 when it is projected property taxable values will return to the 2007 levels. For detailed budgets and annual reports by department see www.northvillemich.com

Our police service quality is very high with a response time averaging less than four minutes. We have saved lives with our Advanced Life Support system which delivers medical help to your door in less than four minutes when you dial 911. A virtue other communities only dream about.

Our Parks and Recreation Commission provide programs for residents age 2 to 105. There are community concerts, speakers, dog parks, lessons, fitness classes, card games, social events, trips around town and trips to far off places, playgrounds, Movies under the Stars and vintage baseball games. Youth Assistance offers mentoring and counseling, camp experiences, music lessons and Challenge Day services to students in the school district from age 5 to

All of these services make Northville the special place we love and for which others are eager to relocate. These services keep our residents safe and happy. We all need to assure these programs continue. Please register to vote, please educate yourself on the issues involved and please vote yes on Tuesday, Aug. 5. Curiously, the two questions may appear on different sides of the ballot due to the way Wayne County printed the ballot. Take the time to locate both questions for the renewal and for the increase to maintain the services we all enjoy. The cost for the increase for a home with a resale value of \$200,000 is \$155 a year or less than \$3 a week.

Martha Nield Northville Township

## What are they afraid of?

There are two ballot measures on wildlife management, including wolf hunting, scheduled for the November ballot. It is outrageous that Michigan legislators may undermine a fair vote on this issue again, as they have done in the past. If they pass a third wolf hunting law this summer, by rubber stamping an initiative submitted by the wolf hunting groups, they will once again be ignoring the efforts and voices of the Michigan voters.

We do not understand why they continue to take our democratic rights to vote from us. What are they afraid of?

We urge our Senator, Patrick Colbeck and our House Representative, Kurt Heise, along with all the Michigan legislators, to vote "no" on this initiative - "Scientific Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act" - allowing all Michigan voters their right to vote on all Michigan wildlife management.

**Curt and Judy Brock** 

#### Sincere appreciation

The family of Julius Saner would like to send their sincere appreciation for all those who sent their condolences for the loss of our wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. We would especially like to thank Genitti's Restaurant, Edward's Catering, Casterline Funeral Home, neighbors, and our extended family. The special part you took in the services will always be remembered.

The family of Julius Saner

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**LETTERS** 

## NHS choirs celebrate success on the road

Northville High School's choir program continues to show that, as Michigan's largest high school choral program, it remains one of its best. Chamber Choir (20-voice mixed ensemble) and, in a separate event, junior Samantha Kargilis performed at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Michigan Youth Arts Festival (MYAF),

held May 8-10, in Kalamazoo. MYAF develops, recognizes and advocates excellence in arts education. The three-day festival is the culmination of a ninemonth search for the finest artistic talent (dance, theater, visual arts, film, creative writing, music composition, instrumental and vocal music) in Michigan high schools. A festival invitation is a coveted, prestigious and very rare honor in the arts education community.

On May 9, Chamber Choir performed at Western Michigan University. NHS choir director Mark A. Krempski directed Halle Bins, Mathew Buie, Heather Donnelly, Ryan Duda, Peter Fontana, Riley Gaidica, Juliana Gumina, Annelie Herrmann, Faith Horbatch, Jack Kallas, Samantha Kargilis, Nathan Lane, Marissa Lozser, Spencer Maize, Jennifer Meyer, Jonathan Oh, Peter Sabak, Andrew Schafer, Dominic Seipenko and Laney Sullivan. Additionally, Kargilis was named a Michigan Youth Arts Distinguished Scholar and selected as a member of the 120-voice All-State Choir,



The NHS Chamber Choir was chosen to sing at the prestigious Michigan Youth Arts Festival in May. MARK A. KREMPSKI

which performed at WMU on

May 10. Memorial Day weekend's annual NHS choir tour marked another unforgettable milestone. Some 104 students joined choir directors and parent chaperones for three busy days in New York City. Students sang at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum and in The Church of St. Paul the Apostle. Enthusiastic applause from appreciative crowds followed each perfor-

mance.

The group saw two Broadway musicals, visited many landmarks and sampled different ethnic foods. Their games in Central Park, including the annual water balloon toss, captivated onlookers who cheered and laughed right along with the students. Unstructured time for additional exploration and beautiful weather were welcomed bonuses to this high-spirited, whirlwind event.

**Katy Baetz-Matthews** Northville

# Local man kicks it into gear after cancer scare

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

John Matthews, 65, of Novi was having a physical in 2011 when his doctor found increased PSA levels. In January



Matthews

2012, Matthews was diagnosed with prostate cancer.

That March, he had his prostate removed. In June 2012,

Matthews was well enough to participate in the Run for the Ribbon benefit for prostate cancer awareness and research.

"I went home March 2," the General Motors retiree recalled of his surgery, done with the Da Vinci machine. Working out regularly has boosted his health.

"I do an hour, hour and a half at the gym every day. Very seldom miss." said Matthews, who had follow-up radiation in the summer in 2013. His PSA levels are now undetectable for cancer.

#### 'Good experience'

"It's been a very good experience, overall," he said. "Feeling good. Staying busy.'

He and wife Kathy, a registered nurse, have three grown children, four grandchildren and another grandchild on the way. Matthews, who had done fundraising bicycle rides for multiple sclerosis, is glad to participate in the Sunday, June 15, Run for the Ribbon for prostate cancer, set for the Detroit Zoo at 10 Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak.

He recalled his family going with him to the zoo for the 2012 benefit. This

year, Matthews is hoping to continue to raise awareness by participating in the race again, starting at 8 a.m.

Registrations made until June 13 are \$30 for adults and \$20 for children. Online registration is at www.miurunfor theribbon.org. After June 13, participants must register on race day. Race day registration is \$35 for adults and \$25 for children.

"I got a lot of family support. A lot of support making decisions." His wife was a big help with her nursing background, Matthews said, noting the jury is still somewhat out on Da Vinci surgery.

He praises his doctors: » Dr. Lori Finn, M.D., with offices in Farmington Hills. She is Matthews' primary physician and alerted him to an elevated PSA during an annual physical in summer 2011.

» Dr. Kenneth M. Kernen, M.D., chief of urology at William Beaumont Troy and an MIU partner.

Kernen performed all of Matthews' diagnostic procedures and the robotic assisted radical prostectomy, in March 2012, at Beaumont Troy. He runs in the 5K Run for the Ribbon as well.

» Dr. Donald Brabbins, M.D., Radiation **Oncology Department** director, at Beaumont Royal Oak.

The Novi couple has a daughter in San Francisco. They flew to Colorado to see her shortly after his surgery, taking a train through the Rockies, Sierra Nevadas and more. He and Kathy have been married 42 years.

Matthews was with GM 41 years and is an engineer who graduated from what was then General Motors Institute.

#### 'Pretty confident'

When retiring, he had a choice of a lump sum payment or annuity. "I didn't do that," he said of the lump sum and his health. "I took the lifetime annuity. I turned down the lump sum. Pretty confident.

On July 18, 2012, the Novi couple was featured prominently in a New York Times story on GM white-collar workers and their retirement money decisions.

They're now "doing some baby-sitting, staying busy." He said of the Run for the Ribbon, "It's just a good cause. I like to participate in it and promote it every chance

He'd done bicycle rides of some 150 miles, including Northville to Michigan State University in East Lansing, for the MS cause.

"We really enjoy the family now, all the activities." Their oldest grandson is finishing his sophomore year at Novi High and on the JV baseball

and basketball teams. They all hope to make that varsity next year," the proud grandfa-ther said. "No guaran-

tees." His hobbies include biking, boating, home improvement, gym activities, traveling and visiting two children in Charlotte, N.C., and San Francisco, plus spending time with the couple's locally resident daughter, husband and grandchil-

For them, Novi's been a great place to live since 1979. Matthews was traveling in 2013 and missed the Run for the Ribbon, but is eager to get back this year.

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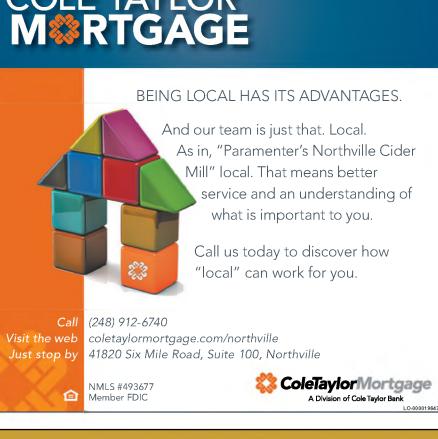
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# Relay for Life set for June 21-22

LOCAL NEWS

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

This year's Relay for Life of Novi-Northville has a \$54,500 goal for the American Cancer Society. The event will start at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 21, at Novi Middle School, 11 Mile and Wixom roads.

That's a new location for the local Relay, which in the past was held at Ford Field in

downtown Northville.

"We don't think that'll be a problem," ACS Relay specialist Christina Linn said of the middle school site. "It's actually a great location.'

There's no charge to use the middle school site, unlike Ford Field, she noted.

Planning for the Relay for Life of Novi-Northville began last October with local event chair Ammie Childs. In the

Relay for Life, team members walk continuously on the track for 24 hours, symbolizing their commitment to the fight against cancer.

Last year's Novi-Northville Relay had a \$72,000 fundraising goal, up from \$62,000 in 2012. Last year's Relay was the second for the combined event, its ACS organizer said at that time, with the Ford Field/Northville event held prior to the combination with Novi for a number of years previ-

After the 10 a.m. start Saturday, June 21, there will again be a survivors' lap, as in past years. When the sun goes down that Saturday night, there will again be the luminaria ceremony to honor those fighting cancer and remember those who've lost their battle to the disease.

Teens from Novi and Northville high schools already did their fundraising portion of the Relay on May 17, Linn said. The main Novi-Northville event will wrap up at 10 a.m. Sunday, June 22, at Novi Middle School.

'Right now, we have about 13 teams," Linn said May 27. "We'll probably have about 250 to

300 participants at the Relay."

Linn comes to Michigan from an ACS staff job in Nashville, Tenn. The now-Farmington resident said, "It's pretty similar other than the Relays in Nashville are 12 hours rather than 24 hours."

She praised the "dedicated teams that are coming back" and hardworking Novi-Northville committee members. Linn can be reached at christina.linn@cancer.org or 248-663-3454.

Entertainment is being lined up and Linn welcomes inquiries from performers who can

entertain gratis during the Relay. Additional information on the local Relay is online at relayforlife.org/novinorth-

villemi. In 1985, Dr. Gordy Klatt walked and ran around a track in Tacoma, Wash., for 24 hours,

raising \$27,000 to help

the ACS fight cancer. A year later, 340 supporters joined the overnight event. Since those first steps, the Relay for Life movement has grown into a worldwide phenomenon, raising nearly \$5 billion to combat cancer.

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# Mustangs capture regional title

Undefeated soccer team moves on in state tournament

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It was a tale of two goalies when Northville and Saline met Friday at Dearborn High School. Despite the defense and strategy by both teams, it came down to one simple fact: Northville's Emily Maresh stopped one more shot than Saline's Sofia Sweiers.

Northville's 1-0 victory over Saline moved the Mustangs into the Division 1 final four. They were scheduled to play Okemos in the semifinals Wednesday (after the sports section went to print). The winner of that game will play the winner of the contest between Utica Ford and Utica Eisenhower in the state championship at noon Saturday in Williamston.

Maresh, who has patrolled Northville's goal all season long, didn't have the luxury of sitting back and enjoying the view as the defensive front kept her from working too hard. Instead, Saline's offense was up for the task, pushing the ball into Northville's zone throughout the contest and registering multiple shots on goal. Maresh made six saves to preserve the victory, earning her 17th shutout of the season.

Northville, ranked No. 1 in the state, and Saline, ranked No. 9, fought to a 0-0 stalemate at halftime. Both teams generated three solid scoring opportunities, but the goaltenders kept a clean sheet.

"Give credit to (Saline coach) Dana Restrick's squad – Saline outworked us in the first half," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "Their keeper, Sweiers, played outstanding and kept them in the game."

Northville was able to score the game-winning goal in the 65th minute.

Senior Jamie Cheslik received a short, lead pass inside the mouth of the Saline net from fellow senior Megan Buckingham. Sweiers came off her line, diving forward to prevent Cheslik's shot. But the senior anticipated the move, firing her kick across the grass

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Northville goalie Emily Maresh (center) hugs Jamie Cheslik (back to camera) after Cheslik scored against Plymouth. Also in the photo are (from left) Sarah Castellano, Gabby Mencotti, Jenny Willerer (No. 11) and Jenna Baughman. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Northville's Eric Fox (right) trys to tag out West Bloomfield's Dalki Nishioka in a play at second base. Nishioka was safe on the

# 'BATTLING TO THE END'

Northville falls in regional semifinal to surging
West Bloomfield team

**By Sam Eggleston**Correspondent

ne of the most difficult things to accomplish in sports is to stop a team riding a wave of momen-

That was the case when Northville played a West Bloomfield baseball team enjoying a hot postseason roll. The Mustangs put up a good fight and stuck in the game right to the end despite having just one hit. In the end, the Mustangs fell 4-3 in the regional semifinals Saturday at Novi.

The final play of the game was a force at second with bases loaded. Northville could have tied the game, but the close call went in favor of West Bloomfield.

"Our kids really battled to the end," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "We nearly pulled it out and for that, I am very proud."

Northville didn't have the most impressive game. It committed five errors while picking up just the single hit. But trailing 4-2 in the bottom of the seventh, the Mustangs put themselves in a position to tie the game and, potentially, win.

They scored a run in the first and followed it up with one in the second before adding one in the top of the seventh.

West Bloomfield scored on in the second and then added three in the fifth to take the lead for good.

Northville's downfall against the Lakers was the outstanding pitching of Dazon Cole, who threw as fast as 95 mph.

"He made big pitches when he needed to and was very tough on our hitters," Kostrzewa said. Cole was drafted by the Atlanta

29th round of the 2014 MLB Draft. Northville's pitchers, Taylor Turner and Ian Borthwick, also

Braves over the weekend in the



Northville's Chris Komorous is pumped up after scoring an early run against West Bloomfield.

both pitched well and "gave us a chance," Kostrzewa said.

Borthwick threw 1% innings and allowed no earned runs, no hits and struck out three. Turner took the loss over the final 4% innings, walking one, striking out six and allowing four runs.

West Bloomfield ended up losing the regional championship game to Brighton, 2-0.

#### Postseason honors

Northville's season was full of successes with a 25-7 record and Kostrzewa was happy with how his team played and stepped up to meet challenges. "This season has been a lot of fun," he said. "The team experienced a lot of success, but it was truly as a team. The group worked very hard all season and our seniors did a great job in leading us."

Northville ended up with five all-KLAA players and four all-district players. All-KLAA honors went to Chris Komourus, Taylor Turner, Eric Fox, Evan Flohr and Zach Wilds. All-district honors were awarded to Turner, Flohr, Wilds and Fox.

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

## Brother Rice routs CC for lacrosse crown

By Perry A. Farrell and Wright Wilson GANNETT MICHIGAN

Nine-time defending Division 1 lacrosse champion Birmingham Brother Rice had plenty of changes this season.

Longtime coach Rob Ambrose resigned and was replaced by firstyear coach Ajay Chawla.

For the first time, Rice lost to a team from the state of Michigan, losing to eventual Division 2 state champion Birmingham Detroit

champion Birmingham Detroit Country Day, 8-7, in overtime. Despite those two incidents, Rice, the only school to ever win the MHSAA title in Division 1, found itself in the championship game against a familiar opponent: Novi-

Detroit Catholic Central.

The Catholic League rivals played twice during the regular season, with Rice prevailing, 15-9 and 12-8.

It wouldn't be close this time, as

Rice made it 10 titles in a row Saturday with 12 goals in the second period in a 23-7 domination of the Shamrocks.

Rice finished the year 19-4; CC fell to 15-6.

"I think today was the largest victory margin in state championship history," Chawla said. "I'll have to call Mr. Ambrose and talk to him a little bit about that."

Senior Jason Alessi (five goals) and sophomore Morgan Macko (four goals) combined for seven goals in the first half, while senior attacker Joe Dudley tacked on a hat trick and Liam Reaume added two goals.

"We knew going into the season it was going to be tough because teams were going to come after us more than ever because of a new coach," Alessi said. "Everyone thought without coach Ambrose, we couldn't do anything. We wanted to prove to the state and in the national scheme of things this team is still here to play. It's about the team, the

"You could say we saved our best for last. It couldn't have happened in a better fashion."

Rice got on the board early and often, getting goals 24 seconds apart from Alessi and Macko to grab an early two-goal lead.

It took the winners 5:20 to get on the board again, when Dudley scored to make it 3-0.

Sixty-one seconds later, Dan Lunghamer made it 4-0 and CC coach Dave Wilson was forced to call a rare timeout.

"I think we had our state championship game on Wednesday against Forest Hills Northern (in the semifinal)," Wilson said. "We kind of left it all on the field for that. The locker room didn't feel good. The bus ride didn't feel good. I just thought there was a lack of energy"

was a lack of energy."

CC finally got on the board with a goal from Marc Longe with 1:15 left in the first quarter.

Rice poured it on with goals from

## **Clifton wins OLV 5K**



Edward Clifton won the Our Lady of Victory 5K race, held in Northville two weeks ago. Clifton finished as the overall winner and was a full minute ahead of his nearest competitor. The former Northville High School standout is continuing his career at Michigan State University.



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## Pushing through to the very end

Robinson digs deep to end high school career in style

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Alison Robinson is the kind of athlete every coach wishes for.

She's full of grit and determination, she's naturally gifted and she's one heck of an inspiration to those around her.

This being her senior year at Northville High School, Robinson came into the fall sports season with a driving desire to be the best she could be. In cross country, she helped push her team the Division 1 state championship with her as the alternate for the finals.

But this winter, Robinson could be seen walking with a slight twinge to her step.

"(Alison) battled a foot injury this winter, but never lost hope this season," Northville track and field coach Tim Dalton said.

Dalton said Robinson came into the spring track season well behind where she could have been had she been healthy all winter. But in true Robinson fashion, the grit and determination that has made her such a top-notch athlete her entire high school career showed through again.

"She came in on day



Northville's Alison Robinson competes in the in the 3,200 relay at the Division 1 state finals. LYNNE MOSTELLER

one back in March and knew she had a long way to go to get back to where she knew she could be," Dalton said.

#### State contender

Robinson's potential was to be a contender in the regional for a chance to make the MHSAA Division 1 track and field state finals. But how could she, given that she wasn't able to fully train all winter?

From March until the state finals two weeks ago, it appeared as though no one told Robinson she wasn't supposed to be able to overcome that kind of setback. Instead, she simply pushed herself day-in and day-out and im-

proved each and every week.

She not only earned a place as one of North-ville's best, but as one of the region's best, too, as she qualified for the state finals. At Rockford High School, Robinson put the finishing touches on her career at Northville with three all-state performances and as part of two school records.

"To compare where Alison was at the start of the season to her performances (at the finals) is incredible," Dalton said.

Robinson ran to fifth place in the 800-meter run with a season-best time of 2:14.07 to earn all-state status, then earned all-state and set school records in the

3,200 and the 800 relays. In the former, she was with Lexa Barrott, Erin Zimmer and Rachel Coleman as they finished second with a time of 9:01.99, before she ran the latter with Morgan Robertson, Gracie Goble and Chloe Abbott to take third with 1:41.38.

Robinson's career won't end with the comefrom-behind victory that was her senior track and field season. Instead, she'll become an international athlete when she runs track and field for the University of Windsor next year.

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

## **SOCCER**

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instead of into the diving defender and found the back of the net.

"The first half, we were a little flat," Brucker said. "At half-time, we made some adjustments and that helped to keep the ball

in Saline's defensive end. It was not the prettiest goal, but they all count the same."

Northville came to life after the goal, keeping the ball in Saline's end and firing several shots on goal that required Sweiers to make some tremendous saves.

"We peppered that goalie and she kept making saves," Brucker

#### **LOOK FOR RESULTS ONLINE**

Northville was scheduled to play Okemos in the Division 1 state semifinals Wednesday (after the sports section went to press). Results will be available in next week's edition, as well as online at www.hometownlife.com.

said.

Northville moved to 21-0-0 with the victory.

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# CC golf team finishes second at state finals

**By Sam Eggleston** Correspondent

One stroke. That was the difference between winning a state championship and finishing second.

And while there is no doubt several golfers on the **Detroit Catholic Central** squad could point to where they should have eliminated a stroke or two while playing in the state finals last weekend. the team, as a whole, turned

in an outstanding performance to finish second in Division 1.

The Shamrocks finished the two-day tournament with a team total of 585. They shot 293 the first day and 292 the

The squad finished just one stroke behind Swartz Creek, which shot 293 and 291. It was Swartz Creek's first golf state title since 1967 in its first finals appearance since 1969.

Finishing third was Rockford, which had 585, while Grandville was fourth with 596 and Plymouth fifth with

Catholic Central turned in some very strong scores throughout both days of competition on the Forest Akers golf course. James Piot, a freshman, carded a 72 the first day and a 70 the second for a 142, while Domenic Mancinelli shot a 72 and a 76 for a 148. Also shooting a 148

was Glenn Piot, who carded 74 both days, while Dan Ault shot 75 both days for a 150. Ben Smith shot a 77 the first day and came back to eliminate four strokes the second day for a 73 and a total of 150.

Macinelli's 72 counted toward the team total Friday, while Smith's 73 counted Saturday.

Five individual players finished with a 141 in the tournament. Bed Roeder (Midland Dow), Jordan Bohannon (Birmingham Groves), Ben Zyber (Swartz Creek), Seth Terpstra (Grandville) and Joel Pietila (Rockford) all carded the same score.

James Piot finished tied for sixth with University of Detroit-Jesuit's Charlie Bolton and Swartz Creek's Mike Kelley.

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

# Plymouth Whalers' future appears cloudy

Owner Karmanos: 'Hockeytown' needs to support OHL team or it might relocate

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Don Elland said he always wanted to coach the Plymouth Whalers, ever since he became the first building manager at Compuware Arena when it opened in the mid-1990s.

"I'd watch them practice, because I was a manager at the rink the first day this rink opened," Elland said. "I've watched Plymouth practice every day and it was always a dream to maybe coach at this lev-

Now that the 50-yearold Elland is getting that opportunity, he hopes it won't be a one-and-done situation.

Elland and new Whalers general manager Mark Craig (incidentally, Elland's coach some 34 years ago) were formally



Karmanos

at a May 30 press conference at Compuware. Both

introduced

take over from former coach-GM Mike

Vellucci, who in late April was hired as assistant general manager and director of hockey operations with the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes.

Yet it remains to be seen what the future might hold for Elland and Craig or the Ontario Hockey League franchise beyond 2014-15.

That's because Compuware Arena and Whalers owner Peter Karmanos - also during the press conference - made some blunt remarks about whether he could assure the franchise remained on solid ground for the long term.

Earlier this year, rumors persisted that Karmanos was considering moving the Whalers to Ontario (with Hamilton a top spot, although Chatham could emerge) because the OHL team goes largely ignored by the masses (media and fans, alike) in Hockeytown.

#### Numbers game

"Well, to be frank about it, it's tough running an OHL team in a major league city," Karmanos said, answering a question during the press conference. "Our attendance (2,500 per game in 2013-14) has been good, but it's not great.

"I look down (Highway) 401, you see the London Knights selling out every game. You know if you had to sell the team, you might want to move into one of those cities, rather than keep it playing here.'

Karmanos, however, did say that "if we could

get attendance where we think it should be here, I think the future is great. If we continue to draw a couple thousand people a game, we're going to take a look at some options."

A major thorn in the side of Karmanos and the rest of the organization is the lack of attention and attendance despite the team having unprecedented success on the ice with 23 consecutive playoff appearances – 14 of those with Vellucci behind the bench - and an OHL championship in 2006-07.

The Whalers have also sent many players to the NHL, including stars such as Dallas forward Tyler Seguin, Columbus defenseman James Wisniewski and Pittsburgh forward James Neal

Karmanos smiled when asked how long he planned on giving the metro Detroit hockey community to take notice and start coming out to Compuware (a facility

with a capacity of about 3,800).

"Next year," he said. "I can't really answer that question. I've stuck it out for a long time. We have one of the best franchises, if not the best, on

the ice in the OHL. "But we're operating in Hockeytown; it's an NHL city. It's tough. It just depends how long all these guys here ... want to fight the good fight.'

Karmanos said the OHL is "a great, great brand of hockey, it's fun coming to games. They are generally on the weekend. ... It's well worth the dollars that you pay for a ticket."

#### Get the word out

Both Elland and Craig said they were hopeful that the Whalers would be given longer than one season to turn things around from an attendance standpoint.

"Mr. Karmanos always does things the right way," Elland said. "He's

been here for how many years? He's had options to move it before, but he's passionate about hockey, he's passionate about this city. So I think he'll do everything he can to stay

Craig added that more needs to be done to help potential Whalers and OHL fans understand just how top-notch the league's brand of hockey

"I think we all know that he is a great owner and he's going to do everything he can to continue to support us here," Craig said. "But at some point, if we can't build the fan base to a higher height, it's going to be tough for him and I get it.

"I think the key is, we need to find a way to get people to identify with these kids. Coming to one game doesn't do it. We need to find a way to get people to come to multiple games.'

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## **LACROSSE**

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Macko, Alessi, Dudley and Reaume to make it 16-3 at halftime.

The Warriors kept the offense in the CC zone and just pounded goalie Joe Williams, who was replaced by Micky

Rice tacked on another five goals in the third and shut out the Shamrocks to take a commanding 21-3 advantage.

#### **CC** wins semifinal in overtime

Wilson correctly predicted that his team would need about 15 goals to win the Division 1 semifinal June 4 over Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern. What he didn't figure is that he would need nine of them

from Jack Van Acker. Not only did the senior attackman net the Shamrocks' first three goals in their 15-14 victory, he put in the gamewinner 1:41 into overtime to send CC into the state championship

game. "We've been working

really hard in the offseason and we just didn't want to throw it away in one possession, so we knew when it came to overtime it was time to bear down and score," Van Acker said. "We've had a couple of comeback victories this year. We know how to pull those out, so that's what we did."

After goalkeepe Jonathan Phillips stonewalled the Huskies with two point-blank saves in the extra period, Catholic Central intercepted a pass, Zack Crawford carried it upfield and fed Van Acker in the right corner. He charged the net, twirled around and fired the ball into the upper left corner.

"There was no doubt who we were going to turn to. I don't think anybody can really hang with him," Wilson said. "We just need to get it to him with some space and he makes things happen. We were kind of shocked that they didn't lock him off."

Catholic Central trailed 9-4 early in the third quarter, as Northern's Luke Malec, Mitchell Haggart and

Christian Carlson all scored in the first two minutes of the second half. But the Shamrocks scored the five straight over the next six minutes — three of them from Van Acker - to tie the game.

The contest was also knotted at 10-10, 12-12, 13-13 and 14-14. Van Acker had the gametying goal, with 1:37 remaining in regulation, after Bobby Pelton gave Northern (19-2) a 14-13 lead.

"This is what the semifinals is all about." Wilson said. "It should be close, it should go back and forth, it's good lacrosse. It means the state is setting up the tournament the right way and they're getting these types of games.'

"It's obviously disappointing, but that's what life is. You have to learn to deal with adversity and overcome it," Forest Hills Northern coach Mark Lardieri said. "I've got nothing to complain about. We had two dead-pan shots; the goalie did an awesome job, so I give credit to him. I appreciate good goalie play and he had a great game."



Birmingham **Brother Rice's John** Lockwood goes for the ball against **Novi-Detroit** Catholic Central's **Andrew Caris** during the first quarter of the **Division 1 boys** lacrosse state final. GANNETT MICHIGAN

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS

PROJECT: WHIPPLE ESTATES SANITARY SEWER

BIDS OPENING DATE: Tuesday, June 24, 2014, 10:00 A.M., local time

OWNER: Charter Township of Northville, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168 LOCATION/NAME: Northville, Michigan

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Bids are solicited on a unit price basis. Project includes the installation of new sanitary sewer, manholes and leads including the following approximate quantities: 1,590 LF of 8-inch PVC Sanitary Sewer, 552 LF of 6-inch PVC Sanitary Sewer Lead, 11 EA Standard Sanitary Sewer Manholes, 1 EA Sanitary Interior Drop Connection, 45 LF of 12-inch culvert replacement, and soil erosion control measures

LOCATION OF BID OPENING: Charter Township of Northville, Clerk's Office, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168

#### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

QUESTIONS: Any questions regarding the project shall be brought to the attention of Gary Sacharski at Stantec Consulting Michigan Inc., in writing at gary.sacharski@stantec. com or by fax at (734) 761-1200. Questions by telephone call are prohibited. Questions will not be accepted if received less than seven (7) calendar days before the bids are due.

PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL: All bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and shall contain, as a minimum, all of the following: Bidder's Qualification and Experience Statement (QES-1- $4), Proposal \, (P1-3), Designation \, of \, Major \, Subcontractors \, and \, Suppliers \, (MS-1), Legal \, Status \, of \, Major \, Subcontractors \, and \, Suppliers \, (MS-1), Legal \, Status \, of \, Subcontractors \, and \, Suppliers \, (MS-1), Legal \, Status \, of \, Subcontractors \, and \, Suppliers \, (MS-1), Legal \, Status \, of \, Subcontractors \, and \, Suppliers \, (MS-1), Legal \, Status \, of \, Subcontractors \, and \, Suppliers \, (MS-1), Legal \, Status \, of \, Subcontractors \, and \, Suppliers \, (MS-1), Legal \, Status \, of \, Subcontractors \, and \, Suppliers \, (MS-1), Legal \, Status \, of \, Subcontractors \, and \, Suppliers \, (MS-1), Legal \, Status \, of \, Subcontractors \, and \, Suppliers \, (MS-1), Legal \, Status \, of \, Subcontractors \, and \, Suppliers \, (MS-1), Legal \, Status \, of \, Subcontractors \, and \, Subcon$ Bidder (LS-1), Bid Certification (BC-1).

BID SECURITY: Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check, money order or bid bond, payable to the OWNER, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Proposal, as a Bid Security. The Bid Security of the Bidders under consideration will be returned after approval of the Contract by the OWNER. All others will be returned after the Proposal opening.

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PROPOSAL WITHDRAWAL: Withdrawal of any Proposal is prohibited for a period of 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

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NON-DISCRIMINATION: Bidders shall not discriminate against any employees or firm due to origin, race, age or physical conditions. CONTRACTOR shall be an equal opportunity

HOW TO OBTAIN: Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the ENGINEER, Stantec Consulting Michigan Inc., 3754 Ranchero Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108-2771, for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 for Electronic Copies (CD) OR \$50.00 for Hard Copies. Document request shall indicate whether request is by: Prospective Bidder, Prospective Subcontractor, Prospective Supplier, or other.

Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Charter Township of Northville, Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168 Stantec Consulting Michigan Inc., 3754 Ranchero Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108-2771

AVAILABLE AFTER: Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 12:00 noon

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CONTACT NAME: Gary Sacharski

#### CITY OF NORTHVILLE - NORTHVILLE HOUSING COMMISSION REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ALLEN TERRACE FIRE ALARM REPLACEMENT

The City of Northville, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, requests sealed requests for proposals to replace the current fire alarm system of City of Northville Housing Commission - Allen Terrace Apartment Building, located at 401 High Street. All interested bidders should see the application to submit a proposal. Proposal details may be received by contacting: Sherry Necelis, Housing Director, 401 High Street, Northville, MI 48167 (248) 349-8030

An original proposal and two (3) copies must be submitted by Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at which time they will be opened and read to: Dianne Massa, City Clerk, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. Proposals must be sealed in an envelope marked "PROPOSAL - Allen Terrace - Fire Alarm Replacement". Faxed and emailed proposals will not be considered. The City of Northville reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities in the proposals that are in the best interest of the City of Northville.

Northville City Hall Chamber is handicap accessible. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs including handicap accessibility or interpreter are requested to contact the housing director at the above number at least 72 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

This is a Federally Funded project. This project mandates bidders must carry commercial general liability coverage of \$2 million.

The Contractor and Subcontractors on this project must comply with HUD contract provisions 24CFR part 85.36(i), the Davis Bacon Act, Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Section 3 requirements, Anti-Kickback Act, Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act and Department of Labor Standards and Regulations as set forth in the Contract Bid Documents. This municipality is an equal opportunity employer; businesses owned by women or minorities are strongly encouraged to bid.

An electronic version of this Request for Bid can be obtained from the City's web site.  $\underline{http://www.ci.northville.mi.us/Services/PurchasingAndRFPs/ProposalsBids.htm.}$ 

SHERRY NECELIS, HOUSING DIRECTOR DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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# REAL ESTATE

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standards

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the staff of the association. Also, the association

bars me from using the property's transportation services despite the fact that a

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residents of the association who do not use powered mobility de-

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a claim and I am reasonably confident that HUD will pursue your

association if you file a claim. The

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Fair Housing Act makes it illegal to

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HUD, but to seek your own attor-

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situation where a board member of a community association sends a request to the property manager asking for documents, but

claiming he is acting in his capacity as a unit owner and not a

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is seeking, but it seems to me

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The June 2 ribbon cutting symbolizes the opening of the new Southfield office for the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors.

# Realtor Association move celebrated with open house

On Monday, June 2, over 100 real estate professionals from across the metro Detroit area visited the new Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors headquarters to support their

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors (GMAR), formerly located in Farmington, moved to 20 Oak Hollow St., Suite 100 in Southfield at the beginning of this past April. Attendees enjoyed socializing with fellow industry professionals over hors d'oeuvres as soft piano music filled the air from pianist David Rodgers.

Over \$700 worth of Realtor-specific prizes were raffled off over the duration of the event; including a foursome to the GMAR Golf Outing, being held on Sept. 15 at Plum Hollow Country Club. At 5 p.m., Southfield City Councilwoman Joan Seymour welcomed GMAR to the Southfield community, followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony, featuring GMAR President Maureen Francis.

The occasion marked the beginning of the new headquarters, where much work will be done to better provide for the real estate profession, GMAR membership and most importantly, the com-



GMAR CEO Duane Marsh and GMAR President Maureen Francis draw cards from a bowl to determine the next winners of Realtor prizes valued at \$120 each.

munities Realtors serve, according to the association.

GMAR was formed in 2011. Its over 6,000 members span the counties of Macomb, Oakland, Wayne, Livingston and their surrounding areas. GMAR provides benefits to its members, such as access to the Realcomp MLS, over 220 continuing education, training and designation courses, the ToolShop™ real estate store with over 1,000 items, the Metropolitan Minute weekly newsletter and the Metropolitan REALTOR monthly electronic magazine.

## **REAL ESTATE BRIEFS**

#### On board

Weichert Realtors - Cass Realty has announced that Realtor Thivya Mariappen has joined the sales team of the agency's Novi office. Originally from India and now a resident of Troy, she will assist property buyers and sellers in Troy, Royal Oak, Rochester, and Auburn Hills in the Oakland County area. She is a member of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors.

Mariappen earned a master's degree from the Edward S. Ageno School of Business of Golden Gate University in San Francisco and a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Kumamoto University in Japan. She has a background as a health care network engineer.

Weichert Realtors - Cass Realty also announced that Realtor Colon Lowery. III, has joined the sales team of the agency's Dearborn office. A native and resident of Westland, he will assist

These are the area residential real

estate closings recorded the week

property buyers and sellers throughout Wayne County. He is a member of the Greater Metropolitan Association of

Lowery is currently attending Henry Ford Community College, working toward a degree in architecture an construction. He is also working as an area dental assistant.

#### 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

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.

#### **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. Lafavette, downtown South Lyon.

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

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## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 17-21, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses,

and sales prices.	
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324 Buckingham Rd	\$163,000
8721 Columbia Cir	\$70,000
47011 Fieldview Ct	\$245,000
46240 Gainsborough Dr	\$192,000
50112 Hancock St	\$200,000
44676 Jeffrey Cir	\$176,000
44464 Meadowcreek Ln	\$165,000
44525 N Umberland Cir	<b>\$68,</b> 000
1843 Oakview Dr	\$198,000
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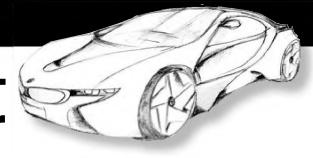
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## Car Report

# Jeep's Surprising Trio – Patriot, Compass and Wrangler – Still Meet Needs





By Dale Buss

Fiat Chrysler Automotive's goals for expanding the Jeep brand this year and beyond are ambitious, for sure. But if Jeep

keeps tacking on the kind of monthly sales comparisons that it has achieved so far this year, the company's iconic



utility-vehicle marque will be well on its way to reaching its bold aims.

Its success is especially notable because Jeep is relying on three old nameplates and vehicles -Patriot, Compass and Wrangler – to carry much of

Jeep just reported its best-ever sales month in the United States with a 58-percent year-over-year increase in May, which marked the third consecutive month in which Jeep set its all-time monthly sales record. The brand is way ahead of its pace from last year; for all of 2013, Jeep sold 490,000 units in the United States, up only 3 percent from a year earlier, and 732,000 worldwide.

Clearly, reaching CEO Sergio Marchionne's goal of 1 million global Jeep sales this year is within reason. If the brand continued for all of 2014 the proportional lead in U.S. sales that it has enjoyed through May over last year, Jeep would end the year with nearly 775,000 sales in its home market alone.

Jeep has been performing so well this year in large part because of an increasingly optimized product line that relies on the flagship Grand Cherokee, whose sales were 13 percent ahead of 2013 through May, and a revival of the Cherokee, a vast improvement over the Jeep Liberty it essentially replaced, and contributor of nearly 16,000 sales so far this year compared with just 200 by a fading Liberty last year.

More impressive, however, might be the sales performance of the three relatively aged vehicles in the Jeep lineup: Compass and Patriot. The 2014 versions of each of the small SUVs gained little from the year before, mainly a newly optional six-speed automatic transmission to replace continuously variable transmissions in the Compass and Patriot. Both of those nameplates are due to be replaced in 2016 with a single new model. Wrangler keeps popping up in new special and limited editions.

But while they're not ideal entrants, Jeep finds Compass, Patriot and Wrangler occupying the brand's place in one of the hottest segments of the U.S. automotive market these days, so

of what it's got. And that has brought a big emphasis on making these vehicles — whose fixed costs presumably have been amortized long ago — as pricecompetitive as possible.

Thus, both Patriot and Compass

the company is trying to make the most for comfortable front seats and aboveaverage offroad capabilities when it's been outfitted with extra-cost features. Patriot also provides the iconic, rugged look of a traditional Jeep without being as stripped-down as a Wrangler.

About its No. 2 "Most Affordable

highest resale values in the industry."

Wrangler, of course, is the consummate off-road Jeep whose ability to climb over rocks, cross streams and spin in sand dunes – thanks to fourwheel drive and high ground clearance - defines the nameplate.



were named last month to Kelley Blue Book's annual list of the 10 most affordable SUVs, each of them being available for starting prices under \$20,000.

Patriot placed No. 1, with Kelley saying that the nameplate "takes the title of most affordable SUV by a mile. The Patriot gives you the cool looks of a classic off-roader, with a practical, efficient compact SUV underneath. It gets fuel economy of up to 30 mpg on the highway, and has lots of room for

From reviewers, Patriot gets credit

SUV," Compass, Kelley said that it "brings unique styling to the compact SUV category, blending hatchback proportions with a Grand Cherokee nose. Likewise, Compass is attributed with some comfort inside and reasonable off-road capabilities.

in a separate Kellev Blue Book list, of "10 Best SUVs under \$25,000." Kelley noted that "there's something to be said for an SUV that can take you to the ends of the earth and back for less than \$25,000. Little known fact: the 2014 Jeep Wrangler also boasts some of the

And Wrangler was named No. 10

All three vehicles have contributed significantly to Jeep's surge this year, with Compass sales up by 28 percent for the year to date, to nearly 28,000 units, and Patriot sales up by 18 percent, to more than 37,000 units, and Wrangler sales up by 13 percent, basically doubling the sales volume of either of the other two vehicles, with more than 69,000 units sold. Their performance so far in 2014 has come on top of solid year-over-year sales gains for all of 2013 as well.



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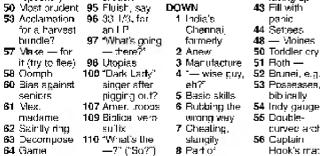
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#### By Debra Auerbach CareerBuilder Writer

For a job seeker, there is no better feeling than picking up the phone and hearing those magical words, "We'd like to make you an offer." After a call like that, it's natural to want to shout the news from the rooftops, hand in your two weeks' notice and buy yourself a "Congratulations on the new job" present.

But what happens when a week goes by and you have yet to receive official new-hire paperwork or any additional communication from the hiring manager? You don't want to bother the new company, but you start to panic. Perhaps your celebration was a bit premature?

Given today's up-and-down economy, strange or untraditional hiring situations are becoming more common. Perhaps you get an oral offer but then never hear back. Or you accept a job with the understanding that it's for a certain role but later learn the position has become drastically different. You're just happy to be offered a job, so you don't want to come across as pushy or a complainer. You do, however, want -- and deserve -- to get some confirmation or clarity.

If you ever find yourself on the receiving end of what appears to be an awkward or ambiguous hiring situation, here is



some advice to help you avoid getting burned:

#### Don't put all your eggs in one career basket

You may be asked back for multiple interviews and get some hints from the people you speak with that the job is yours, but until you hear officially, keep your options open. "The job search is never over until the offer is in hand," says Roy Cohen, career coach and author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide." "It is inevitable that an opportunity will disappear through no fault of yours. So it is essential that you continue to network and job search until the very final moments. Having multiple irons in the fire will also make you a lot more desirable and enhance the potential to negotiate in a meaningful way."

#### Leave no room for misunderstanding

At this point, you've received the oral offer from the hiring manager. Before you give notice at your current company, make sure that you have an official offer letter and that it's signed, sealed and delivered. "Don't leave a meeting where you've received a verbal offer without solidifying the details," says Sandra Lamb, career, lifestyle and etiquette expert, and author of "How to Write It, Third Edition." "Say, 'Just to be clear here, I understand you are offering me the position of X, with a salary of Y, to start Z.' Cover all the details and get them in writing. Absent [of] this, write your own letter of employment and cover all these items, and ask for a signature."

#### Don't be afraid to follow up

As teams shrink and companies become short-staffed, it's not uncommon for the

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hiring process to take a little bit of time, and days or weeks may go by before the official paperwork is in the job seeker's hand. While the job may be the only thing on your mind, it's important to remember that the hiring team is likely juggling multiple hiring and personnel matters. But that doesn't mean you shouldn't follow up periodically; doing so will not only help to push the process along, but it will also show them your continued interest in and excitement for the position.

Daniel Newell, job development and marketing specialist for San Jose State University's Career Center in San Jose, Calif., suggests that if you don't hear back after seven to 10 days, it's time to follow up. "When calling the employer, thank them for taking your call and inform them that you were calling to follow up on the job offer made to you," Newell says. "Let them know that you have been preparing yourself for the opportunity and are simply inquiring about a general estimate of when they anticipate you starting the position. It's not a bad idea to ask if you will receive a formal offer via email or by mail."

If after multiple attempts you're still hitting a brick wall, it may be a sign that it's time to move on. "If a job seeker has interviewed with an employer

and has checked in with them at least twice within three weeks and has still not received a formal job offer or any sign of moving forward in the hiring process, that job seeker should reconsider working for that employer," Newell says. "This looks bad on a company and tarnishes their image as a professional business or representative."

#### Be open to changes

"Anyone offered a position today should anticipate -- or almost expect -- that the job for which they were hired to do is probably not the job they are going to be asked to do," says Lee Igel, Ph.D., associate professor at New York University's School of Continuing and Professional Studies. "Organizations today are focused on fitting the human to the task, which means the job description is either a starting point for work or something that serves as little more than a basis for hiring. In the old world of work, employees conformed to the needs of a distinct job; in today's world of work, employees have to conform to the needs of a task or project."

That's not to say that if you're unsure about the drastic change you can't speak up. Just do it in a way that shows you're a team player and happy to pitch in where needed, but you want to have a complete understanding of the expectations and goals for the position.

#### Look for red flags

While companies may be approaching hiring in more untraditional ways, if something doesn't feel right, listen to your gut. If you have a bad feeling about a company or its hiring practices, chances are it's not a good place to work. "If the hiring procedure is strange, it should be a very large red flag," Lamb says. "Even in these times, getting a flaky boss, ending up working for nothing or doing a job that isn't what you thought you were being hired for isn't going to serve you well."

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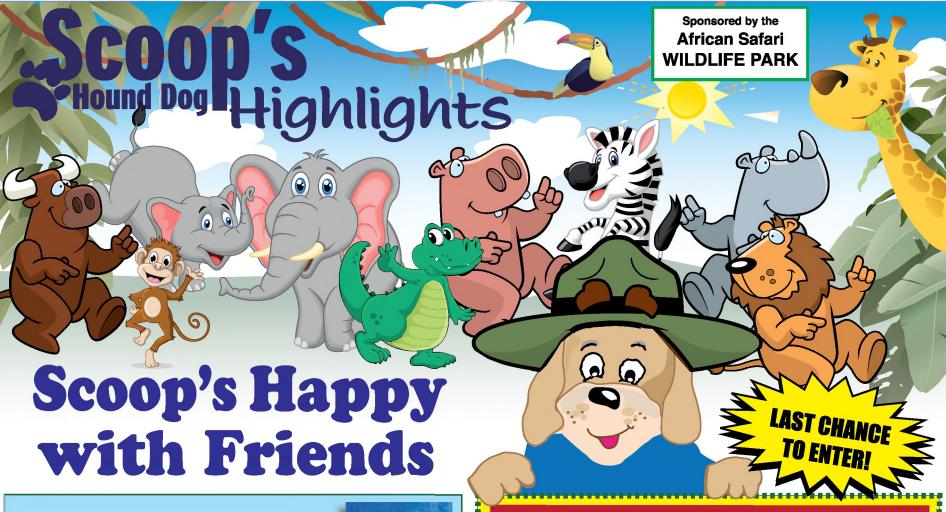
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Mr. Chris Kozaczynski, teacher at Walker-Winter Elementary School shares an investigative report by student Madeline Barnard, after his class reads the book Jalapeno Bagel by Natasha Wing and samples the products from the bakery in California. With a little help from her teacher, Madeline interviews classmates and staff in this enlightening report.

**Madeline Barnard** 2nd Grade bagels the most. She didn't like the order food from Los Bagels was creative and thought it was a nice thing to do. She

jalapeno bagel? Well my class has, and we had the magic of California come to us. Jalapeno Bagels is a story about a little boy who doesn't know what to bring for International Day at school. He goes to his mom and dad's bakery to decide what to bring. His dad is Jewish and his mom is Mexican. He tastes a lot of different things at the bakery, but he still cannot make up his mind. His dad was making bagels and they decided to blend the cultures together to make a jalapeno bagel.

Shalom, amigos! Have you ever tried a

Los Bagels is the bakery in California that is in the story. It is a Mexican/Jewish bakery. It was started in 1984 by Dennis Rael. They sell the empanadas, bagels, chango bars, and challah from the story, plus a whole lot more!! Our teacher, Mr. Chris, ordered a sampler of the foods from the story for us

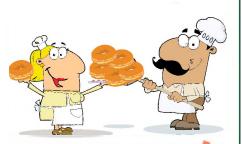
Our class thought that the jalapeno bagels were the best. We really didn't like the slug slime. Pumpkin turnovers were pretty good, and everyone liked the chango bars. The challah bread was very sweet. Some students from another class came and sampled the food with us. We scored the different items on a chart in the classroom so we could figure out what the class liked

Ms. Ewert, our school social worker, thought it was very cool that we ordered food from California. She liked the jalapeno pumpkin turnovers. She thought our idea to was happy to sample the bagels.

Our principal, Mrs. Mytych said it was a cool idea to find a bakery in California. She liked the jalapeno bagels most, too. She didn't like the pumpkin turnovers. She thought we showed our Life Skill of resourcefulness, and it was a great idea to order food for our class.

Our teacher, Mr. Chris, made his own chango bars from the recipe that was in our anthology. After we tried the samples from the bakery, our class made apple turnovers. We used dough and cinnamon covered apples. They were delicious!!

Our class really enjoyed sampling the foods that were in the story we read. It was very exciting and delicious! I hope we have a chance to do something like this again.



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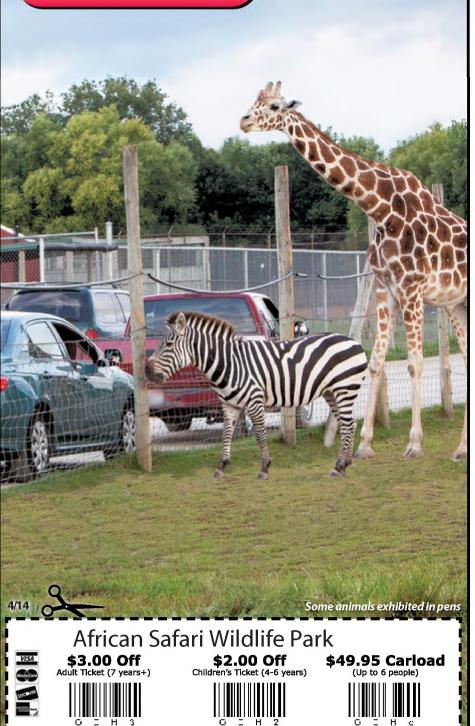
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