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Support veterans

There will be two events this weekend that will help local military veterans.

First, on Friday (3-11 p.m.) and Saturday (noon to 11 p.m.) the Lloyd H. Green American Legion Post 147, located at 100 W. Dunlap in downtown Northville, will be hosting a beer and brat tent offering a selection of refreshments and food for purchase.

For more information contact Gordon Cole at 248-348-2464 or GCole@p2rassociates.com.

In addition, Marine Corps League Northwest Detachment 162 will be firing up the grills beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 20 at VFW Post 4012 at 438 N. Main Street in Northville.

The MCL Detachment uses the proceeds from the event to help veterans in need at the VA hospitals around Michigan and at the two veterans homes in the state, as well as other veterans in need of a helping hand.

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

STATE CHAMPS!

23rd victory is magic one for champion Mustangs

By Chris Jackett Correspondent

Ten years removed from its last Division 1 state title, Northville's girls soccer team is champion once again.

The No. 1-ranked Mustangs (23-0-0) didn't let any questionable luck from the night before's Friday the 13th full moon linger, as they took care of business Saturday against No. 4 Utica Eisenhower (18-3-1), dominating en route to a 2-1 victory at Williamston.

"Long time coming," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "(I), personally, have been doing high school athletics for 19 years. I was part of the '04 staff. I got to be the voice of explaining what this experience is. Being the head coach now, it's just a great feeling. I'm so proud of these kids. All the work that they've done, they've earned it.'

Northville didn't take long to get on the scoreboard, immediately taking its high-powered offense to the Eagles.

About 8:45 into the game, senior Megan Buckingham had the ball on the left side and split a trio of defenders with a through pass to senior all-state player Jamie Cheslik inside the penalty arc. Eisenhower sophomore goalkeeper Bianca Koupparis came out to deflect the initial shot by Cheslik, but it landed at the feet of Buckingham, who was in the left end of the goal box alone with nothing between her and the empty net. Buckingham - who was recently named both Miss Soccer of Michigan and Michigan Soccer Gatorade Player of the Year – completed the play for an early 1-0 lead.

The Mustangs had a pair of corner kicks with 25 minutes remaining and a few quality chances in the final 13 min-

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Northville's Megan Buckingham (left) and Jamie Cheslik celebrate Cheslik's winning goal. Northville defeated Utica Eisenhower, 2-1.

By Julie Brown

Staff Writer

Earlier, filmmakers sub-

than 30 minutes. The event

director is Lisa Meinzinger-

soon

Abraham, along with co-direc-

tor Michael Zervos, whose film

Papou is to begin local shooting

"I love Northville and I'm a

This year's competition drew

big fan of independent films,'

said Meinzinger-Abraham, a

Northville resident.

mitted Michigan-made or Mich-

igan-themed short films, of less

Northville's Gabby Mencotti raises the state championship trophy as teammate Ashley Peper (left) celebrates. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Reel Michigan to highlight locally grown films

about 20 films.

"We're getting more films each year, which is great,' Meinzinger-Abraham said, The Northville Art House presents the fourth annual Reel adding the Marquis is a wonder-Michigan Film Festival on Satful venue and its representatives help a lot. "They're geturday, June 21, as part of Arts and Acts. Films are shown in ting better and better every the Marquis Theatre on Main vear.' Street in downtown Northville.

Some filmmakers from previous Reel Michigan years submitted films, while others are newcomers.

Reel Michigan welcomes all genres, from student films to the experimental. Reel Michigan is described as the "perfect platform for Michigan filmmakers to showcase their many talents" on its website. Mike Miller Building Co. is the Reel Michigan sponsor.

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MDEQ: Northville cleanup sites a model for others

Doheny Supplies in Northville is a great example of environmental stewardship and economic development working hand in hand. It's worked out so well that it's being touted by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality as a model.

MDEQ Director Dan Wyant and a team of MDEQ staffers made a trip to Northville on Tuesday to recognize the extensive environmental remediation work that was and is being done along Doheny Drive.

'This is a good example of state and local governments working together with private business to cleanup a problem site," Wyant said of the Doheny

property, which built on the location of a former waste oil recycling operation called General Oil.

The former General Oil site had waste oil lagoons on the site that were not lined, among other pollution sources.

According to MDEQ Project Manager Steve Hoin, the site has been successfully re-mediated following a decades-long cleanup effort.

'We're proud of this project and so is the DEO," said Jack Doheny, owner of the world's largest sewer cleaning and maintenance equipment dealer

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LOCAL NEWS

Abbo the man with a plan to fix finances in Wayne County

CFO breaks through thanks to a successful tenure in Northville

By Marlon A. Walker Gannett Michigan

Something had to be done. Faced with an effort by leaders in Livonia to annex 414 acres of land from Northville Township near 7 Mile and Haggerty in 2008, Northville Township Supervi-

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sor Mark Abbo decided to take the matter doorto-door to Livonia residents, hoping to persuade them to vote against the proposed annexation. If it had passed, the township would have lost out on millions in tax revenue from a proposed \$800-million commercial, retail and residential development. Livonia voters

quashed the plan in the 2008 general election. He's seeking similar

success in Wayne County. Abbo, the county's chief financial officer, is being eyed as the fixer for a disastrous financial situation that includes at least \$175 million in deficit spending and grumblings about state intervention. He has worked with the county commission to submit Wayne County's first deficit-elimination plan to be approved by the state in years, a sign he might be on the right path.

"I will do everything I can, and this administration is committed to implement this plan to avoid (state intervention)," he said. "The reality is we're in a difficult situation. We have to resolve it.'

Abbo, 61, was appointed to the position in January, several months after the retirement of former CFO Carla Sledge. Wayne **County Executive Robert** Ficano, at the time, touted Abbo's "financial management expertise," saying in a news release that Abbo would bring a fresh perspective to the county's administration. It's unknown how Abbo, a Republican, became the lead candidate for a top job in Democrat Ficano's cabinet, with Ficano and others only saying he surfaced during the search.

"As soon as word got out, there were people in Lansing — in the treasurer's office and in the



Mark Abbo stands last week in a conference room at the Guardian Building in Detroit. He worked with the county commission to submit Wayne County's first deficit-elimination plan to be approved by the state in vears. ROMAIN BLANQUART GANNETT MICHIGAN

governor's office - giving the thumbs-up," Ficano said. "He brings a determination and a doggedness. None of this is easy because we've been" working to eliminate the county's deficit "a long time. It always helps to have a fresh set of eyes."

He came to the county at a time when revenue has continually dropped as property taxes and population dwindled. The county also has come under fire for several failed projects, including the construction of a new Wayne County Jail, which has cost the county more than \$170 million. That project is on hold while officials from the county and Quicken Loans founder Dan Gilbert's Rock Ventures group look at selling the jail site and several other county properties locat-

ed downtown. In some ways, Abbo is what Ficano is not. A relative newcomer to the halls of the Guardian Building, he has taken a hard look at the county's ills with little personal investment. A Republican with a successful run as supervisor in Northville Township, he can have conversations with Lansing politicos who have cooled on Fica-

no Abbo's "aggressive" debt-reduction plan, first presented in February, calls for spinning off the county's wastewater treatment facilities and using millions from Wayne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz's Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund. It also seeks to cut down on operational inefficiencies in the Wayne County Sheriff's Office and the Wayne **County Prosecutor's** Office. It received conditional approval from the state before the county commission eventually signed off last month.

The plan was different from what had been pitched by Ficano's office in recent years and rejected by the state.

"Sometimes, new blood is really good,' said Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, R-Livonia. "He has a lot of past successes as supervisor of Northville Township. It's a very successfully run community. A lot of that is he was fiscally responsible."

Abbo brought the reputation of a politically savvy, yet uncompromising veteran always ready for battle. In a 30-plusyear career as a certified public accountant and chief financial officer at a number of privatesector businesses, he said he learned people are more accepting of change when they understand the change and why it's happening.

"At first blush, generally, people are opposed to change," he said. "All that is to be expected. We have a responsibility to educate people to exactly what we're attempting to achieve."

He was an elected official in Northville Township for 20 years, spending the last 12 as supervisor until 2012, when he decided not to seek re-election. There, his success hinged on efforts to make sure residents and workers

were not severely impacted as the township fought to stay afloat.

During the recession, they froze wages, compensation and additional hiring. There were no layoffs They convinced unions to take furlough days. Equipment was used beyond its normal shelf life.

"Nothing was sacred here," said Chip Snider, Northville Township's manager who worked with Abbo during his time with the township. "In the community, they felt his vision financially for the township was spot on. He seemed to have great instincts for increasing fund balances. We also were in a growth period during his tenure. The object was to manage that growth."

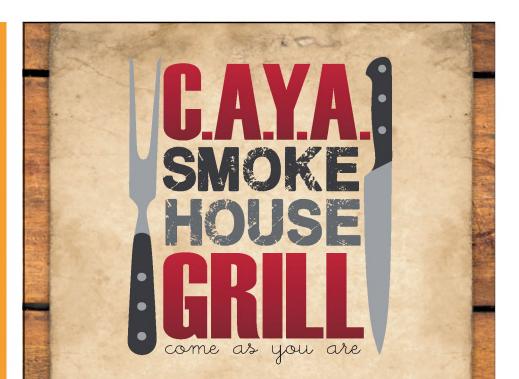
It was during the Livonia annex that Abbo cemented his legacy, Snider said. "We didn't sit by passively and hope for a vote," he said. "We fought it in the streets, in the back rooms, in the board rooms, everywhere we could. And we won.'

Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara said he thought the deficit-elimination plan looked more like a consent agreement that would come from the state in the middle of financial emergency talks.

"It's got a lot of major pain in there," he said of the plan. "These are the things that you have to do on your own, or the state will do them for you.'

While he eventually voted against the plan, he credited Abbo with being able to make headway with the state where the current administration previously could not.

"We needed somebody that can go up (to Lansing) and talk to the Republicans," said McNamara, D-Belleville. "It's not (Ficano)."



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utes of the half, but held the 1-0 lead at the break.

"Today's game, we executed what we needed to," Brucker said. "We came in with a game plan to have different players play positions they don't normally play. We saw how well (Isabella) Palazzolo was on their left side and it's rare to have to mark somebody on the outside mid, so Suzie (Redick) and Alissa (Moore) did an outstanding job swapping back and forth and taking her out of the play.'

Second half

Northville came out on fire in the second half, barely allowing the ball out of the Eagles' end for the first 22 minutes. With senior all-state choice Gabby Mencotti applying pressure and pushing the midfield forward early on, Cheslik and Buckingham each had moments where they literally ran circles around portions of the Eisenhower defense.

"We just kind of play like we play club together, so we're used to each other and just play our own games," Buckingham said of her Michigan Hawks teammate.

About 16:30 into the second half, Buckingham played a through ball up the center to Cheslik for a breakaway from 35 yards out. A defender blocked Cheslik's touch, but the block hit Cheslik and she came out of the play able to touch it around Koupparis at the top of the box as Koupparis slid forward. Cheslik dribbled a few yards before tapping it into an empty net for a 2-0 lead.

^aI just pressured the defense and was hoping they would fumble the ball like they did," Cheslik said. "It was a perfect day. It was awesome. We worked well as a team. I couldn't have done it without Megan. Just us playing together makes it



Northville's Alissa Moore waits for the ball to come down during the state championship game Saturday.

so easy. All the goals and all the stuff is just from each of us playing off of each other."

It was only three minutes later that Buckingham almost found Cheslik again with a pass through the goal box from the left goal line, but the ball slid through the goal mouth untouched and Koupparis eventually came up with it.

After Eisenhower senior defender Jillian Doss pushed up into the offense and temporarily injured her right foot with 17:30 remaining, the Eagles restarted play fired up, keeping the ball in Northville's end for a bit and getting a pair of shots on Mustangs junior all-state goalkeeper Emily Maresh.

"It's hard to say she's hidden back there, but she makes everything in front of us easier," Brucker said. "The confidence the other players have knowing she's on the back line allows us to be more aggressive in our back third with our players. She's just outstanding."

Cheslik had a golden opportunity at another goal with nine minutes remaining after Buckingham beat a defender along the goal line on the left side and crossed a low and slow ball into the center, but Cheslik's leftfooted attempted from 10 yards out was redirected by Koupparis and cleared by a defender.

Just 58 seconds later, Eisenhower made a game of it when junior Paige Duda hooked a dipping 30-yard shot around a diving Maresh into the upper right corner of the goal to cut the deficit to 2-1.

2-1. "They went through scoring four or five all through the playoffs," Brucker said. "I wasn't expecting a 1-0 game, so I told them at halftime that one wouldn't be enough and I was right. We're not used to getting scored on. We got scored on five times all season in 23 games. When it happens, these guys are mentally tough enough to not let it effect them."

The final eight minutes were filled with rushed challenges from both sides and the Eisenhower defense chasing Buckingham around in its own end in an attempt to regain possession for another shot attempt that would never come.

Accolades

Northville captured its third state title in girls soccer, having also won in 1984 and 2004.

"In my eyes, I thought we had a chance, but I never thought we'd go undefeated," said Buckingham, who will be playing for the University of North Carolina in the fall.

Mustang Ashley Peper tries to keep up with Utica Eisenhower forward Paige Duda, who scored Ike's only goal of the game. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Northville's bench erupts in cheers as the game ends against Utica Eisenhower.

"It's just kind of setting in. It's unreal. You don't think you'll go undefeated, never lose or tie a game. I'm proud of my whole team and our goalkeeper. She did awecome."

some." "With the players we played with and the teammates and all the pressure of us being No. 1, I think that helped us out a little bit because we went into every game thinking we had to keep our name going, we couldn't let it down," added Cheslik, who will be playing for Michigan State University in the fall.

With perfect record and state title, the Mustangs are also No. 1 in the StudentSports.com Fab 50 national poll and have a strong possibility of taking the No. 1 spot in the final NSCAA poll from coaches nationwide after the previous No. 1 team lost. The last Michigan team to claim the No. 1 national ranking was Novi after its 2011 state title.

"We play in such a tough conference, the

KLAA, and our rivals, when we play Novi it's always going to be a battle," Brucker said. "There are some that were closer than I thought they should've been and then others where we played so well it showed the potential we had. I don't know if it's ever in the cards, but they found a way to make it happen."

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



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Garden club scholarship winners



The Northville Garden Club awarded scholarships at its June 9 meeting held at the Northville Township Municipal Building. Three Northville High School students won one-time gifts of \$1,250 to go towards their higher educational pursuits. From left are Yin Wang (representing daughter Aileen You), club member Ardis McCloud, recipient Sangini Tolia, club member Julie Mantay, recipient John Stroud, and his mother Jane McLaren. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER THE

Preschool recruitment

Northville Public Schools is currently assessing the need within the community for a free or reduced preschool program. Recruitment has begun for a preschool program to be funded through the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)

The district is recruiting

4-year-olds for a state-funded preschool class that is hoped to open in the fall. Income eligibility and admission criteria applies.

For more information, visit www.earlychildhood.northvilleschools.org.

Tennis courts closed

A project began this week to refinish the tennis courts at

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Northville High School. The project will include paving repairs and new resurfacing of all 10 courts at the school. Weather-permitting, the project is scheduled to be completed by July 31.

The tennis courts will be inaccessible during construction. Questions regarding the project may be directed to Chris Gearns, director of operations at 248-344-3541.

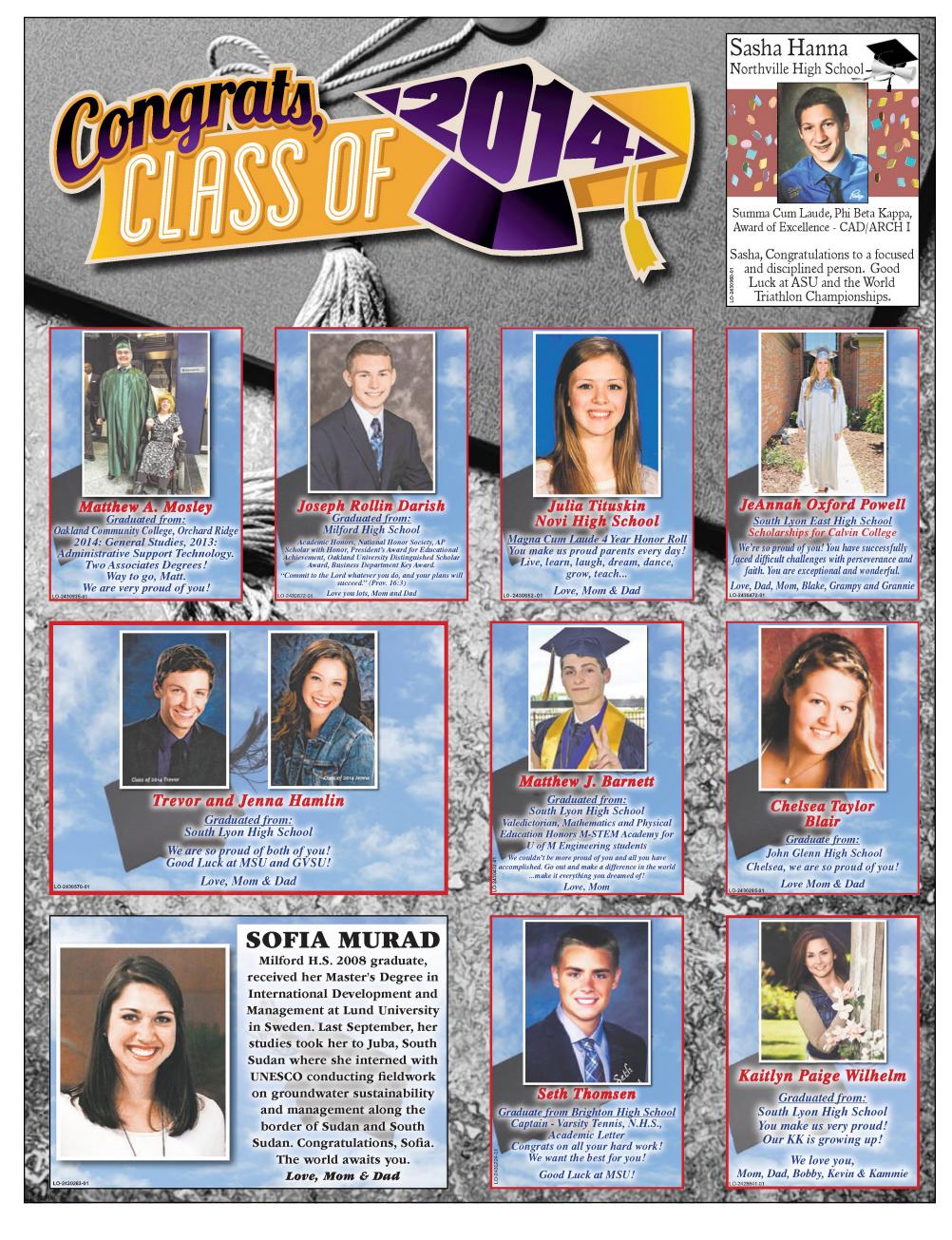
Boosters Golf Outing

The 6th Annual NHS Boosters Golf Outing and Silent Auction will be held Saturday, Aug. 23 at the Links of Novi.

Each team is required to provide one foursome. Price per golfer is \$130 and includes lunch, dinner, 18 holes of golf with cart, open bar and access

to the silent auction. Non-golfers can attend the dinner only, which costs \$50/person and includes dinner, open bar and access to the silent auction.

If you have an item your would like to donate to the silent auction, email Kris Yanagi atyanagi6@comcast.net. All proceeds will go directly to our Boosters program and, in turn, to our student athletes.



FILM SCHEDULE

No admission to anyone

5 p.m. Saturday, June

21, first block of films:

Hermann's Bakery (6:21)

My Day With Dan (9:45)

Into The Night (7:00) by

by Alexandria Pisko

by Sam Rector and

Michael Pfaendtner

Addiction (13:00) by

Michael G. Petersen

by Charles Kennedy

(13:40) by Michael

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Nocturnal Love (21:24)

An Unexpected Harvest

8 p.m. Saturday, June

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Hit (6:45) by Scott Ga-

Surprise (22:46) by Philip

The Color of My Energy

(29:43) by Scott Galeski

The Gift (9:30) by Orin

Dayplanner Of The Dead

(17:36) by John Wisniew-

Mandy Marion

under 18 years of age.

FILMS

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A filmmaker Q&A will also be part of Reel Michigan. Filmmakers discuss their work right after it's shown.

"That way, they can each have their time to speak" while each film is fresh in the audience's mind, Meinzinger-Abraham said.

There will be an afterparty at 10 p.m., where attendees can mingle with local filmmakers and actors and watch as awards are given out for the best films in several categories.

The after-party will take place at Le George, a Main Street restaurant near the Marquis. The after-party is free with your Reel Michigan ticket stub for those over 21

Tickets for Reel Michigan are \$10 and available through Eventbrite (http://www.eventbrite. com/e/reel-michiganfilm-festival-tickets-11579158575) and at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturdav

This year's judges are

By Julie Brown

Staff Writer

Northville's Arts and

There are about 15-20

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Gary Schwartz, Mark Ducker and Tim Ortapan. Schwartz is an awardwinning animator from Single Frame Films. Ducker is executive producer of Wild Rose Pictures and founder/director of the Ypsi-24 Hour Shootout. Ortopan is a Northville High School

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business hours and email

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Lisa's legacy: Friends honor slain woman

By Linda Rose Correspondent

This July will mark the one-year anniversary of the tragic death of Lisa Christensen, an incident that shocked both the Northville and Novi communities. Christensen's life was taken by her estranged husband, who then took his

While the passing of time has brought healing to many who knew Lisa, many credit their acceptance of her death to the work they are doing to keep their friend's memory alive. Their latest effort is the Linked Through Lisa Golf Outing on Sunday, June 22.

'Over the past months, about 12 of us have joined together to organize various fundraisers with the goal of helping support Lisa's



Shown (from left) are Jeanne Bowman, Kim Yaggi and Jeanne McCauley at Lyon Oaks, the site of the upcoming Linked Through Lisa Golf Outing

children and to continue her legacy of kindness and involvement," said Kim Yaggi, a Northville resident who is helping with the golf outing.

"These events have been therapeutic for all of us involved. Most of the group putting together these fundraisers did not even know each other before this tragedy," added Yaggi. "Lisa is the reason we were brought together and we believe the fundraisers are an important part of keeping here memory and legacy alive. All of us on the committee agree that this have been a big part of the healing process for us.

While the core organizing committee is about a dozen local individuals, hundreds in the Northville and Novi community have attended events like a basketball fundraiser at Northville

High School and a wine-tasting at Genitti's Holein-the-Wall.

Golf outing

The golf outing will be held at Lyon Oaks Golf Club in Wixom, with registration at 11 a.m.; a putting contest at noon; the shotgun start at 1 p.m.; and dinner at 6 p.m.

"Lisa loved golf so this is a fitting event," said Yaggi. "Even if vou are not a golfer, you can attend the dinner, and it will be a great day to remember Lisa.'

A resident of Novi, Christensen was known in the Novi and Northville communities through her leadership roles in youth sports. She was the Northville Parks and Recreation Department's director of youth basketball and heavily involved in sporting activities with her children

Funds from the golf outing will be used to support Christensen's two teenage children, Mallory and Mitchell Weber. Mallory, who graduated from Northville High School in 2012, is currently attending Penn State University. Mitchell will be a senior

at Northville High School in the fall. Christensen's mother, Jeanne Bowman, has taken on the role of caring for the children.

"I am just overwhelmed by this amazing committee, this group of Lisa's friends who have put so much love and effort into these events," said Bowman. "Team Lisa actually started only a week after my daughter's died. That is how quickly they stepped up to help and honor my daughter. The amount of support they show is amazing and the family is so grateful for it. We want the team to know how much we appreciate what they have done, taking a year of their lives to remember Lisa

through all their efforts." Jeanne McCauley, a Novi resident and friend of Christensen for more than 20 years, is also a member of Team Lisa. Like many in the group, she still gets emotional when they talk about their friend.

"Lisa has been gone almost a year and it has been a painful time for us, but also a time where we have come together to emulate Lisa's spirit." said McCauley. "Lisa

DETAILS

The Linked Through Lisa Golf Outing will be held Sunday, June 22, at Lyon Oaks Golf Club in Wixom, with registration at 11 a.m.; a putting contest at noon: the shotgun start at 1 p.m.; and dinner at 6 p.m. To purchase tickets, visit http://tinyurl. com/ltlgolfouting. For more information, call 248-974-4365 or email teamlisa2013 @yahoo.com . Advance tickets for golf and dinner are \$125. Student tickets are \$100. Cost to attend just the dinner is \$25.

taught us a graceful kindness in the way she motivated others through her leadership in school activities, sports, or helping one of us when we needed it. It is because of Lisa's example that we are a committee of doers. Lisa would be proud of this group for our collaborative, get-thingsdone spirit and with her memory to inspire us, we are fortunate to have this outlet to both heal and help.'





Bargain hunters



Visitors take a look through the offerings at the June 10 Girl Scout garage sale at Northville's Stockhausen family's house.



Olivia Booth finds a unique way to carry some of her purchases after visiting the annual Stockhausen family garage sale on June 10. The sale, which benefits the Girl Scouts and the Northville Historical Society, ran until June 14 at the family's Dunlap Street home. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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LOCAL NEWS

Jump into reading

Library kicks off summer reading program for children, teens and adults

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Summer Reading Programs at the Northville District Library aim to keep children's and teens' reading levels up. Fun is also included.

Kids can focus on reading skills by just reading eight books over the summer. Preschoolers can learn early literacy skills, and adults can model the joy of reading to their children.

Karen Fehl, the librarian handling public relations, said the combined program draws over 1,200, about 200 adults, some 160 teens in grades six-12 and the balance younger.

"I think that the parents are pretty anxious to have their kids keep reading," Fehl said. "We have a pretty good repeat business with our Summer Reading Programs."

The programs kick off in June. Registration for the Fizz, Boom, Read Youth Summer Reading Program and the Teen Spark a Reaction Summer Reading program began Friday, June 13. Kids can enjoy reading games, prizes, storytimes, crafts and fun activities all summer.

Online resources, such as Brainfuse, an interactive study skills site, Mango Languages, an online interactive language learning resource, and Learning Express, for software tutorials, practice tests and more, keep kids' minds active, Fehl said.

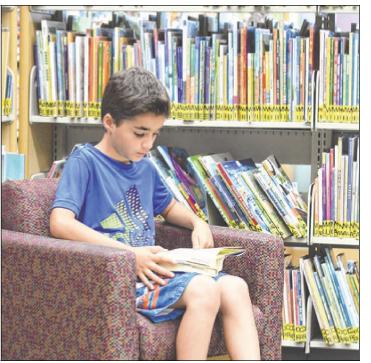
"That seems to see a jump in the summer," Fehl said of Mango Languages.

There are about 10-12 programs in the summer to draw those of all ages, including an Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum for ages 9-12, the tweens, in June.

Fehl said some readers like fun stuff, although adults often seek best sellers, biographies, mysteries and oth-



Alice Brooks (left) and Michelle Fecht volunteer on June 16 for the Northville District Library summer reading program. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Julian Ajluni, 8, peruses a book at the Northville District Library on June 16. He'd just signed up for the library's summer reading program Fizz, Boom: Read and like hundreds of other kids (and adults signed up for its reading program) will be eligible for prizes the more books he reads.

ers. Some like the Amazon list of 100 titles recommended for all adults to read in a lifetime.

"The parents can read to their children, too," Fehl said of the youngest readers. Tumblebooks for Kids are animated, talking picture books to be read on the computer, as well as read-along books, classics and novels for teens. You can use your library card to access these online resources from home. Julie Herrin, library director, in a statement the library seeks to foster a love of reading for children and teens. "Our goal is to encourage them to become lifelong," Herrin added.

Registration has already started for adults, with Friday, June 13, the start of registration for youth and teens.

"It's a hopping place," said Fehl of the library in summer. "We do enjoy it very much."

The Youth Summer Reading Program runs through Aug. 16. Teen Summer Reading ends Aug. 12 and the adult program ends Aug. 30. Fehl noted registration stays open much of the summer to encourage readers to participate.

Friends of the Library volunteers are also a big help. "Very appreciative to our Friends, too," Fehl said.

For more information, visit the library's website: www.northvillelibrary.org or call 248-349-3020. Library hours are Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Sundays in the summer and reopens on Sundays beginning Sept. 7.

LIBRARY LINES

The Northville District Library is located at 212 W. Cady St. For more information, call 248-349-3020 or visit northvillelibrary.org.

The library will be closed Sunday, May 25, and Monday, May 26, for the Memorial Day holiday.

Upcoming events include: YOUTH SUMMER READING PROGRAM: FIZZ, BOOM, READ!

Time/Date: Continues through Summer Details: Register for the youth Summer Reading Program. Northville kids – babies through those entering 5th grade – visit the library for free activities, crafts, storytimes, reading games, prizes and more. Parents, read to your little ones, and help your students maintain and improve important reading skills during the summer months. TEEN SUMMER BEADING-

TEEN SUMMER READING: SPARK A REACTION!

Time/Date: Continues through Summer **Details:** Teens entering 6th grade through high school, including spring 2014 graduates, record your reading this summer and earn prizes, plus a chance to win the grand prize. Attend fun events and get more chances to win.

DROP-IN STORYTIME: UNDER THE SEA

Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m., Friday, June 20 Details: Summer storytimes are fun for all ages. Just drop in. Please no special groups.

ESTABLISHING A RAIN GARDEN

Time/Date: 7 pm Monday, June 23 **Details:** Learn how to plant a rain garden so you can make a difference in the quality of the water in our rivers and streams. Presented by Susan Bryan, rain garden coordinator for the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commission. Call to register at 248-349-3020.

DROP-IN CRAFTS: RETRO ROBOT STICK PUPPETS

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, June 25

Details: All ages drop in to make fun retro robot stick puppets with bendable arms and legs. No special groups please. **ONCE UPON A PUPPET:**

PRINCESS AND THE PEA

Time/Date: 2-2:45 pm Thursday, June 26

Details: Enjoy an original puppet show based on the classic tale of "The Princess and the Pea", filled with music, laughter and plenty of fun audience participation. No special groups please. There will be 100 free tickets available at the Information Desk 10 minutes before program.

ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM: READ, RELAX, ENJOY!

Time/Date: Runs through Aug. 30 **Details:** Register for the adult Summer Reading Program. Earn coffee coupons and chances to enter the grand prize drawing.



Father's Day & Fun at Independence Village

Events At:

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

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

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

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

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

Estate Planning & Asset Protection Workshop

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

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

Presented by: Family & Aging Law Center

Father's Day Brunch at All Communities

Father's Day Brunch Sunday, June 15 White Lake: 11:30 am – 2:30 pm Plymouth: 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

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

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

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

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

Presented by: Mario Messina

Father's Day Celebration Thursday, June 12 | 1:30 pm

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

Nashville Nights Tuesday, June 24 | 6:00 pm

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

Presented by: Mark Edwards

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Oakmont Senior Center's Marie Rumbley (center) leads its Music Makers group in song and dance during the June 4 Senior Festr. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Senior Fest 2014 was extra special this year because it marked the 10 year anniversary of senior services at the Northville Community Center, which was recently renovated.

On June 4 the annual senior citizen event was held at the building on W. Main Street with 200 seniors along with a variety of vendors, sponsors and volunteers along with city and township elected officials on hand to celebrate the anniversary in the gymnasium.

The event is a great way for seniors to meet and talk with different businesses and vendors that might be able to help them.

"This is a really nice event," said Allen Terrace resident Nancy Floyd. "It gives you a chance to get out, have some fun and check out some resources that may be of some help."

This was also a per-

fect moment to celebrate the Community/Senior Center.

Back in 2004 the Northville community (city, township and public schools) all came together to give local seniors a new home by renovating the old recreation center on Main Street into a newer, larger and more accommodating building.

The team that made this happen was led by Northville resident Jim Nield. He said the renovation and move into the building for the seniors was the right idea, and now years later he's glad to see it used so well.

"Thank you for the trust the Northville community and the school placed in us to build a timeless Community Center all ages are enjoying for public and private gatherings," Nield said to the gathered crowd at the Senior Fest.

Nield said there were other ideas for the senior center location, but they didn't make sense when it came to things like accessibility. A big reason for the picked location was they wanted the seniors to be downtown Northville with the library, post office and restaurants. The seniors had been meeting in what is now the Art House.

Everyone was agreement with the idea, so the renovation of the building that was originally built in 1954 went forward with everything from new windows being put in to a new playground for special need students and wheel chairs constructed with soft surface and a perimeter fence between it and Old Village School.

Now the Community Center has become, among many things, a place for exercise, meetings, youth basketball and seniors enjoying an occasional good card game.

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Police arrest suspect in thefts from area gym lockers

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

A White Lake man was arrested this past Sunday at Planet Fitness in downtown Northville for being in possession of a tool used to break into lockers. Police suspect he may have been involved in a string of locker room thefts around the area. When he was arrested police allegedly found eight cut combination locks inside his bag.

The suspect, Paul Kennedy, 23, was arraigned on June 10 in the 35th District Court before Judge Ronald Lowe on the charge of possessing

bolt cutters for the purpose of cutting locks, which is a 10-year felony.

Northville City Police were called to Planet Fitness after an employee witnessed the suspect with the bolt cutters in his hand while inside the locker room, but the employee did not actually see him cutting any locks. Planet Fitness has had four previous reports of thefts.

According to Northville City Police, earlier last week a suspect stole a wallet and vehicle keys from an unsecured gymnasium locker and then stole the GPS unit from the person's vehicle. This same type of crime occurred at Planet Fitness two times in the month prior.

Upon arrival to Planet Fitness, which is located on Griswold Street, police stopped the suspect as he was leaving the gym. He gave police consent to search his bag. According to police, he was in possession of another person's set of car keys, but told police he had grabbed them by accident.

Northville City Police said the locks found in the suspect's bag may be from an unnamed fitness center in Livonia, which reported recent thefts.

The suspect told police the cut locks were his because he frequently forgets his combination so he cuts them and gets a new one.

The suspect also allegedly told police he was at the gym that day to take a shower. His girlfriend was waiting out in the car while he was inside. She is being questioned by Livonia Police on a similar charge.

Additionally, other area police departments are looking at Kennedy for larcenies at fitness locations in their jurisdictions.

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NORTHVILLE CITY POLICE TIPS

Minimize your chances of becoming a victim of vehicle break-ins and locker theft by following these simple measures:

» Park in well lit areas.

» Park in your garage and close and lock the garage door. » Don't become complacent - be aware of your sur-

roundings.

» Don't leave valuables unattended in your vehicle. If this cannot be avoided, at least secure the them where they are not in plain view, such as your trunk or glove box.

» Lock your vehicle and bring your keys with you.

» When going to work out, carry only the items needed (license, membership card, car keys, Etc.). Do not carry valuables if it can be avoided.

» Always lock your locker.

If you become a victim of theft of your credit cards, cancel them immediately and make a police report. Report suspicious activity in Northville by calling dispatch at (248) 349-9400 or 911 in an emergency.

Spontaneous combustion from staining rags can cause structure fires

moke alarms have been part of the American vernacular for more than 40 years, yet our department still finds homes that don't have working smoke alarms.

Recently, our department was called for a reported house fire. Fire crews arrived to find heavy smoke and fire coming from the garage and extending into the house. The only person home at the time was able to escape safely, but only after he was alerted of the fire by a loud popping sound coming from the garage. During his investigation he opened the door to the garage and was instantly pushed back by the heat and flames. The homeowner quickly exited the house he called 911 to report the fire

The fire department responded and quickly extinguished the fire without any injuries. However, had the fire occurred while he was asleep, the lack of working smoke alarms could have been deadly.

After every major fire in Northville Township, our department com-



pletes an origin and cause investigation to determine how and why the fire began. These investigations help us alert the community of common fire causes, malfunctioning products and other fire hazards. This investigation revealed that the fire was caused by the spontaneous combustion of stain soaked rags. You may have believed that spontaneous combustion was only a myth; however, the threat is very real. This is the second house fire in the last year that was caused by the improper disposal of stained rags.

What is spontaneous combustion?

Spontaneous combustion is a chemical reaction known as oxidation. The most common form of oxidation is known as rust, which is a very slow process that does not cause a temperature increase. However, spontaneous combustion occurs when the heat

caused by oxidation builds up until the object ignites. This is what happens when oily or stained rags, normally cotton, are piled up and not disposed of properly.

There are a number of valuable lessons that we can learn from the above incident. Here are just a few:

» Make sure you have working smoke alarms. When properly installed, smoke alarms are the most effective way to notify you and your family of a fire. However, smoke alarms that are missing, damaged or improperly maintained, cannot protect you. Every smoke alarm should be replaced at least every 10 years and your batteries should be replaced annually.

» Always read product labels. With summer upon us housing projects are in full swing. Take time to educate yourself on the products that you are using for warnings or hazards.

» Use proper disposal methods. Read product labels to determine the hazards associated and the recommended methods to prevent a fire.

When staining with rags make sure to discard used rags in the proper container. Disposal containers should be made

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Tom Hughes is the fire inspector for the Northville Township Fire Department. He welcomes questions/feedback

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UPCOMING DATES:

Tuesday, June 24

6:30-8:30 pm Independence Village Plymouth 14707 Northville Rd • Plymouth, MI 48170

Wednesday, July 9

1:00-3:00 pm Milford Library 330 Family Drive, Milford, MI 48381

Thursday, July 31

1:00 - 3:00 pm **Plymouth Cultural Center** 525 Farmer Street Plymouth, MI 48170

Wednesday, July 23

10:00 am - noon Ralph Richardson Community Senior Center 1485 Oakley Park Road Commerce Township, MI 48390

Tuesday, August 12

1:30 - 3:30 pm Northville Community Center 303 W. Main Street Northville, MI 48167

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Carly Bins, Northville 'Super Singer,' to perform before Detroit fireworks

Local teen Carly Bins has been named a Top 5 finalist in the 2014 WDIV Local 4 Super Singer competition. Bins, 14, who just finished her freshman year at Northville High School, will sing live on WDIV Channel 4 during the Fireworks pre-show from 8-9 p.m. on Monday, June 23. A panel of celebrity judges, including Olympic gold medalists Meryl Davis and Charlie White, will narrow the field to two singers. The WDIV viewing audience chooses the winner from the top two.

To become a Top 5 finalist, contestants must submit an online audition then be invited for a live callback audition. Producers choose the top five, who spend several weeks preparing for the final competition.

"The whole process has been very fun," said Bins. "I'm extremely excited to meet the other four finalists. I'm sure they're all incredible singers. I'm very grateful for this opportunity because I've learned a lot and it has opened many doors for me."

Bins is lead singer and

acoustic guitarist for local all-girl band, Unusual Symphony, as well as a member of the NHS TrebleMakers. She recently won the 2014 Talent for the Title competition.

To see a video of Bins and learn more about her, visit www.clickondetroit.com/entertainment/ super-singer/carlybins/26500334





Northville teen Carly Bins sings in the WDIV Super Singer competition.

Summer Carnival

The Northville Summer Carnival returns to town June 19-22 at Northville Downs (corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon). The carnival midway returns with plenty of rides, games, and other amusements. For more information, including times and scheduled activities.



visit the Northville Chamber's website at www.northville.org

Farmers Market

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

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

For more information, visit the Northville Chamber of Commerce website at www.northville.org.

Friday concert

Ben Sharkey will bring his jazz sounds to the Town Square stage this week for the Northville's Friday Night Concert Series. The show starts at 7 p.m. in downtown Northville. The Northville Sum-

mer Friday Night Concert Series – presented by the Northville Downtown Development Authority and Tom Holzer Ford – brings the music of some of the finest local musicians to down-

town Northville's outdoor stage in Town Square every Friday night from 7-9 p.m. Visit www.downtown-

northville.com/1/163/ friday_concerts_.asp for the complete schedule.

Grub crawl

Tickets for the 10th Annual Northville Grub Crawl are now on sale. Participating restaurants provide free samples of appetizers and signature items along with cash bar specials for the "Crawlers." Ticket holders receive a flier and event map that highlights their grub crawl starting point. Free shuttle transportation operates on a 15-minute schedule to take Crawlers from one restaurant to the next.

The following restaurants are scheduled to participate in this year's Grub Crawl: Bricks of Northville, Burger Loft at St. Johns, Cantoro Market and Trattoria, Edwards Café and Caterer, Gaucho Brazilian Steakhouse, Northville Sports Den, Poole's Tavern, Rusty Bucket, Honey Tree Grille, Northville Winery, YogurtPalooza and Fred's Ice Cream.

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

Art House exhibit

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

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

through June 28 during Art House hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday.

Emergency food available

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

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

Distributions continue the third Thursday of each month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth.

For information and to register, call (734) 453-6879, ext. 7, or send email to randi.williams@pcuw.org.

New Hope wine tasting

New Hope Center, 315 Griswold in Northville, will have a wine tasting fundraiser from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, June 19.

The event will feature local vendor Wines For Humanity, which will provide seven exclusive wines for tasting. Cost to attend is \$25. Those interested in attending must RSVP by June 12 by calling 248-348-0115 or emailing griefhelp@newhopecenter.net.

For more information, visit www.newhopecenter.net or www.winesforhumanity.com.

NHS reunion/golf outing

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

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

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

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

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Eligible applicants must be 18 years of age; have a high school diploma or GED; be qualified to obtain a concealed pistol license; have a valid Michigan driver's license and

have passed all of the Michigan Sheriff's Coordinating and Training Council's pre-employment requirements, including the reading/writing examination and physical agility test. Further information is at http:// misctc.org/standards.html

Those with felony convictions will not be considered.

Applications are being accepted online and in person from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday at the Department of Personnel/Human Resources, 500 Griswold, 9th floor, Detroit.

More information is at waynecounty.com/phr/jobpostings.htm and sheriffconnect.com or by calling 313-224-5901.

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organization, which is based in Northville. "It really shows what cooperation and partnership can do."

Hoin said the environmental issues related to the site were the release of thousands of gallons of waste oil, including PCBs. Some did migrate into the neighboring Mill Pond.

The pond and Garage restaurant were also on the DEO's tour of Northville because both also represent examples of successful cleanup efforts. Wyant is on a 15-day tour of the state to investigate environmental stewardship projects.



The Doheny cleanup project started more than 20 years ago and got a big boost in funding from the **Clean Michigan Initiative** with over \$1 million dedicated to the site - 80 percent of the funding used was recovered as part of the settlement negotiations.

Hoin said the funds were to investigate the property in stages, which eventually led to a cleanup by the responsible parties involving install-

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The Mill Pond **MDEQ-led cleanup** effort has made it an example of public and private organizations working together. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ing a capture system for the oil that was leeching into Mill Pond. Additionally, a large quantity of soil was removed from the site and further efforts have been undertaken as Doheny expanded on the site rather than move because of the problems.

Wyant said Gov. Rick Snyder's goal is to use environmental stewardship and economic development used by the Doheny project as a model for the rest of the state.

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Milford

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FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD VISITORS WELCOME! 133 Detroit St., Milford • 248-684-5695 Pastor Steve Swayze unday School (all ages) 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Worship - 11 a.m. Young Adults Dinner/Bible Study, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 6:45-8:15 p.m. Awana, 3 yrs old thru 6th grade and Youth Group for 7th grade and older Website: milfordbaptist.org

MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Pastor Bryant Anderson 238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805 www.milfordpc.o www.millfordpc.org Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. School age 3 thru 5th grade (outh Group 10 am - Grades 6-leritage of error warship A heritage of area worship since 1836

Milford United Methodist Church 1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48381 Sunday Worship: 9:30 am Children's Church: 9:40 am Groups for Children, Youth and Adults



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MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 ½ Mile 248-348-7757 • www.mbcc.org Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister

ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI 46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Msgr John Kasza, Pastor

Parish Office: 347-7778

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL 40700 W. Ten Mile Rd. • 248-427-1175 Sunday Worship 7:45 am & 10 am Healing Service Wednesday 11:45 am Rev. Ann Webber, Rector holycrossnovi@gmail.com **OAK POINTE CHURCH** 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi Saturday Worship 5:15 p.m., Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Casual, contemporary service Phone (248) 912-0043 www.oakpointe.org **NOVI UNITED METHODIST** CHURCH 41671 W. Ten Mile Road • Novi. MI 4837 Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m. Rev. June M. Smith, Pastor 248-349-2652 www.um cnovi.com ving God, loving each other and living our core value

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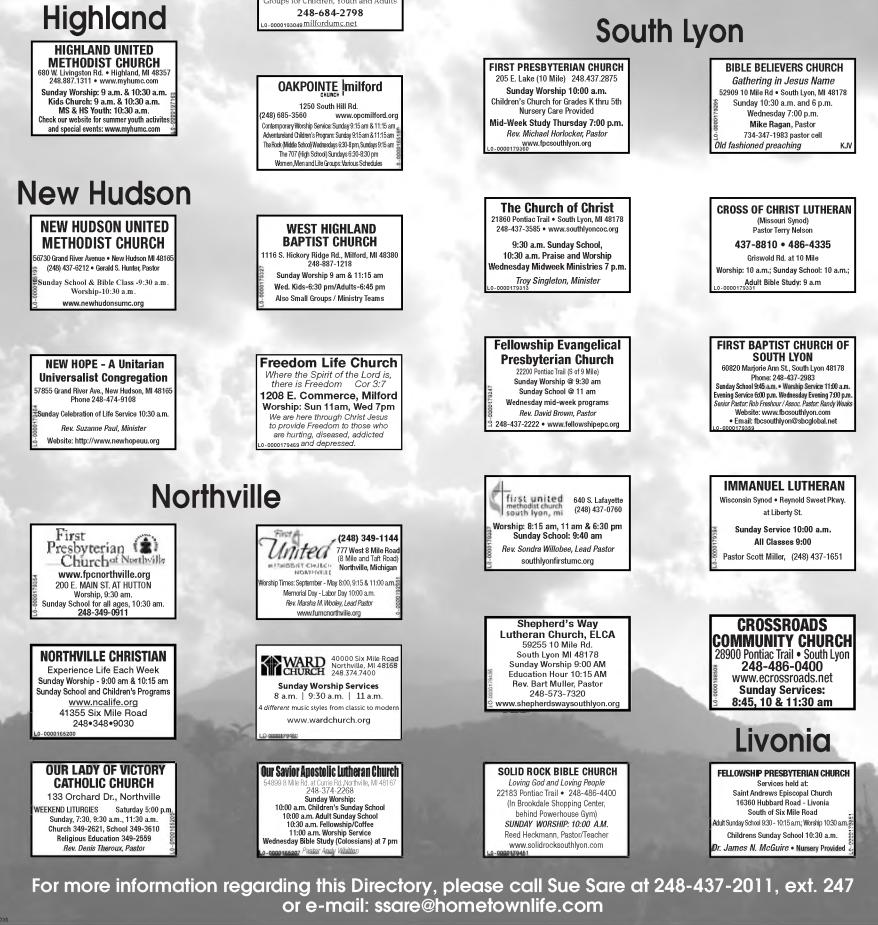
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Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Fr Boh LaCroix Pastor

Fr. Beto Espinoza, Associate

arish Office: 349-8847 • www.holyfamilynov



Brightmoor **Christian Church**

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

ch.org

Celebrate Recovery

Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Mondays Details: Worship, teaching or testimony, and open-share

recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits, and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth grade. Preregister.

RELIGION CALENDAR (Spanish)

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit

holyfamilynovi.org Mass Schedule Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday

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AMREIN **KATHARINA (KARIN)**

Age 73, of Northville passed away Thursday, June 12, 2014 at home after a three year battle with Lymphoma. She was born July 15, 1940 in Apatin, Serbia; daughter of Jakob and Theresia Amrein. Karin was married to Allan Inglis on May 25, 1985 in Montreal. The couple moved to Northville, Michigan in 1990. Karin dedicated her life to her family as a loving and caring homemaker. She was a wonderful cook and baker and enjoyed gardening. She was an active member of the Northville Garden Club and the Downtown Beautification Commission. Her love of flowers helped to make Northville a beautiful place to be. Karin is survived by her hus-band Allan; her son Peter Ursika; and her sisters Ingeborg (Uwe) Lund and Renate Bostick; her nieces and their families Renee Amrein (Ryan)and Marcia Bostick (Issac, Theodore, and Marcia Àndrea). A memorial visitation for all friends will be held, Saturday, June 21, 2014 from 10a.m. until Noon at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. Memorial contributions can be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154. Online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

ANDREWS, FRIEDA R. Age 93, of Novi, passed away 6/10/14. Private services were held. Online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com





DeLUCA, THERESA

Age 52, of Hutchinson, Kansas, died May 23, 2014 at her home. She was born June 26, 1961 in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Ronald and Carolyn Cologie. She was raised in South Lyon, Michigan and was a 1979 graduate of South Lyon High School. She was an Assistant Secretary for Holy Cross Catholic School, Hutchinson, KS. On September 10, 1996 she married Ken DeLuca in Farmington Hills, MI. Survivors include her husband Ken and two sons, Dominic and Dylan DeLuca, of Hutchinson, KS, her parents; Ronald and Carolyn Cologie,

South Lyon, four sisters; Catherine Chapman, Magnolia, Texas, Marie Golightly (Brian), South Lyon, Christine Goike Standish, and Joanne (Tom), LaGraff (Paul) of Brighton. Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Cross Catholic Church, May 28th, in Hutchinson, KS. A memorial service will be held from 5:00pm to 8:00pm Thursday, June 26 for family and close friends, with a Rosary at 6:30 pm at the Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions may be given to Holy Cross Catholic School, 2631 Independence Road, Hutchinson, KS 67502.



ELIAS. FERN MAXINE "MICKEY"



HAMLIN, **PATRICIA JÁNE**

Age 82, of Highland Twp., passed away June 15, 2014. Be-loved wife of the late Bruce for 45 years. Loving mother of Richele (Gary) Howard, Jill King, Richard King, the late Craig King, Kristi (George) Tho-mas and Bruce (Colleen) Hamlin. Proud grandmother of Christopher, Chelsea, Richard, Thora, Jonah, Kendall, Nicole, Artellus and Violet. Treasured greatgrandmother of Jasmine and Sophia. Dear sister of Ralph (Gladys) Rogers, Elizabeth Carpenter and Barbara Rogers. Special aunt of Michelle (David) Ross and Michael (Kathleen) Hamlin. Memorial Visitation will be held Thursday, June 19, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and Friday, June 20, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home, 3295 E. Highland Rd., Highland. Memorial Service will be held Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at the Highland United Methodist Church, 680 W. Livingston Rd., Highland. Share a memory at www.eltonblackandsonhighlan d.com

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DEBRA L., Age 57, June 12, 2014. Funeral June 18, 11a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon

SCHUTZ, RUDOLPH "RUDY", age 85, passed June 12. Funeral June 16 at 3 p.m. vis-itation after to 7 p.m. PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon.



Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix. pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor

AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays Crosspointe

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

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

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

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville Contact: DestinyW3C@

Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org Contact: 248-442-8822

Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednes-

days Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; God Revealed by Fred Sievert Special Needs Ministry: Contact Judy Cook, 248-442-8822

Faith Community **Presbyterian Church**

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

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: 248-348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

First Church of the Nazarene

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

Contact: 248-349-0565 Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible study; 10 a.m. worship

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville

Contact: 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org Summer Sunday Worship

(Memorial Day-Labor Day): 10 a.m.

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

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

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

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Contact: 248-427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10

a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. worship service **Alzheimer's Support**

Group:10 a.m. second Saturday of month.

Hope Lutheran Church

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

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

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

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)

Contact: 248-348-9030; ncalife.org

Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults / youth / children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in sanctuary; 1015 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

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

Novi-Northville **Center for** Jewish Life

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

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

Novi United Methodist Church

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

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

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

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

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Contact: 248-912-0043 Web: www.oakpointe.

org/lifegroups Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

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

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

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

Our Saviour Apostolic **Lutheran Church**

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville Contact: 248-374-2268





CARINGI, ANGELINE

Age 86, passed away in the care of her family June 13, 2014. Preceded in death by Remo, her beloved husband of nearly 61 years. In addition to her children Joseph, Tom (Paula), Sue, Karen (Gary) Freida, and Rich (Sherry), Angie is survived by her six grandchildren and five greatbrothers-in-law grandchildren; August (Betty), Mario (the late Rosalie); sister-in-law Maria (the late Frank) Fortuna; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends. Funeral Liturgy was held from St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows, Milford on June 16. Msgr. John Budde officiated. Burial Highland Cemetery. Memorials to Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph of Detroit. For further information, phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.co

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as born on January 1 Lincoln, Nebraska and passed away early Saturday morning, June 7, 2014 surrounded by family in Novi, Michigan. For Mickey, family was everything. To say that she was a mother, a wife, a chef and an artist all wrapped up into one will never do her justice enough. The love she shared with those around her inspired and fueled their ability to reach their potential. Hard to quantify and sometimes thankless, she was the cornerstone of her family. We all are who we are today because of her. A previous Executive Secretary for the city manager of Naperville, Illinois, Mickey did not shy away from a challenge and was always very organized and a known problem solver. She was always very involved in her community and a standing member of the First United Methodist Church, along with previously being an active member of the Hospital Guild of Central DuPage Hospital in Illinois. Even recently she participated in a church quilting group and bible study. Mickey was always known for her artistic abilities. Many of her loved ones and friends own pieces of her art or still wrap themselves one of her beautifully handcrafted quilts. Mickey was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years Frank Elias; her sister Ruth Dick; her brother Keith Shankland; and her parents Lawson and Lulu Shankland. Mickey passionately loved her family and is survived by her be-loved daughters Linda and Pam with husbands Craig and Dean. Additionally she leaves her five grandchildren and their family's, Chris and Tyler, Emily and Brent, Erin and Eric and Megan and Howard; including her four great-granddaughters. Clara, Sasha, Skyler, and Lylah really loved their "GiGi". She will be missed dearly by her sister-inlaw Rose and many nephews and nieces. Mickey is also fondly remembered by many long term friends. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 West 8 Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167 (please be advised that 8 Mile is closed between Beck and Taft Roads, but there will be access to the church). The family suggests that memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to the First United Methodist Church of Northville or the World Wildlife 1250 Twenty Fourth Fund, Street, N.W., P.O. Box 97180, Washington, DC 20090-7180. Share online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com ASTERLINE

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WINTER, FRANK H.

His Legacy... Frank (Francis) Hammond Winter, age 86, of Green Oak Twp., MI, passed away June 12, 2014. He was born April 15, 1928 to Frank and Bridget (Hammond) Winter, in Detroit, MI. Following in his grandfather's talents (originating in Newfoundland), Frank had a passion for woodworking and making furniture. Within the family, he was the oldest of his generation and kindly referred to as "Old Man Winter". He will be dearly missed by all who loved him.

His Family ... Frank leaves behind his former wife Elizabeth (Chartier) Winter; their children, Kathleen (Rick) Hampton, James (Donna) Winter, daughter-inlaw, Roberta Winter, daughter-ini-law, Roberta Winter, Patricia (Bill) Calus, Peter Winter, Tho-mas (Mira) Winter; Anne Win-ter, and Jeremy Winter; his brothers, Gerald (Dorothy) Winter, William (Rita) Winter, Louis (Barbara) Winter, and Robert Coady; (23) grandchildren; (7) great grandchildren; and a large extended family. Frank is preceded in death by his wife, Shirley (Gray) Winter; sons, Timothy and David; and brother Roy (Ann). His Farewell... Family and

friends will gather Friday, June 13, 2014, from 4-8pm, with a :30pm Rosary service, at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. Frank's Healing Farewell will be Saturday, June 14, 2014, at Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church, in Brighton, MI. He will lie in-state at 10am, followed by an 11am Mass of Christian Burial, with Father John Rocus serving as celebrant. Burial will follow at Holy Spirit Cemetery. Memorial donations are suggested to Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church, Brighton MI. Please leave a message of comfort for Frank's family at 1-877-231-7900, or sign his

guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.





Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Fight Mile

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

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

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

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

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Troy Ogle and Surge Youth Group. There is a Family Story Time during the month of June for birth through kindergarten with their family.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi

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

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

Worship Services: 11 a.m. Bible Study/Prayer: Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile

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

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. **Church School and Nursery**

Care: provided during worship Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Merry Widows Luncheon:

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

Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m. Sundays

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake Web: www.orchardgrove.org Contact: Amanda Rehm at 248-926-6584 or amanda.rehm@orchardgrove.org.

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile

Children (5-10) & Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m. Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7

p.m.

Orchard Grove Community Church

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

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

Location: 132 Orchard Drive, Northville Contact: 248-349-2621 or olvnorthville.org Saturday Worship: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship: 7:30, 9:30,

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

11:30 a.m.

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

Contact: pastor Bill Burke at 734-927-0891

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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

CITY OF NORTHVILLE PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

2014 CITY OF NORTHVILLE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES, DUE JULY 1 2014, WILL BE PAYABLE WITHOUT PENALTY TO THE CITY OF NORTHVILLE FROM JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2, 2014.

Taxes may be paid by mail, addressed to City of Northville, PO Box 674505, Detroit, Michigan. 48267-4505, or in person at the City Clerk's Office, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. The office will be closed Friday, July 4th and Monday, September 1st 2014. Tax information, including payment status, will be available online as of July 1, 2014 at <u>www.ci.northville.mi.us</u>.

On September 3rd, 2014 a two percent (2%) penalty will be added, plus an additional $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% interest per month beginning October 1st, 2014. All payments received after 4:30 p.m. September 2nd, 2014, regardless of postmark, will be subject to penalty and interest.

City of Northville Tax Department

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LOCAL NEWS

City planting trees to replace those lost in 2013 storm

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Trees torn down by last fall's wind storm will be replaced by the City of Northville this month as part of its 2014 Tree Planting Program.

"This program involves the placement of 65 new trees in public rights-of-way along city streets," said Public Works Director Jim Gallogly. "The trees are replacements for trees lost in last September's storm which came through our community, and for those trees that have simply died this past year for a number of reasons."

To get this done the City Council awarded a contract with Agroscaping Inc. of Swartz Creek in the not-toexceed amount of \$15,845 for the 2014 Tree Planting Program.

This company is a full service landscape design and installation company. Although Northville has never used this company before, Gallogly said they have provided tree planting services to several communities over the years including the City of Novi, which has successfully used their services the past two years.

"Based on Novi's recommendation, city staff believes that Agroscaping Inc. is capable of undertaking this pro-



These trees, residing in the DPW Yard, await their plantings around Northville to replace some of those lost in storms last year. JOHN HEIDER ISTAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

gram for Northville in planting and taking care of 65 new trees in our community," Gallogly said.

Council member Nancy Darga said she was glad to see this being done and that the tree types are diverse. The trees on average will be 2.5 inches in diameter.

"It's good to do a variety," said Gallogly of the trees going in.

The plantings are expected to take place this month.

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Section of Eight Mile closed until September



Drainage pipes are piled along the north side of Eight Mile east of Beck on June 10 in anticipation of the start of a major effort to resurface the stretch of Baseline from Taft to Beck roads. Construction began Monday. The section of road will be closed to through traffic until the work is completed by the end of August. The detour route for passenger vehicles is Beck Road to 9 Mile Road to Taft Road and vice versa. The detour route for commercial trucks is Beck Road to 10 Mile Road to Novi Road and vice versa. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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NO ROAD **PLAN**

Senate ignores will, business of the people

It would be considered poetic justice if state senators leaving Lansing last week hit giant, cardamaging potholes after adjourning without do-ing anything substantive about the condition of the state's roads.

Oh, sure, they adjourned having sent a budget to Gov. Rick Snyder for the fiscal year that begins in October, which includes \$3.7 billion for the Michigan Department of Transportation, but Snyder had sought an additional \$1.2 billion and the House had approved a package that would have raised an estimated \$500 million.

But the Senate couldn't - or wouldn't - reach consensus on new road revenue. Instead, senators say, there's money in the budget to perform stopgap work on roads now and the Senate will deal with the need for a more comprehensive plan when it reconvenes.

Of course, when it reconvenes, candidates who survive the Aug. 5 primary will be worrying about re-election. Even more likely, they're worrying about re-election now, which is one reason they kicked this particular can down the divot-filled road.

Surveys show most Michigan voters want better roads and they're willing to pay for them. Snyder and Senate Majority Leader Randy Richard-ville proposed a wholesale gas tax hike as a longterm solution to Michigan's constant under-funding of roads. Voters are pounding legislators with complaints about the condition of the state's roads, which cost motorists money on a daily ba-SIS

State Rep. Kurt Heise, a Republican from Ply-mouth Township, said the House plan to raise an extra \$500 million would have earmarked more existing money for roads, increased the penalties for overweight trucks, tied the gasoline tax to the wholesale price of gas and increased the diesel fuel tax.

The wholesale gas tax hike is unquestionably a tough sell, especially in an election year and when you consider the state already has the fifth-high-

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you want to see an increase in the gas tax if it means fixing Michigan roads?

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



"Sure, absolutely. The roads are so horrible that it's hard to say no." Phyllis Schaap Northville



"Yes, I changed my ball joints last year and I changed them again this year. There's too much car maintenance being done because of these roads."

> Kelly Postler Northville (Starting Gate head chef)



"No, they have enough money to work with. It's more about their mismanagement than not having money."

Rollen Williams Northville



I want to see the roads fixed, so I guess the gas tax would work. Maybe more than the sales tax." Jim Frankowski Nov

LETTERS

Vote 'no' on millage increase

When Northville Township residents go to the polls on Aug. 5, there will be two millage questions before them - one to renew an existing millage and one to levy an increase of 1.55 mills on homeowners - 1.25 mills for Public Safety and 0.30 mills for Shared Services with the City of Northville.

Township officials state they need this increase to maintain existing services, especially due to the reduction of property tax revenue following the economic downturn of 2008-09. At first glance, this appears plausible, and the township certainly has the charts and graphs to support their point. But digging deeper into the numbers reveals several interesting details.

When I ran for township trustee in 2012, I could not have been more impressed with the men and women who comprise Northville Township Public Safety their courtesy, knowledge and professionalism are second to none and if anyone deserves generous health care and pension benefits, it's them, as they put their lives on the line for us every day. But these benefits need to be sustainable. In the fall of 2013. I had the privilege of meeting with several township officials to discuss the 2014 budget and upcoming millage request. Here's what I found out: 1. On average, Northville Township Public Safety employees and retirees pay 11-percent of their health care premiums, far less than the percentage most taxpayers are forced to pay for their health care premiums. 2. Pension benefits are 62.5percent of eligible salary (which is generally the last three years of service), far greater than the percentage those who are lucky enough to collect pensions in the public or private sectors typically receive. Shortly after this meeting, the township approved a new fiveyear contract with the police union. What was the average health care burden and pension payout after this contract was ratified? You guessed it: 11-percent of health care premiums and 62.5-percent of eligible salary, respectively. In other words, the township chose labor peace over fiscal prudence. Also, since many of the men and women of Northville Township Public Safety are eligible to retire in their forties - due in part to the physical demands of the job - they are typically enjoying these benefits for three, four, even five decades. As if this wasn't bad enough, chances are the township is going to ask for another increase before the end of the decade, even if this millage increase passes. Why? Because increases in the taxable value of property, which are capped to inflation by Prop A, won't be enough to cover increases in health care costs. So, in short, the township refused to have the difficult but necessary discussions with the police union, agreed to an unsustainable five-year contract, and wants the residents to pick up the tab in order to "maintain existing Public Safety services". I also take issue with the fact Public Safety and Shared Services are part of the same millage increase – why can't residents vote on these requests separately? I'm aware how critical response time is during an emergency, how important Advanced

Life Support is, and how painful layoffs are for all who are affected. And I'm really not thrilled at the thought of less police officers patrolling our streets and less firefighters responding to emergencies. But the township put itself in this position, not just the economic downturn.

Please vote yes on the renewal and no on the increase

Mike Nolta Northville Township

Support Public Safety

Department

As a resident of the Northville Township for the past 40 years I've seen the community grow from 6,000 to 28,000 residents. Over the years I have been aware of the great service the residents have received from the Public Safety Department.

During those many years the police department has demonstrated on many occasions their expertise in solving cases and protecting the residents. In 1978 we organized our own fire department and since then the department has grown both personnel wise and with first class fire fighting equipment. A number of years later we established medical first responder service, which is second to none in Wavne County.

groups like the national Humane Society and PETA. Most of the money collected by these these two groups doesn't go to saving "Fluffy" in some animal shelter; it goes for this very type of antihunting referendums and activity. So much for protecting our

democratic rights. I have a good friend in the western Upper Peninsula that made an interesting comment some years back. He said, "No one asked the people in the U.P. if they wanted wolves back." Maybe we should trap a few dozen wolves and bring them to southern Michigan and let them go in places like Hines Park, or the 400 acres of the old state hospital property on Seven Mile. Why let the people in the U.P. have all the fun? Besides, like the kids in the U.P., every so often Northville kids might be able to see a wolf up close while waiting for the school bus. Who needs a zoo?

Steve Lawrence Northville Township

Hold contractors accountable

With the ongoing road con-struction on I-96, I would cer-tainly hope the state will hold these contractors accountable for their work, unlike what has transpired with I-275 1-27 5 is an abomination after just having undergone total reconstruction a few years ago. The problem? Contractors filling of cracks between separate slabs that came out almost immediately and laid all over the road and were never replaced. I don't know if they used a solid rubber crack filler instead of the hot tar type usually used, but it was irritating, to say the least, to have full lengths of this stuff laying all over I-275 shortly after the construction was completed. Now we are seeing the result of this shoddy workmanship with the colossal potholes that extend the entire length of these cracks across the highway Where's the road warranty that should have held the contractors responsible to replace the crack filler when it first came out? Who is enforcing that warranty? You can't tell me our local state legislators never traveled I-275 back when this was transpiring. Let's have accountability for our road construction as it is already welldocumented that we have the worst roads in the country! **Derek Pennington**

est gas tax in the country (19 cents per gallon for gasoline, 15 cents per gallon for diesel fuel).

But if voters are willing to pay the additional money - and if even Republican leaders think it's the best of what may be bad options to get it done shouldn't senators have either considered it or come up with ideas of their own?

Isn't it reasonable to ask the Senate to have gotten something – anything – done?

Apparently, Senate leadership is saying the road issue will be dealt with in lame-duck session. That's the chosen way of dealing with tough, unpopular issues lately (road plan, right-to-work, etc.) and it lacks a certain level of accountability.

Heise and others have said they'd "be happy to come back" to Lansing to get a plan in place, but that's not going to happen. Legislators instead will spend the summer running for re-election, rather than doing the business of the people, business that should have been done in the first place.



The state Senate adjourned last week without a comprehensive plan to deal with what voters have consistently said is their top issue: road conditions. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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With their excellent history and record, I want to maintain this level of service with the well-trained medical personnel and valuable safety staff. To avoid cut backs in staff, my wife and I plan to support the tax increase that the township elected officials have deemed necessary to maintain our high level of protection and medical benefits. Failure to make the commitment to support the tax increase when you vote on Aug. 5 will leave the community open to increased crime and reduced medical on- call personnel which I fined unacceptable.

Please vote FOR the Police and Fire millage and Recreation to maintain their level of service.

> **Richard Henningsen** Northville Township

Support scientific game management

The purpose of the Scientific Fish and Wildlife Initiative that the Michigan legislature is considering is to eliminate the uninformed and hyper-emotional arguments against allowing career professional wildlife biologists within the Natural Resources Commission and Department of Natural Resources to do their job, and manage each wildlife species for the benefit of the species, and those that must co-exist with these animals

What sportsmen and hunters are afraid of is people who are not impacted by predators like wolves having the last word on how many there are going to be allowed to prey on livestock, pets, and heaven forbid, children. No one is proposing to eliminate wolves. They are very smart animals and very difficult to successfully hunt. Last year only about half of the tags (43 tags for over 600 wolves) were filled, and the tags were issued only for two problem areas. I call this scientific game management

Maybe you aren't aware that the anti-hunting petitions that were circulated for these initiatives to be placed on the ballot did not come from some grassroots effort. They were funded and implemented by out of state

Fix the roads

The cowards in our GOPcontrolled Senate left town on their 12-week vacation without action on Michigan road repair. Why? There were panicked and terrified about a tax increase in an election year. Sen. Majority Leader Randy Richardville, was quoted as saying this is a tough vote in an election year.

Well gee Randy, is this not why we pay for you is to make tough decisions? I know of no other employer who would pay their employees for a 12-week vacation for not doing their job.

Why do we pay you when you allow us to spend more money for car repairs because you will not fund fixing our roads?

Every poll shows the top priority of Michigan citizens is fixing our roads. How about some GOP leadership to pass the House bill and just fix the roads? **Gerald Maxey** Farmington Hills

County executive candidates try to break through voter anger

nne Gautrau probably summed up a sentiment shared by many Wayne County residents after she sat through a League of Women Voters-sponsored candidates forum last week that featured 10 of the individuals running for Wayne County exec-

utive. "I just wonder how many

lies I heard tonight," the retired Dearborn school teacher said June 12 as she walked out of Henry Ford Community

College's Mazzara Conference Center.

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Her statement goes to the heart of what so many feel about the current state of Wayne County government. There just isn't much trust anymore.

The forum itself was pretty uneventful. Perhaps the most noteworthy aspect of it was the fact that most of the heavy hitters were on one stage – with the exception of state Rep. Phil Cavanagh, who was stuck in Lansing working on the state budget.

All the other candidates with a legitimate shot of winning the race were there: incumbent Robert Ficano, Wayne **County Commissioner** Keven McNamara, Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans and Westland Mayor Bill Wild. I suppose you could include Christopher Wojtowicz in that group, due solely to the fact that his father, Wayne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz, is a near institution in county government, and Detroiter Bettie Cook Scott, who has served as a state representative.

Other Democrats participating included Westland resident Russell George Leviska and Adam Salam Adamski, neither of whom has

much chance to win. There were also two Republicans - Canton's Fred A. Bolden and John Dalton, who probably have no chance considering Wayne County leans so heavily toward the left.

All in all, there were few surprises during the

event. The candidates answered a series of questions, including what their thoughts were on the failed jail project that is going to cost taxpayers dearly. Perhaps the

biggest surprise of the night was when Ficano said that has brought "fiscal integrity" to county government since being elected 10 years ago. Integrity probably isn't the adjective most Wayne County voters would use when describing Ficano's stewardship of Wayne County.

There's just no getting around it - there likely aren't many Wayne County residents happy with Ficano right now, which isn't surprising considering the controversies that have surrounded him in recent years, including the failed jail project that has cost taxpayers about \$160 million so far, federal investigations and indictments of members of his administration or the fact the county has only had one balanced budget during his tenure as executive.

The most recent poll in the race, conducted by Washington-based Greenberg Quinlan Rosner for the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights, reflects the dismay with Ficano, who is polling dead last at 10 percent. Wild, Cavanagh and McNamara are all in the 12- to 14-percent range

While many of us out here in the suburbs

probably thought the race would be won by one of those four candidates, it is clear Detroit still rules the roost of Wayne County politics. If the poll is to be believed, they are all far behind Evans, who is up double digits at 28 percent. Evans is polling well among black voters, who make up 92 percent of the voters in Detroit, which comprises about half of the eligible voters in Wayne County. So it may just be a long-shot for any of the suburban candidates to catch him, though if there is one positive for them it's the fact that nearly 40 percent of those polled said they haven't yet made up their mind for whom to vote

There is the thought out there that Ficano could slip through and win the Aug. 5 primary election, because the other major candidates would carve up the vote. But the reality is Cavanagh, McNamara, Wild and even Ficano are all vying for the same bloc of votes and if they want any chance at winning are going to have to chase the Detroit vote and chase it hard - because absentee ballots are going to start being mailed out at the end of

Perhaps they can take heart, though, because even the wary

of Wayne County residents, she is hoping to

find the right candidate that she can trust and throw her support be-

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YAM exhibit honors Vietnam veterans

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

It's not many museums that open an exhibit and ask people to write on the displays. But that's the case at the Yankee Air Museum where veterans who served in-country during the Vietnam War are being asked to sign sand bags and 55-gallon drums.

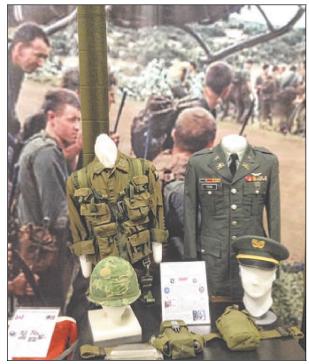
The display, unveiled on Memorial Day, takes up a large area at the rear of museum and includes an F-4C Phantom II and Bell UH-1 Iroquois, unofficially known as a Huey. The exhibit has been staged to look like Vietnam with the sandbags and drums.

We used fiberglass roofing panels and painted them to look like corrugated metal walls," volunteer Bob Catalano said. "All of the stuff on display is from Vietnam."

The museum worked in consultation with the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 310 on the exhibit. They insisted that the drums include ones with orange strips to represent containers of the defoliant Agent Orange.

In the case of Phantom II, the museum did research and found two airmen, 1st Lt. Loren Torkelson and 1st Lt. George Pollin whose story reflects the challenges faced during the Vietnam War.

Their plane was actually shot down on April 29, 1967. Torkelson successfully ejected and was captured and held prisoner by the North Vietnamese for six years. He had never seen a second parachute deploy and believed Pollin had gone



A battlefield photograph serves as a backdrop for a display of uniforms and equipment from the Vietnam War.

down with the plane.

However, on Dec. 20, 1990, a set of remains returned by the Vietnamese were those of Lt. Pollin.

There also are panels talking about the war and a display of artifacts belonging to Glen Veno who served in Vietnam in 1971 as part of A Troop, 2/17th Calvary, 101st Airborne.

But the most unique part of the display is the names written on the sandbags and drums. Most notable is the signature of retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Donald "Digger' Odell who was a prisoner of war from Oct. 17, 1967 to March 14, 1973. "Digger" spent his time in captivity at the Hanoi Hilton, Catalano said.

Vietnam veterans can get help from a docent in adding their names to the display. Relatives of deceased veterans can add their loved ones with the help of a museum docent.

'It's finally finished," said Catalano about the exhibit. "When we got the Huey, that got the ball rolling. That was the impetus. It sat in the air park for years and then we started working with the VVA on this."

The museum is at 47884 D St., off Beck north of Ecorse. It's open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is \$8 for adults age 18 and older and \$5 for children, seniors age 65 and older, students with IDs and military (past and present) with ID. Children age 2 and under are free.

For more information, call the museum at 734-483-4030.

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Kensington women's program includes kayaking, archery

By Laura Colvin Staff Writer

Women looking for something fun to do this summer might want to check out the Kensington Women's Adventure at Kensington Metropark.

The program, which takes place 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 28, gives adult women an opportunity to try out new outdoor skills and experiences.

"Working for a park system, we saw the need to create an environment to try new things in a safe environment," said metropark Farm Manager Debbie Cavallaro, who founded the Women's Adventure program

15 years ago. The day includes opportunities to try out activities such as kayaking and archery.

'We always do the kayaking, since we're adjacent to the Huron River," Cavallaro said, noting the river is exceptionally high this year and offers plenty of opportunity for wildlife viewing.

Participants also enjoy the archery part of the program, she added, since it's an activity many haven't tried before.

"This year, we also have a life coach coming to do a meditation-type exercise," she said. "It's a very mindful experience."

Cavallaro said the program is appropriate for friends, family members and others who want to share the experience, as well as individuals. Lunch, water and all equipment is provided.

"There's a lot of camaraderie," she said

The program is limited to 30 participants, and \$60 registration is required. To register, call the Kensington Farm Center at 248-684-8632.

Kensington Farm Center is located inside Kensington Metropark, 2240 W. Buno Road in Milford.

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Kickball fundraiser raises \$16K



The 2nd Annual Main Street League Kickball Tournament held June 1 at Northville's Ford Field raised more than \$16,000 for Northville Civic Concern, a local food bank. Five teams of local women (12-15 on each team) competed, and each player was responsible for raising at least \$150. Sponsors included Patti Mullen & Associates, 4 Star Valet, St Mary's Cement, The Post Bar Plymouth, Jeff Duneske Home Selling Team, PKSA Karate, Bagley & Langan PLCC, Lotus Bank, Salon Paris, IXL Learning Center. The Post Bar team won the tournament by defeating Team Patti Mullen (pictured), 2-1. "As a result of the event being such a success, our husbands have been inspired to put on their own tournament in the fall. The Main Street League Men will be putting on a similar event in the fall after school is back in session. They hope to raise over 10k to benefit the First Step Domestic Violence Shelter in Wayne. It will be great to see and amazing group of men standing up against domestic violence," said organizer Lauren Romeo. To learn more about the organization, visit them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MainStreetLeague.



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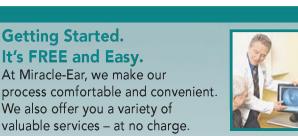
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WINNING COMBINATION

Soccer coach cites team chemistry, lack of drama in title run

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

It was 19 years ago – that's 1995, for those counting – when Eric Brucker's then girlfriend Pam inquired if he'd be interested in helping her coach the junior varsity girls soccer team at Northville High School.

Back then, Brucker – who played in high school at Vermilion High School in Ohio and in college at the University of Cincinnati – really didn't know much about Northville or the caliber of athlete the area produced or how well the soccer program was put together.

Last weekend, with his wife Pam at his side, Brucker was well versed in all aspects of Northville soccer. He spent 10 years as the JV head coach, four as assistant varsity coach and the past five as the varsity head coach. This year, he added a state championship to his resume, which already included the 2004 state championship that Northville won with Brucker as assistant to head coach Ron Meteyer.

"Love of the game," Brucker saidwhen asked why he started coaching. "It's been a part of my life for as long as I can remember.

"I loved the idea of try-



Northville girls soccer coach Eric Brucker gets a congratulatory hug from his daughter Abbey after the state championship victory. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Since he took over the reins five years ago, he has had a top-ranked team to coach each season. This year was something special, though.

"Team chemistry; no drama," Brucker said of what made the 2014 team stand out from the crowd. "It's a huge factor in high school athletics. These kids all truly cared and played for each other. players, but not an entire team that was mentally as tough as this group."

'Perfectionist'

That toughness and willingness to work for one another also helped the Mustangs obtain something that is nearly as special in its own right as a state championship – an undefeated season. Northville went 23-0-0, with 18 shutouts along the way. "It's a great accomplishment," the coach said. "It's something that a team al-

ways strives for, but is so difficult to achieve - especially with the talent that we compete against in the KLAA. It is so hard to expect the level of play that these girls show up with every night. "I'm a perfectionist, so 23-0-0 fits my personality just fine.' Not that this season was all rest and relaxation and big wins for the Mustangs. There were several close contests throughout the



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Rachel Coleman poses after earning All-America honors at the New Balance Outdoor Nationals. NANCY SMITH

Coleman races to All-America honors

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

If one wasn't already convinced that Rachel Coleman is the best girls 1,600-meter runner ever produced at Northville High School, then it's impossible to deny now that she has earned herself All-America status in the event.

Coleman, who will be running for the University of Michigan this fall, ran last weekend in the New Balance Outdoor Nationals at Greensboro, N.C. She raced in both the 1,600 and 3,200 and absolutely shined in the former.

Coleman ran to second place with a blazing time of 4:47.05 in the 1,600. Her time and finish earned her All-America honors.

Coleman was less than a second behind winner Ryen Frazier of Raleigh, N.C., who ran 4:46.39.

Coleman's finish also earned her an invitation to the Brooks PR Meet in Seattle, Wash., this weekend. The meet features the top runners in the 100, 100 hurdles, 400, 800, 1,600 and 3,200.

In the 3,200, Coleman ran to 11th place with a time of 10:59.95.

While Coleman was the only Northville runner to earn All-America status at the New Balance Outdoor Nationals, she wasn't the only Northville representative at the meet. Cayla Eckenroth, a freshman this past year at Northville, showcased just how impressive her career is likely going to be over the next few years. She raced in the freshman 3,200 and placed second with a time of 11:02.4. Taking first in the event was Libby Davidson of Lynchburg, Va., who ran 10:42.19. Also racing from Northville were Chloe Abbott, Morgan Robertson, Lindsay Walters and Gracie Goble in the 1,600-meter relay and the 800meter relay.

the game as much as I do." And it is indeed a labor

And it is indeed a labor of love for Brucker, who balances the demands of running a state championship soccer program with a career at Ford Motor Co.

Every season has been memorable for Brucker.

"Their approach, their sacrifices were all for the team first. They had great mental toughness. In the past, I have had very heady

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Robertson also ran the 100 hurdles, finishing 30th in a time of 35.14 seconds.

Jason Ferrante represented Northville's boys program, racing in the Emerging Elite 800. He finished 15th overall with a time of 1:54.87.

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Rachel Coleman, Chloe Abbott, Morgan Robertson, Lindsay Walters and Gracie Gobel competed in the New Balance Outdoor Nationals. NANCY SMITH

Northville, CC players in Border Classic

Team Michigan earns win with dedicated ground attack

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Team Michigan, under the leadership of Walled Lake Western coach Mike Zdebski, used a strong running game that put up nearly 250 yards to grind out a win over Team Ohio in the first Border Classic last weekend.

Combined with a defense that allowed negative rushing yards and the 27-14 victory for Team Michigan came as no surprise.

The tactic was nothing new for the representatives on the team from Northville High School and Detroit Catholic Central.

Dimitri Angelas, a 6-5, 291-pound offensive lineman from Northville who will play at Massachusetts next season, helped lead the Mustangs to one of their best seasons ever under the leadership of coach Matt Ladach. He was one of the big guys up front that opened



Angelas

up holes for all three of Team Michigan's rushing touchdowns.

Michigan scored on runs of 60 yards (John Glenn's Devon Spalding), 10 yards (Clarkston's Ian Erikson) and 7 yards (DeLaSalle's Giovanni Rescigno)

Team Ohio actually scored first, going up 7-0 on a 40-yard touchdown pass from Grand Sherman to Marcus Whitfield. The passing game was the only bright spot for the Ohio gridders, who couldn't get their ground game to work against Team Michigan's stifling defensive front.

Part of that front was Detroit Catholic Central's Dylan Roney, a 6-2, 235pound defensive end who will continue his career at Navy in the fall. He and his fellow Michigan defenders held Ohio to minus-4 yards rushing. The defense also picked up seven sacks on the day.

Team Michigan's other points came off two field goals by kicker Kyle Bambard, who played for Zdebski at Walled Lake Western.

The game, which was played at Findlay, Ohio, will take place again next season at a yet-to-be-named Michigan location.

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Northville's Jamie Cheslik has the Okemos net in sight during Wednesday's semifinal. JOHN PAWLOSKI

Mustangs shut out Okemos in semis

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Before winning the state championship Saturday, Northville faced Okemos in the semifinal game June 11. The Mustangs had no trouble, securing a convincing 3-0 victory at Spring Arbor University.

Okemos kept its defensive zone packed throughout the first half, a tactic

that had been used against Northville several times this season and, ultimately, failed. Northville knew heading into the game it would likely see that strategy, but didn't make any changes to accommodate it.

"We didn't really change our game plan from the first to the second; we felt all along that it was going to be a war of attrition," Northville

coach Eric Brucker said. "We go a lot deeper into our bench than (Okemos does) and it seemed like we were able to wear them down as the game went on and that opened up opportunities for us to get shots on net."

At the 53-minute mark, Northville put up its first goal when a cross from junior Kelly McHugh deflected off senior Megan Buckingham and

to the feet of senior Gabby Mencotti. She collected the ball, turned and fired a shot to the near post from 14 yards out to beat the Chiefs goalie.

Northville added another goal 12 minutes later when Mencotti split the Okemos defense before playing a short pass to Buckingham. The senior Gatorade Michigan Soccer Player of the Year turned to her left and

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teammate Jamie Cheslik. The senior did what she is known for, beating a final defender and then firing the ball home for a 2-0 advantage

played a slotted ball to

Northville closed the scoring with an insurance goal just three minutes later, when senior Lauren McBrook sent a cross from the left flank to senior Kyra Dahring. She squirted the ball forward

cushion, Brucker considers it the toughest lead in soccer.

"With a one-goal difference, the players stay focused because any foul,

down the middle of the field to sophomore Maddv Westenberg, who collected it and fired a rocket into the side netting from 10 yards away.

Emily Maresh registered four saves in goal and secured her 18th shutout of the season.

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Eisenhower did indeed score in the 72nd minute of play to make it a 2-1 contest. But Northville's defense didn't let it equate into a momentum shift "That was the difference with this team their mental toughness and ability to compete day-in and day-out,' Brucker said. With 19 years of coaching under his belt, a state championship as a varsity assistant and now one as a head coach, it might be tempting to consider stepping away from the game or maybe look for bigger opportunities. But Brucker didn't hesitate when asked if he'd be back with Northville again next season. "Yes," he said. "Where else would I want to go?'



The state championship game offered up its share of tense moments.

The Mustangs took a 2-0 lead midway through the second half against Utica Eisenhower. While some coaches call that a

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any corner kick, can change the game," he said. "With a two-goal lead, players can think that the game is in hand, but if the other team scores, the momentum swing can be huge."

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ALL-AREA GIRLS SOCCER TEAM



Northville's Megan Buckingham on the attack against Okemos. JOHN PAWLOSKI

Buckingham powers way to best in area, state

By Chris Jackett Correspondent

With the storybook success Northville's Division 1 state champion team had en route to a 23-0-0 season, senior forward Megan Buckingham was a vital part of the equation. Behind 23 goals, 23 assists and a mean cut on the field, Buckingham is the All-Area Players of the Year. The accolade accompanies a list that includes Miss Soccer of Michigan, Michigan Soccer Gatorade Player of the Year, Michigan Dream Team, first team all-state, allregion, all-district, allconference and both KLAA scholar-athlete and MHSSCA all-academic team awards.

"One of the best players to every don the Mustangs colors on a soccer field," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "Megan's individual ball skills and field vision are amazing. She is going to be fun to watch at North Carolina." MHSSCA all-academic team honors.

"Gabby is our catalyst," Brucker said. "She is the target out of the back and starts the transition forward. She distributes the ball so well and also has the ability to challenge people (one-onone). She is going to be a handful at Grand Valley State."

Emily Maresh Northville jr. GK

No champion squad is complete without stellar goaltending and Maresh provided that. The first team all-state choice allowed just four goals over 23 games, a 0.195 goals-against average.

'Emily is the best goalie in the state," Brucker said. "Great hands, great footwork. Has truly become a vocal leader in our defense. Her outstanding skill set allows our defense to be more aggressive.' Karissa Koomen Novi sr. D A third team all-state pick, she anchored the Wildcats' defense, which gave up only 18 goals over 20 games. The captain graduates with a 3.98grade-point average and will be heading into the University of Michigan's nursing program. "Karissa was not only a great defender - always matching up against the other teams' best forward – but she also has the foot skills of a midfielder, which allowed her to win balls and then start and join in on the offense," O'Leary said.

of what we did on offense."

Jacqui Kozlowski Novi sr. D

A captain and fouryear player, she earned all-district honors and heads to Michigan State University with a 3.75 grade-point average.

"Jacqui played the depth position for our defense and had a great senior year after missing the past two seasons with knee injuries," O'Leary said. "She was the emotional leader of our team and did an outstanding job of not only keeping our defense organized, but keeping the entire team organized." Chloe Allen

Novi soph. F As the leading offensive threat, the all-district pick tallied 11 goals and five assists despite regularly being doubleteamed by opposing defenders.

"Chloe followed up a good freshman year on with eight goals. With a 4.0 grade-point average, she used her head to factor into set pieces while locking down opponents' speedy forwards. Lauren Webster South Lyon East sr. D

She earned Division 2 all-state honorable mention after helping backstop the best finish in program history, which included a trip to the regional finals. Her ability to win balls in the air and to transition into the offense also helped keep opponents guessing. **Alyssa Sawyer South Lyon East ir GK**

South Lyon East jr. GK She was a Division 2 third team all-stater choice with a 0.91 goalsagainst average and 4½ shutouts while playing in a very tough KLAA Central Division. Several big saves in the postseason helped the Cougars into the regional finals. Allyse Zondlak Milford sr. D

Charged with defending opponents' best players, she led the defense both on and off the field, earning all-district honors in the process.

OLV wins second straight CYO lacrosse title

Northville's Our Lady of Victory defended its Catholic Youth Organization varsity lacrosse championship with a 7-5 victory over Farmington's Our Lady of Sorrows, the same school OLV beat for the CYO title last year. The championship game was played June 5 at University of Detroit-Jesuit High School.

This is the third year for head coach Scott Tynan's lacrosse program, which has lost only two varsity CYO games during its existence – the 2012 CYO championship game in its inaugural season and its regular season opener to Sorrows this season.

Sorrows tested the Cougars as OLV's Anthony Salomone's first of four goals was the lone tally in the first quarter, which was highlighted by Zach Downey's goaltending. The Cougars enjoyed a 4-1 halftime lead, but the Saints then cut the lead to one midway through the third quarter. A pair of goals by face-off specialist Silvio Scappaticci and one each by Patrick Brandemihl and Salamone proved to be the difference and resulted in OLV's victory.

For the game, defenseman Robert Pousak lead the Cougars in controlling ground balls and was closely followed by Scappaticci and Brandemihl. Goalie Sean Richard made several key saves, as did Downey.

For the season, the Cougars struck a balance between a potent offense and solid defense. Offensively, Salamone, Brandemihl, Scappaticci, Alex Fitzgerald, Nathan Page, Liam Ranik, Luc Collins, Patrick Lee and Kyle Love all contributed. The defense was led by the efforts of Pousak, Nick Williams, Conner Hein and Jeff Trainor. OLV coaches Tynan, Owen Lee and Anthony Salamone return a strong squad and hope to compete for another CYO title next season



Our Lady of Victory poses with the trophy after winning its second consecutive Catholic Youth Organization varsity lacrosse championship with a 7-5 victory over Our Lady of Sorrows.

Mustangs 14U finishes second twice



First team Jamie Cheslik Northville sr. F

The powerful threat that Buckingham provided wouldn't have been as effective if not for linemate Cheslik. Probably one of the fastest players in the state, Cheslik had a team-high 34 goals to accompany her 17 assists. She was also on the Dream Team, on top of first team all-state and KLAA scholar-athlete honors. She was voted outstanding forward and team MVP by her teammates.

"Jamie is a pure goal scorer," Brucker said. "She finds ways to be in the best position to score. Amazing speed and agility. Great team player. One of the best strikers to every don the Mustangs colors on a soccer field. She is going to be fun to watch at Michigan State." Taylor Pavlika

Novi sr. M

She earned first team all-state honors after leading the Wildcats with four goals and 10 assists. She'll continue playing in the fall with Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne.

"Taylor was the heart of our team," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "She has the best combination of size, strength and athleticism of any player I have ever coached. She is also great on set pieces; she can throw the ball in 35 yards and takes all of our free kicks and corner kicks." **Gabby Mencotti Northville sr. M**

The glue in the midfield that kick-started the Mustangs' offense. The first team all-state pick had eight goals and four assists as team captain. She also earned KLAA scholar-athlete and

Kendall Kramer Novi sr. M

A fixture for the past four years, Kramer earned all-state honorable mention after picking up two goals, six assists and helping the Wildcats to a No. 6 ranking in Division 1. Behind a 3.57 grade-point average, she'll continue her playing days in the fall at the University of Michigan.

"Kendall was the picture-perfect left midfield," O'Leary said. "She has the ability of a defender to defend the other team's outside attacker, but she also has the skills of a forward to join in our attack and she serves balls into the box equally well with her left and right foot." Julia Palushaj South Lyon East sr. F

South Lyon East sr. F The best finish in program history had a

program history had a lot to do with Palushaj. A Division 2 first team all-state choice, she tallied 21 goals and 10 assists, which earned her a spot at Concordia University this fall.

"Julia was a great player for us this year and was always a threat around the goal," South Lyon East coach Jon Cadwallader said. "Her touch and hold-up play was a critical component varsity, where she was the second forward, and had a great sophomore year as our main option," O'Leary said. "She really improved her drive to the goal and her ability to take on defenders to get to goal."

Rachel Jankowiak South Lyon East sr. M

Behind 14 goals and 12 assists, she was a threat to anyone. The Division 2 third team all-state player captained the Cougars to the regional finals.

"Rachel is everything that you want in a player and a leader," Cadwallader said. "She was a great positive influence on the younger members of the team with her hard work and dedication. Her ability to break down players and create man-up situations on the outside was outstanding."

Sydney O'Ďonnell South Lyon East soph. M

She earned Division 2 third team all-state honors after finishing with 15 goals and seven assists.

"Sydney was a dominant force in the center midfield," Cadwallader said. "Her ability to win balls in the air, control the ball and break up opposing attacking threats was huge for us this season. She was often the first line of defense that helped us average less than one goal scored (against) per game."

Second team Ashley Peper Northville sr. D

A core piece of the defense, she earned third team all-state honors and was voted most dedicated by her teammates. The four-year letterwinner earned six assists this year. Katrina Koomen

Katrina Koomen Novi soph. D

She was the team's second leading scorer

Jenna Smith Milford soph. M

She led the offense with 10 goals and three assists en route to earning all-district honorable mention honors. With two years left, Smith should help a struggling Milford program. Lauren Stancato

South Lyon sr. F

Despite a tough season for her squad, she was the catalyst of the offense. Over her career, she finished with 35 goals.

Courtney Tyler South Lyon sr. M

A catalyst for her team's attack, she will play alongside South Lyon East forward Julia Palushaj at Concordia University this fall. Hannah Scott Milford fr. M

As part of a young midfield core, she was a fierce champion of 50/50 balls in her area, adding a spark while tallying one goal and two assists en route to an all-district honorable mention selection.

Elise Carr Milford fr. M

With strong vision, she added more promise for the future of the Milford midfield. She tallied two assists while earning all-conference honorable mention.

Kate Gillingham Milford fr. D

She was charged with helping keep opponents' offenses at bay. With three years to go, she's likely to step into the role vacated by a graduating senior Allyse Zondlak as marker of opponents' best strikers.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer covering Novi High School sports for the Novi News. The 14U Mustangs baseball team fought its way to a second-place finish June 15 in the Frankenmuth Tournament, losing in the final 14-13 to the LCB Legends. The team also finished second in May at the Northville Early Bird Tournament, losing to Next Level Black from Ohio. Team members include Bailey King, Jonathan Michalak, Evan Carson, Ben Schmidt, Janak Mukherji, Ben Brady, Mitchell Smith, Tyler Troyer, Lucas Buccellato, Jake Moody and Jack Stegmeyer. The team is coached by Conrad Troyer, Eric Stegmeyer, Doug Smith and Jim Carson.

Thunder claim Canton Cup title



al Day weekend, going 4-0 and outscoring its opponents 19-4. Team members include: (bottom, from left) Chloe Lam, Katie Pflum, Anna Fonda, Emma Plakas, Kiera Murphy, Kelsey Komorous and Gabrielle Bain and (top, from left) Sarika Ajmera, McKenna White, Elise Fonda, Charlotte Green and Sophia Jeromsky. Also on the team is Olivia Engler. The team is coached by Scott Bain.

14U Cubs perfect at invite



The 14U Northville Cubs completed a perfect 4-0 weekend of baseball June 14-15 at the Dearborn Invitational Tournament by beating the Dearborn Revolution 4-2 in the championship contest. Aram Shahrigian pitched a complete game to lead the Cubs in the finals. Shahrigian also knocked in the winning runs. Team members include: (from left) coach Jim Marshall, Matt Whitcomb, Eric Rice, Mike Conniff, Mike Lionas, Aram Shahrigian, Moose Tossounian, Dallas Young, Reed VanTiem, Alex Gaft, Owen Marshall, Ryan Perkins and coach Nick Lionas.

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Grub Crawl to feature Northville eateries

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Tickets are on sale for the annual Northville Grub Crawl 6-10 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22. There are 14 establishments participating in this year's event, and tickets sell out quickly.

"The primary reason we do it is to help showcase the great restaurants," said Traci Sincock, associate director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce. It also generates some revenue for the chamber.

Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at the Northville Chamber of Commerce office (closed Mondays), Gardenviews and Good Time Party Store.

The event has been sold out in recent years, Sincock said, with about 300-325 tickets sold. Homeowner groups, work groups and others enjoy the fun.

"They come from all over which is super exposure for the community," Sincock said of the event, with this year's its



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Cantoro's Italian Market and Trattoria will be just one of the stops along the Northville Chamber of Commerce's Grub Crawl this year. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ninth annual. "You couldn't ask for better exposure."

Organizers need volunteer restaurant hosts at each of the participating restaurants, so if you are available for the event from 5:45-8:15 p.m., contact Traci Sincock at the chamber, 248-349-7640, Ext. 22. At the end of your shift, you can jump on the shuttle and "crawl" around until the event ends at 10 p.m.

To date, this year's restaurants are: Brann's Sizzlin Steaks and Sports Grille; Brick's of Northville; Burger Loft; Cantoro Market and Trattoria; Claddaugh Irish Pub; Edward's Cafe and Caterer; Fred's Ice Cream; Gaucho Brazilian Steakhouse; Honey Tree; Northville Sports Den; Northville Winery/Joe's Gourmet Catering and Events; Poole's Tavern; Rusty Bucket Restaurant and Tavern. hit, she said. Several like

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Edward's has clever themes like monsters, Sincock said, which draw people in. "It's just amazing what they do. They really take it as an opportunity for marketing."

Gaucho Brazilian Steakhouse is also a big



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That question kicks off another season of Summer of Sharing, when Community Financial donates \$1,000 a day for 60 days to nonprofit organizations throughout Michigan.

This is the credit union's fourth year donating \$1,000 a day in their Summer of Sharing program.

President and CEO Bill Lawton is excited to keep the tradition of sharing alive in 2014.

Community Financial started accepting nominations from the public on May 27. Members of the community can visit www.SummerOfSharing.org to submit an essay-style nomination explaining how the nonprofit benefits the community.

Throughout the next three months, Community Financial will announce the winning recipients on www.SummerOfSharing.org. Community Financial has donated over \$180,000 through Summer of Sharing since 2011.

Community Financial Credit Union is headquartered in Plymouth and will soon open a Northville Township branch. For more information, visit www.cfcu.org or call 877-937-2328.

Author to speak

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Shoetique employee Cassandra Alexander arranges the store's wares June 5. The shop, which specializes in ladies footwear and handbags, has been open in West Oaks Plaza's northwest corner since April 9. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shoetique offers fashionable shoes, accessories

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Derrick Gergis' wife Rama likes fashion and shoes, which is ideal for their new Shoetique store, which opened April 9 – her birthday.

The Keego Harbor residents' store specializes in upscale shoes for women and girls and also carries purses, wallets and jewelry.

"It's good," Derrick said of business. "We need to get the word out a little more."

They're pleased customers are returning for additional purchases, which helps with word of mouth. Derrick has owned a shoe store, as has his mother, and their experience helps them with the move into more upscale shoe retailing.

"We have great shoes, great prices, very fashion-forward," he said, noting such shoe brands as Jessica Simpson, Steve Madden, Chinese Laundry, Dolce Vita, Betsey Johnson, Bamboo and more.

"We have shoes for every occasion and style," Derrick said.

His dad Morey is longtime owner of the Vintage Wine Shoppe in Novi, in business some 35 years. "We're in the area our whole life," Derrick said.

Shoetique is offering an opening promotion this month, with the second item half off with a purchase, Derrick said.

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Northville's Nield elected to BIAMI board

The Brain Injury Association of Michigan (BIAMI) has elected Northville resident Martha Nield to the organization's board of directors. Nield is one of four newly elected board members who were officially inducted at the BIAMI's annual meeting last month in Frankenmuth.

"We're extremely privileged to have someone of Martha's caliber join our board," said BIAMI President Mike Dabbs. "Her extraordinary nonprofit background, experience and leadership skills will make her a valuable asset in our ongoing effort to maintain Michigan's extensive brain injury care network, and make it immediately available and accessible for all brain injury survivors who need it."

Nield has long been a tireless community volunteer with extensive leadership experience on nonprofit boards. She has chaired the board of directors of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, as well as the boards of the Northville Board of Education, the Northville Historical Society, the Northville University of Michigan Club and the Northville PTA Council. She served on the facilitation team to create the Galileo Leadership Academy for educators in southeast Michigan, and

is currently a board member of the Walloon Lake Association.

Nield, whose husband sustained a traumatic brain injury in 2011, holds a B.A. degree in math with a teaching certificate from the University of Michigan. Her board term expires in 2017.

The Brain Injury Association of Michigan (BIAMI) is dedicated to improving the lives of those affected by brain injury and reducing the incidence and impact of brain injury through education, advocacy, support, treatment services and research. For more information, visit www.biami.org. mine, Ghost Romine

Light explores the complicated lives of Hollywood hopefuls as the story follows one aspiring actress as she dodges the Hollywood demons. The story is "very loosely" based on Romine's own experience.

Her visit will include a book signing and meet-and-greet session..

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Survey: Realtor incomes on the rise, younger pros enter field

Reflecting the 11.5 percent growth in home prices last year, income and sales volume jumped for the third year in a row, according to the 2014 National Association of Realtors Member Profile. The survey also found an increase in new and younger members to NAR in 2013.

The survey's results are representative of the nation's Realtors; members of NAR account for about half of the approximately two million active real estate licensees in the U.S. Many nonmember licensees are inactive or part-time. Realtors go beyond state licensing requirements by subscribing to NAR's Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice and committing to continuing education. NAR members also have access to professional resources to better serve their clients' needs.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, said recovery in the housing market since the downturn continues to improve the earnings of real estate professionals. "Fueled mostly by rising home sales and prices, the median gross income of a Realtor increased to \$47,700 in 2013 from \$43,500 in 2012, marking a 9.6 percent rise and a sharp gain from \$34,900 in 2011," he said. "Although the median number of transactions or commercial deals remained unchanged from last year at 12, this marked a continued return to pre-recession levels after bottoming out at seven transactions in 2008 and 2009.3

There are two sides to every real estate transaction — one each for the seller and the buyer. As expected, median gross income and number of transactions generally increases with experience. Last year, NAR members in business for more than 16 years earned \$70,200 and made 15 transactions. On the contrary, those with three to five years earned less than half that amount (\$30,100) and had 10 transactions. Incomes also varied by license type, as members licensed as brokers earned \$66,300 in 2013, while the median earnings for sales agents increased \$1,000 from the previous year to \$35,000.

Last year also brought an influx of new and younger members to NAR. Years of experience in real estate decreased to 12 years from 13 years in 2012; the typical tenure at a firm decreased to six years from seven years; and the age of members decreased to 56 years from 57 years. Three percent of all Realtors are under 30 years of age, 16 percent are between ages 30 and 44, and 24 per-



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business opportunities that come with being a Realtor."

The typical NAR member works 40 hours per week. Women represent 57 percent of all members, account-ing for 53 percent of brokers and 62 percent of sales agents. More than three-quarters of all Realtors cite real estate as their only occupation, and 82 percent (up 2 percent from last year) are certain they will remain in the business for at least two more years. This share is higher than the previous two years, indicating the optimism that's seen in today's market.

Most members — 57 percent — are licensed as sales agents; 26 percent are brokers, 17 percent broker associates and 3 percent appraisers (some hold more than one license). Thirteen percent of members have one personal assistant, while 3 percent have two or more personal assistants.

Several factors limit potential clients in completing transactions. Members said finding the right property was the biggest challenge (33 percent) followed by obtaining a mortgage (25 percent).

The survey indicates that inventory shortages, overly restrictive mortgage lending standards and the rise in home prices and interest rates last year had an impact on Realtors' ability to help their client find the right property," said Yun. Similar to 2012, eight out of 10

NAR members focus on residential sales and 73 percent have secondary real estate real estate specialties. Of those members with secondary specialties, residential brokerage is the largest at 35 percent. Both residential property management and relocation were next at 17 percent, followed by commercial brokerage at 16 percent Smaller percentages were also in counseling, land development, auctions and commercial appraisal. Realtors continue to rely on repeat business and referrals. Repeat business accounted for a median 21 percent of activity in 2013 and is higher for those with more experience. For members in the business 16 years or more, repeat business was 42 percent of their activity. Referrals accounted for an additional 21 percent of all business.

NAR members understand the importance of a web presence and communicating with their clients through several channels. More than two-thirds have a personal website operational for a median of eight years — and 91 percent report their firm has an online presence. Sixtyone percent of the respondents use social or professional networking sites — an increase of 5 percent from 2012 — and 12 percent have a blog. Realtors use a variety of communications methods when interacting with current clients or customers, with 94 percent preferring e-mail, followed by telephone at 90 percent and text messaging at 80 percent.

Compensation structures for Realtors and firm affiliation remained mostly the same from 2012. Sixtyeight percent of respondents are compensated through a split commission arrangement, 17 percent receive all of the commission and another 4 percent receive a commission plus a share of profits; 11 percent received some other form of compensation. Eighty-two percent of members work as independent contractors for their firms. The vast majority of Realtors receive no fringe benefits, although 33 percent are covered by errors and omissions insurance. Only 5 percent receive health insurance through their firm.

NAR members are well-educated (50 percent hold a bachelor's degree or higher), own a home (86 percent), invest in at least one residential investment property (39 percent), and bring a wide range of expertise, skills and experience to the profession. Only 6 percent began their career in real estate, with the majority having previous full-time careers in management, business or financial (19 percent) or sales and retail (15 percent). Forty-one percent of those fluent in other languages speak Spanish and 96 percent are registered to vote.

Respondents worked for a firm typically with one office and had been with that firm for six years. Fiftyseven percent of members are affiliated with an independent firm, and 38 percent are with a franchised company; 5 percent are other. Nine percent of Realtors report their firm was bought by or merged with another firm during the past two years, down for the second consecutive year and from 11 percent in the 2012 study

The 2014 National Association of Realtors Member Profile is based on a survey of 95,340 members, which generated 6.462 usable responses

Midtown booms, but do homework

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opers use different LLC's to develop their condos even though they have gotten in trouble in other condos and do not disclose that information. Some developers may have even filed for bankruptcy which



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may impact on their ability to complete and/or otherwise develop a condo in a proper fashion. The more you know about the developer, particularly if it is a conversion, the better prepared you are to make a wise investment.

Q: I am a new developer trying to build in a subdivision in a municipality where they are requiring me to make all kinds of improvements to the subdivision which I never contracted to do. Is there any recourse that I have?

A: It may well be that the municipality is trying to "exact" unreasonable concessions from you. There is a legal term called "exaction" that basically means that the municipality, as a condition of permitting you to develop your property, is unreasonably trying to make you do things that are not reasonably related to the proposed development and which you legally do not have an obligation to do. Such conditions can be deemed to be a taking of property without providing just compensation, which is unconstitutional. You should see an experienced real estate lawyer at your earliest convenience to both advise you on your rights and to assist you in negotiations with the municipality.

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cent are 65 and older.

"Realtors bring value to buyers and sellers, help build communities, and encourage responsible homeownership behaviors," said NAR President Steve Brown, co-owner of Irongate Inc., Realtors in Dayton, Ohio. The fact that the number of members with one year or less of experience rose to 9 percent in 2013 from 5 percent the year before shows that those agents getting into the field are attracted to the many benefits and

representing an adjusted response rate of 6.8 percent. Survey responses were weighted to be representative of state-level NAR membership. Income and transaction data are for 2013, while other data represent member characteristics in early 2014. The study can be ordered by calling 800-874-6500, or online at www.realtor.org/prodser.nsf/Research. The profile costs \$14.95 for NAR members and \$149.95 for nonmembers.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 3-7, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

32933 Long Bow Ct	\$360,000
16997 Madoline St	\$203,000
BIRMINGHAM	
981 Ann St	\$875, 000
655 Chester St	\$595,000
2450 Cole St	\$575,000
2109 Dorchester Rd	\$200,000
1248 Emmons Ave	\$492,000
1146 Henrietta St	\$451,000
1011 Kennesaw St	\$620,000
1823 Pembroke Rd	\$745,000
1410 Yorkshire Rd	\$370,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
5017 Dianna Dr	\$400,000
5307 Echo Rd	\$190,000
1667 Fairford Dr	\$275,000
644 Rudgate Rd	\$1,200,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSH	IP
150 Billingsgate Ct	\$130,000
1617 Franklin Rd	\$425,000
2550 Lamplighter Ln	\$345,000
755 Oakleigh Dr	\$8 25,000

\$365,000

\$223,000

4531 Walden Dr **COMMERCE TOWNSHIP** 9431 Arbor Way 2830 Augusta Dr 5092 Carinas Way Ct 8420 Cascade St 8420 Cascade St 1936 Golfcrest Dr 2183 Palmetto 4408 Philip 2395 Solace Dr 8656 War Bonnet Dr FARMINGTON 24074 Colchester Dr 31923 Lamar Dr 31952 Marblehead Rd FARMINGTON HILLS 33542 Argonne Rd 22099 Boulder Dr 25327 Chapelweigh Dr 29211 Chestnut Ct 20956 Gill Rd 30300 Gladstone St 31167 Harmony Ln 29805 Hemlock Ave 21728 Manchester Ct 29606 Middlebelt Rd # Gar105 21769 S Brandon St 30567 Sequoia Cir

5160 Provincial Dr

\$333,000 36585 Valley Ridge Dr \$311,000 33780 Vista Dr 25380 Wessex St \$411,000 27804 Westcott \$206,000 Crescent Cir 27243 Winterset Cir \$295,000 \$75,000 LATHRUP VILLAGE 26530 Meadowood Ct N \$145,000 \$360,000 MILFORD 957 Deep Valley Dr \$258.000 2931 Hiding Pl \$350,000 2933 Hiding Pl \$55,000 \$165,000 3139 Katie Ln 3654 Lake Vista Ct \$131,000 654 Summit Ridge Dr NORTHVILLE \$136,000 \$140,000 52975 Nine Mile Rd 22121 Cumberland Dr \$225,000 52347 Ferndale Dr \$395,000 22384 Innsbrook Dr \$195,000 21481 Woodfarm Dr \$340,000 NOVI \$90,000 25000 Delmont Dr 22468 Havergale St \$192,000 50436 Langley Dr \$70,000 50458 Langley Dr \$145,000 23582 N Rockledge \$315,000 24603 Olde Orchard St \$101,000 24415 Perceval Ln \$128,000 47690 Rochester Dr \$265,000 24685 Venice Dr

UAKL	AND COUNT	Y
\$319,000	39763 Village Wood Ln	\$78,000
\$146,000	23138 W Le Bost	\$192,000
\$212,000	23392 W Le Bost	\$195,000
\$196,000	24235 Weathervane Ct	\$210,000
	24156 Westmont Dr	\$477,000
\$280,000	28544 Witherspoon Dr	\$111,000
	SOUTH LYON	
\$120,000	1023 Chestnut Ln	\$253,000
	52645 Fremont Dr E	\$352,000
\$338,000	737 Knollwood Cir	\$173,000
\$399,000	1078 Paddock Dr	\$252,000
\$389,000	1190 Paddock Dr	\$273,000
\$348,000	1050 Paddock Ln	\$235,000
\$827,000	28405 Pontiac Trl	\$150,000
\$158, 000	22270 Quail Run Cir	\$120,000
	Unit 4	
\$270,000	52437 Trailwood Dr	\$2,000
\$294,000	SOUTHFIELD	
\$100,000	20930 Avon Ln	\$60,000
\$210,000	21055 Concord St	\$160,000
\$370,000	29858 Fall River Rd	\$140,000
	23580 Plumbrooke Dr	\$125,000
\$305,000	29861 Rambling Rd	\$120,000
\$377,000	25322 Saint James	\$117,000
\$636,000	25039 Sherwood Cir	\$53,000
\$587,000	WHITE LAKE	
\$80,000	685 Oxbow Lake Rd	\$318,000
\$101,000		
\$471,000		
\$500,000		
\$324,000		

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 24-28, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

1960 Brookfield St \$159,000 156 Cherry Hill Pointe \$181,000 Dr \$156,000 44997 Coachman Ct 41445 Copper Creek Dr \$125,000 48158 Covington Ct 43998 N Umberland Cir \$174,000 44251 Richmond Ct 41992 Saratoga Cir \$165,000

42238 Saratoga Cir 41462 Strawberry Ct 48370 Wadebridge Dr GARDEN CITY 28820 Beechwood St 32230 Florence St 29149 James St 33021 Sheridan St LIVONIA 9910 Arden St 15068 Berwick St 15196 Berwick St 14183 Cardwell St 15108 Country Club Dr 9057 Laurel St 36731 Rayburn St 14680 Santa Anita Ave

\$159,000 28643 Terrence St \$209,000 9608 Westmore St \$430,000 NORTHVILLE 44926 Broadmoor Cir S \$48,000 19824 Irongate Ct \$75,000 46099 Neeson St \$83,000 16745 Northville Rd \$90,000 311 Saint Lawrence Blvd PLYMOUTH \$149,000 45931 Amesbury Dr \$114,000 13275 Cambridge Ct \$137,000 635 Jener Pl \$120,000 44700 Joy Rd \$161,000 1450 Junction St \$122,000 REDFORD 25682 Deborah \$174,000 \$200,000 17133 Delaware Ave

\$187,000	13568 Woodbine	\$26,000
\$140,000	15719 Wormer	\$68,000
	WAYNE	
\$437,000	35726 Brush St	\$48, 000
\$114,000	34305 Glover St	\$23,000
\$54,000	WESTLAND	
\$120,000	37631 Beechwood St	\$130,000
\$325,000	8228 Fremont St	\$87,000
	8166 Huntington St	\$23,000
\$415,000	1700 N Carlson St	\$137,000
\$354,000	815 N Hix Rd	\$58, 000
\$180,000	32018 Ottawa St	\$14,000
\$270,000	810 Patricia Place Dr	\$195,000
\$177,000	8444 Rae Dr	\$108,000
	38601 Shelby Dr	\$2,000
\$90,000	1167 Shoemaker Dr	\$45,000
\$38, 000		

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

On board

Weichert Realtors - Cass Realty has announced that Realtor Eric Waldon has joined the sales team of the agency's Dearborn office. A native and resident of Detroit with nine years of experience in the real estate industry, he will assist property buyers and sellers throughout Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and Livingston counties. He is a member of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors (GMAR) and has a background as a loan officer

Waldon earned an associate's degree from Henry Ford Community College and studied finance at Wayne State University.

Short sales

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

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

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

Investors

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

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

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

Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday

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



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By Mary Lorenz CareerBuilder writer

If there's one thing hiring managers and HR professionals need to know about today's candidates, it's that they take to rejection the same way Taylor Swift does: They don't go down quietly.

Though they may not write chart-topping pop songs about the employers who scorned them, they do take to social media to publicly vent their frustrations, putting a dent in those companies' employer brands and even their bottom lines. Studies have shown that workers are less likely to purchase products or services from companies that don't bother to respond to their job applications, and many will talk about a bad experience they had with a potential employer with friends and family.

What candidates really think when they don't hear back

Not convinced? A few years ago, we heard from quite a few job seekers trying to figure out why hiring managers didn't respond to candidates and they had some choice words about those companies. Below are just a handful of comments we received from jilted job seekers:

"It does make the company look totally pathetic and sad that they couldn't get back to me with the status of the job I interviewed for. I will warn any of my past co-workers...to stay away from this company, they are very unprofessional."

"I have very strong feelings about several businesses that have interviewed me and never been back in touch (after saying they would) that I take every opportunity to make their lack of consideration known whenever their business comes up in conversation."

"It's really easy to set up [rejection email] templates...and it takes less time to use one as a reply for an email than it does



to actually review the application. If you've got time to read applications, you've got time to send form replies, and if you don't have time to read applications, you shouldn't be advertising jobs."

"No one of any talent and quality wants to work for a company that cannot [get back to the people you interview]. If you are a company with high turnover, it's probably your fault, and it won't change unless you do."

"Yes, being told 'No, we don't want you' sucks...but what hurts more is just never knowing. Okay, you don't want to hire me, I get it, but at least have the decency to tell me."

"Indeed it is cold and unprofessional not to email back a brief 'rejection' letter after an interview. After someone took the time to get nicely dressed and groomed, spent money on gas, a new haircut, and took up valuable job searching time for an interview, it makes sense just to get back to them."

"Follow up on a company's part is a PR opportunity. If you're going to treat me this way as an applicant, [it makes me wonder] 'how will you treat me as an employee?""

D0 follow up with every candidate

Ideally, you should to respond to every single applicant who applies (and yes, you do have time -- see below), but at the very least, you should follow up with the candidates you bring in to interview -- even when it's bad news. After all, the candidate took just as much time out of his/her day as you did to come in for the interview.

Do's and don'ts for rejecting candidates



DON'T think ignorance is bliss

Most candidates agree it's better to hear they got rejected than hearing nothing at all. Sending rejection emails or letters may feel harsh, but it's far crueler to ignore them completely.

DON'T think "I don't have time" is an excuse

As one job seeker noted above, it takes just a few minutes to create an email template in Outlook, which you can then use over and over again to quickly and easily follow up with applicants. (Not sure how to break the news? Check out a sample rejection letter template.) Just remember to personalize it before sending it off.

DON'T give false hope

Don't promise to keep a candidate's résumé on file if you have no intention of doing so. A simple "We wish you success in your job search" is a fine way to end a letter.

D0 be honest and concise

State a clear reason for the rejection (e.g. "We have selected another candidate whose credentials were better suited for the position."), but don't feel the need to go into great detail.

DON'T be nasty

Even if the interview was a disaster, unkindness is never called for (and it could come back to haunt you).

DON'T let the good ones get away

If the person was a strong candidate, chances are he or she might be the right fit for a future position. Invite him or her to join your Talent Network if you have one or let them know you're keeping his or her information on file.

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