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# **Candidate** forum

The five leading Democratic Party contenders vying for Wayne County Executive are scheduled to appear at a candidate forum sponsored by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 24, at the Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center Auditorium, 18600 Haggerty Road.

The forum is open to the public. Admission is free.

State Rep. Phil Cavanagh, former Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans, incumbent Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara and Westland Mayor William Wild are competing for the party nomination for county executive in the Aug. 5 primary election.

The primary election winner will advance to the general election in November. The general election winner will earn a four-year term as the chief executive officer of Michigan's largest county. All five candidates have committed to appear in the forum.

# **Northville Township getting** state, county help to fix roads

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Silver Springs Drive will get a complete makeover this summer with the help of state funding. That was just one of the announcements last week that more help is on the way to fix roads around Northville Township.

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township and a member of the House Transportation Committee, announced on Wednesday that over \$2.4 million in funds are coming into western Wayne County to help fix local roads. The funds are being taken from the surplus in the state's general fund budget.

This is a big deal for Northville Township, and officials couldn't be happier about the prospects of seeing some roads fixed through this partnership.

Through innovative, creative and service-oriented planning from state, county and local officials, the necessary resources to carry out road improvements have arrived,' Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix said. "It has been a unique and enriching experience to work with my colleagues to achieve results."

As part of this announcement, Heise said \$900,000 will be devoted to Silver Springs

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Redford Township Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix and state Rep. Phil Cavanagh of Redford gathered at the Redford Marquee to hear about a plan to offer more road funding to townships.



Dr. Leslie B Aldrich talks about the Medical Procedure Unit. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# **BRING ON** THE PATIENTS

U-M opens state-of-the-art health care facility

#### By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

After more than a year of construction, the shiny new

University of Michigan Northville Health Center is

ready to open its doors to hundreds of patients. The building, located at Seven

Mile and Haggerty roads in

Northville Township, will

bring about 200 jobs to the community, including more

was held Monday afternoon

marking the facility's open-

ing. A number of community

and business leaders joined a

group of health professionals

to unveil the 100,000-square-

foot, two-story primary and

specialty care facility, which

During the ceremony, the

will begin taking patient ap-

health center's staff empha-

sized that the aim is to offer

nity with the help of state-of-

art equipment and tools.

great care to the local commu-

pointments July 15.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony

than 100 doctors.

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The Northville Health Center opening had Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix (center, left) and Michael Johns, M.D., U of M interim executive vice president (center, right) for medical affairs cutting the ribbon while the center's medical director Audrey Fan (next to Johns) and others along with state senators Mike Kowall (far left) and Patrick Colbeck (far right) look on.

#### **Commitment and** capability

"The University of Michigan Health System is committed to meeting the needs of today's patients, wherever they are and no matter how well or sick they may be," said Michael M.E. Johns,

M.D., interim executive vice president of medical affairs at the U of M. "The care provided by U of M doctors, nurses and other health care providers is consistently ranked

among the nation's best.' During the tours, staff

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# **Township** clerk expecting heavy election turnout

**By Lonnie Huhman** Staff Writer

The Aug. 5 primary election is quickly approaching and Northville Township is already seeing a good turnout in this important local election through absentee balloting.

"We are reaching record number of absentee ballots for a primary election," Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand

She said the total number ballots turned in have gone over the average.

# Important proposals

This primary election will be an important one for Northville Township voters. They will be confronted with two local millage requests to cover the cost of township public safety, as well as Northville shared services, which includes senior services, parks and recreation and youth services.

In addition, they will be asked to vote on a county-wide enhancement millage proposal that is asking for an additional two mill tax increase over the next six years to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for the over 30 Wayne County schools part of the intermediate school district, which Northville is part of. The Northville Public

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#### **NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLL LOCATIONS**

- » Moraine Elementary School -
- Precincts 1 and 15 » Silver Springs Elementary
- School Precincts 2, 8, 9, 13
- » Winchester Elementary School - Precincts 6 and 11
- » Ridge Wood Elementary School - Precincts 10 and 14 » Northville High School – Pre-
- cincts 3 and 4 » Meads Mill Middle School -
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Wish you were here

Northville's Bob Moreillon took his Northville Record

and around Boise, Idaho. He took this photo holding

with him on his recent fly fishing adventure out West, in

the Record while fishing the Owyhee River in Oregon, a

catch-and-release river famous for its big brown trout.

"You might say I was looking at the Record to see if

there was any information on how to catch the big

browns," Moreillon said. The next time you go on

vacation, take along the Northville Record, snap a

# **FACILITY**

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members introduced the different sections within the health center.

In addition to primary and specialty care, the center offers a comprehensive musculoskeletal program designed to care for bones, joints and muscles; eye care for adults and children; subspecialty pediatrics; radiology services such as diagnostic imaging, bone ultrasound and magnetic resonance imaging; infusion for cancer and non-cancer treatment; and a medical procedures unit used for colonoscopy, capsule endoscopy, spinal injections and other procedures.

Employees at the center are looking forward to getting started full time next week.

"I'm excited to be a part of this innovative care model coming to Northville," said Audrey Fan, M.D., medical director. "This new, considerably larger space brings together many of the essential services a patient may need for comprehensive health care. This top quality care is close to home and convenient for adults and children living in western Wayne County.'

Under its roof there are 100-plus physicians and dozens of nurses, medical assistants, therapists and mid-level providers. A big part of it



The new University of Michigan Hospital Northville Health Center is located at the southwest corner of Seven Mile Road and Haggerty Road. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

will be that can provide 40-plus specialties that will partner with community physicians for the convenience of patients.

'This facility gives us a very visible way to bring excellent care to the people of Northville and surrounding areas in metropolitan Detroit," Johns said.

#### **Community** partnership

Attendees like Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix were impressed. He helped with the ribbon cutting and echoed the sentiment among many saying this opening will be a very helpful opportunity for the community.

"We're so proud to have you here," he said to the health center's staff.

Johns said the facility is also an economic bene-

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Dru MacPherson, nurse manager, and Dr. John Krauss, MD, specializing in hematology and on oncology, in the Infusion Center. Dr. Krauss is a former Observer and **Eccentric carrier.** BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

fit to the area. Citing the creation of nearly 200 jobs to using local vendors, he said the partnership it has with the community is very im-

This facility is a big part of the REIS-Northville LLC joint venture

between Schostak Bros. and Company and REI Investment Group Inc. They have a 25-year lease agreement with U of M.

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Drive, spanning from Seven Mile Road to Eight Mile Road, for complete reconstruction and repaving.

Wayne County, which has jurisdiction over Silver Springs Drive, had started doing some heavy work spot repairs on the road in the past week or so, but now it will shift to doing a complete rehab of it.

Heise said the project awards are the result of the "hard work that I have done on the transportation committee and in transportation town halls this fall, to ensure that our roads get the funding attention they des-

perately need." "While this list of step to making our local roads better and safer for the hardworking people of Michigan, more work is needed and we must find a long-term solution. I will continue to work for the people and help create a long-term

solution," Heise said.
In addition to the money for Silver Springs, Heise announced the state is allocating \$300,000 to make concrete repairs on I-275 (from Ford Road to Five Mile Road); \$700,000 to do a new overlay for Lilley Road (from Ann Arbor to Plymouth roads); and \$575,000 to do a new overlay for Plymouth Road (from Mill Street to Haggerty Road in Plymouth).

Heise said he will work with his colleagues in Lansing to

"I will continue to work for the people and help create a long-term solution,"

**KURT HEISE** 

R-Plymouth Township

come up with a longterm solution to the deterioration of Michigan's roads. "We deserve to have

better roads in this state, and it is incumbent upon elected officials in Lansing to find a way to accomplish that without putting it on the people by way of higher taxes," Heise

# More to come

Wayne County Execalso announced a plan this week to make available \$14 million to county townships in a match program over a two-year period for

road repairs. Through the plan Wayne County will supply 80 percent of the funding for township residential road projects, while the townships will provide a 20-percent match for the 2014-15 and 2015-16

fiscal years. Northville Township is expected to get

\$750,000. Nix said it's still early with this, but township officials will soon announce how this plan will go forward in Northville.

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# **ELECTION**

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School district has come out against this proposal because officials believe it would see a negative return on its investment and that the Northville community would act as a donor for other school districts in the Wayne RESA service area.

## **Voter Information**

The voter registration deadline has passed, but voters can confirm that they are a registered voter and where you vote by calling the township's voter registration hotline at 248-662-0541 or by visiting the following

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voters to keep in mind some details as they go to the polls.

Polls open at 7 a.m. and close promptly at 8 p.m. There are 16 precincts in Northville Township.

The deadline for an absentee ballot is the Saturday prior to election day. The township clerk's department is open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. for this purpose the Saturday prior to every

Every voter who shows up to vote at the polls must show picture identification or s affidavit attesting that

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Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand checks out the supply of optical ballot scanners as they prepare for the Aug. 5 primary election, which includes the local millage increase request for public safety and shared services. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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When at the poll, she said please be patient. "Precinct inspectors have a great deal of re-

sponsibility in issuing ballots and recording information," Hillebrand

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# Celebrating independence with style

Community displays patriotism during Fourth of July celebration

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

Northville celebrated its heroes on the Fourth of July with a parade that filled the streets with floats and people celebrating America's independence.

Organizers say this year's Independence Day Parade was a fun and a success.

"There were a lot more people who attended this year than we expected, considering the holiday was part of a long weekend and many were out of town," said Shari Peters, president of the Northville Community Foundation, which has organized the event for the last 16 years.

St. Mary Mercy Livonia was the main parade sponsor.

'St. Mary Mercy is so wonderful and we appreciate their generosity in sponsoring the parade year after year," Peters

For many of those who watched the parade it has become an annual tradition. It didn't disappoint this year either, lasting an hour while making its way through downtown.

"This is an absolutely fantastic parade," said Novi resident Alvin Duncan, who watches the parade every year. "It's always good. This year I especially liked the PKSA Karate Novi float because my kids were

with it." Northville High's Backbeat and Treblemakers sang the national anthem outside Northville City Hall while the parade was emceed by Dr. Bill Demray and WJR radio personality Lisa Barry. Demray evoked the Declaration of Inde**Best Theme Entry- Celebrating America's Heroes!** 

1st Place: Ward Church 2nd Place: Northville Meijer 3rd Place: St. Mary Mercy Livonia

**Best Float** 1st Place: Goldfish Swim School

2nd Place: Northville Historical Society 3rd Place: Northville First Church of the Nazarene **Best Crowd Pleaser** 

1st Place: Military Motorcycle Squad 2nd Place: Piazza Dance Company

3rd Place: Zap Zone Family Fun Center **Most Patriotic** 

1st Place: Preservation Dental 2nd Place: Destiny Worship Center 3rd Place: Daughters of the American Revolution

**Best Musical Entry** 

1st Place: Plymouth Fife and Drum Band 2nd Place: Shawn Riley Band 3rd Place: Northville High School Summer Marching

**Best Vehicles** 

Most Nostalgic: Vintage Korean War Ambulance Crowd Pleaser: Green Hornet

Most Unique: Coca Cola Car



Northville's VFW Post 4012 helped lead the Independence Day parade last Friday.



A young soldier marching in the parade carrying an American flag paused to shake hands with a veteran.

pendence during the introductions of the pa-

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," Demray read to the gathered crowd.

Under blue skies and a warm morning sun Northville remembered

and celebrated. The parade was filled with different floats, music, fun and people from around the area. Afterward people went to Mill Race Village to witness recreations of some important historical moments while others went home with friends and family to barbeque.

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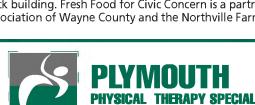


Little dancers from the Piazza Dance Company wowed the crowd with their moves.

# **Keeping it fresh for Civic Concern**



Jacob Vertrees, 2, and his brother Joshua, 4, of Northville, package garden lettuce to donate to Northville Civic Concern, the community's local food pantry. Beginning July 10 and continuing to October, fresh produce from home gardens or produce purchased at the Farmer's Market may be donated right at the market to benefit Civic Concern clients. The Farmer's Market hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday. Donation bins are located at the white block building. Fresh Food for Civic Concern is a partnership between the Master Gardeners Association of Wayne County and the Northville Farmer's Market.



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# Students can get creative at library



Alex Gruly, 13, works on finishing up a sock monkey creation June 23 at the Northville District Library. About two dozen kids got to create sock monkeys from sock-scratch and learned how to cut, pin, sew and stuff their little stuffed simian friends. The library will have a lot of summertime activities and crafts for Northville's youth during their break from school. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Schools pursuing tenure charges against kindergarten teacher

**Bv Lonnie Huhman** Staff Writer

The Northville Public School district has brought tenure charges against a kindergarten teacher and is seeking her dismissal.

Last week, the Northville Board of Education took action to proceed upon tenure charges regarding elementary teacher Paula Minni, a tenured kindergarten teacher at Thornton Creek Elementary. A resolution, in pursuant to the Michigan Teachers' Tenure Act, was passed by a 4-0 vote of the school board to proceed upon tenure charges, which have not been publicly detailed and were fully discussed in closed session.

School Board President Jim Mazurek said, "The board's sole function is to decide whether action on the charges as brought by administration should proceed; the Board of Education does not decide whether the charges are true. Instead, the board determines if the charges are serious enough that the process under the Tenure Act should be initiat-

NPS Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said the charges do ask the State Teacher Tenure Commission to dismiss a teacher due to less than effective performance, following two consecutive years of focused intervention and assis-

"Northville Public Schools remains committed to providing an education of excellence for every student within our district, and this action by the board reflects that continuing commitment," Gallagher said.

According to NPS, "state tenure laws allow teachers to request privacy about the details of the charges, and the teacher in question has requested such privacy."

"As a district, we honor and respect the law and our teacher's request. As a result, we will not comment further," Gallagher said.

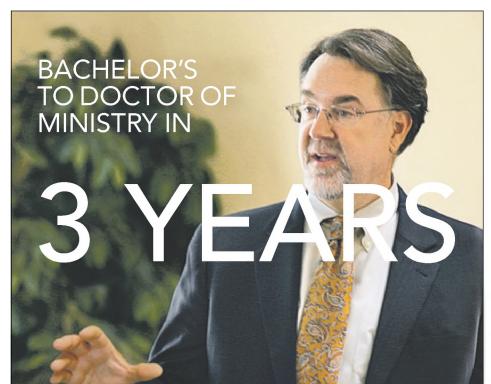
Most of the school board's discussion on the matter occurred in closed session meetings. They considered her rebuttal to her 2013-2014 summative evaluation and legal counsel correspondence. The vote and resolution are public.

Minni has not spoken publicly about the situation. Her attorney Michael Lee wouldn't speak about the details of the case per the closed session/privacy clauses in the tenure law, but said they would fight the charges.

"We will vigorously contest any allegations," Lee said.

Minni is now on paid administrative leave during the pendency of the tenure hearing.

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# Pair of Democrats and Republicans vie for state House 38th District seat

Hugh Crawford, R-Novi, the current representative for the state House 38th District seat, is term-limited at the end of this year. Two Republicans, his wife Kathy Crawford and Dan Lauffer, and two Democrats, Jasper Catanzaro and Jason George-Wellington Dorsch, will square off in the August primary. The winners of each parties' vote will meet in the November general election for this two-year

Located in Oakland County, the district includes the townships of Lyon and Novi and the cities of Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake and (a portion of) Northville.

The candidates were asked nine questions. Due to space limitations in the print edition, not all are included here. However, please visit www.novinews to read the entire Q&A.

Dorsch declined to participate and sent the following email (sic) to the *Novi News* editor: "Sorry to inform you, but I'm not using any media source's to advertise my candidacy. Although I will be excepting personal letters that are sent to me by local business's and citizen's. Their more then welcome to send their concern's, ideas, or questioner's to 24320 Fairway Hills Dr, Novi, MI 48374. As always, I will do my best to respond to everyone."

1. Why are you seeking this position? Catanzaro: The parti-

san thinking and partyline voting, must be replaced with a realization that elected representatives are working for the people, not themselves or some group represented by some lobby. I can't believe that I'm actually saying that because they all campaigned on working for the people! However, we have seen this everyday with these do-nothing legislators, who work only three days a week, take the summer off and any other time off they can for whatever reason they make up. All the while, we see what needs to be done - the Michigan infrastructure (roads, bridges, water system, sewer system, electrical grid), the schools, the economy, fair treatment for all workers, the environment, and the list goes on. These issues are major concerns from the electorate. They are not being addressed so that they are either fixed or resolved. The paid legislators are doing nothing

for their full time pay. Crawford: I've an opportunity to utilize my

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Voters will cast ballots Aug. 5 in the primary election. GETTY IMAGES | ISTOCKPHOTO

public service knowledge and experience in Lansing to better serve southwest Oakland County constituents. I want to influence public policies statewide to help the local citizens and communities. Just caring about people and issues is not enough, unless followed by action. I'm results-driven and never give up. For every problem, there is a solution, and I've a history of addressing and solving problems. I'm an enthusiastic optimist and will take that passion and attitude to Lansing. I've an outstanding track record as a good steward of taxpayer dollars. I want to bring that same fiscally-conservative philosophy to Lansing. I want to ensure our tax dollars are invested properly in education, roads, economic development, transportation infrastructure and health care services. I'm a hardworking, grassroots ambassador for our thriving southwest Oakland County communities. I've demonstrated enthusiasm, honesty and leadership on city council and

as a commissioner. **Lauffer:** I believe our community wants and deserves a truly fiscally and socially conservative state representative, as well as a contest of ideas in this race.

#### 2. What will be your top three priorities if elected?

Catanzaro: Good paying jobs. This can be accomplished by fixing our infrastructure. Our roads and bridges are in desperate need of repairs and rebuilding. Our water and sewer systems are in some cases 100 years old and need to be properly repaired. Our electrical grid is wasting a large percentage of electricity in transmission with outdated lines and stations.

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**August 5, 2014 PRIMARY ELECTION** 

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Primary Election is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the lobby of Township

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Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

schools the best in the nation. The educational cuts have put a strain on school systems across the state. We have more schools in financial diffi-

culty than ever before. Addressing the needs of the workers and retirees in Michigan. The so-called tax cut for business was an insult. Ask any business person what benefits they have gotten and the answer would be "zero". Minimum jobs created, no actual tax cuts. However, ask a retiree and those about to retire and you will see a big increase in their tax

**Crawford:** Economic development through job creation and road improvements: Michigan needs to cultivate a thriving and globally competitive economy with a diverse business base. Balancing the budget and keeping the tax rate low is how we will continue experiencing job growth. Road conditions impact our economic development as well as endanger our citizens. We need a creative, longterm, common sense financial solution for our roads, along with guarantees from contractors for work quality.

Education: I support additional investment in education Our youth should develop skills to meet the demand of

Michigan employers. Heatlh care: Southwest Oakland County is the home to a thriving health-care economy. I am committed to patientcentered health-care solutions, while protecting the rights of patients to choose their own doc-

tors and medical plans. Lauffer: 1. Continuing and accelerating the 2011-present progress in making Michigan more business friendly.

2. Actually reducing the size and scope of state government.

3. Not just encourag-

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ing but requiring local government pension/ benefit reforms and consolidations.

#### 3. Do you feel our state is moving in the right direction? Why or why not?

Catanzaro: The WRONG direction. Governor Snyder and the Republicans in the House and Senate promised jobs and no new taxes. What a dismal failure. Most Republicans wanted the Big Three automakers to fail. That would have been a death blow to Michigan and killed the supply base to ALL automakers. Since Republicans took over Michigan, in 2010, taxes were increased, deductions were eliminated, and Michigan now is one of the 10 worst states to retire in. In 2013, your 401 and most IRA's started being taxed. It will cost you 4.25 percent when you take money out. Charities, schools, veterans, students were also hurt by these regressive tax laws and severe spending cuts in the wrong places. Our schools have seen massive cuts, which will only drive graduates to look for work in other states. Michigan's Republican legislators, led by Governor Snyder, didn't create any jobs but nenalized all

the people. **Crawford:** Yes, thanks to conservative policies established over the past four years by the governor and the Republicanled Legislature. Under Governor Snyder, there have been a number of positive tax reforms in Michigan that support job providers, and the enhanced focus on Pure Michigan has resulted in increased business and

tourist attraction. We need to continue to make Michigan employer friendly. The job market in Michigan is progressing under Republican leadership. We need to continue on a path that allows Michigan employers to hire and feel secure in a business-friendly environment. That's how jobs will continue to be created. Protecting the quality of life for all of our citizens is a high priority of this administration. My career is based on being a successful, life-long advocate for older adults and disenfranchised people (mental illness, physical impairments and developmentally disabled). My decades of experience will be an asset to the legislative process.

Lauffer: Since 2011, yes, we have been moving in a better direction than during the Granholm administration due to conservative economic policies.

4. In recent years, legislators have increasingly voted strictly along party lines. Do you see this as a positive, and how do you envision collaborating with members of the opposing political par-

**Catanzaro:** A negative. To solve problems you need input from ALL legislators. This means actually working for the people and resolving issues in a bi-partisan way. I should say multipartisan way. It seems today there are really more than two parties anyway. I mean Republican, Tea Party, Conservative, Liberal, Democrat, Libertarian, and the list goes on. As for collaborating with the opposing party, that can only be done when the public actually demands it. No legislator can make another legislator do his or her bidding. However, if the roads aren't fixed, or schools helped to bring up standards, or real jobs aren't created, then the legislators should either not be paid or easily removed from office. Let's be honest, with summer breaks, winter breaks, holiday breaks, Mondays and Fridays off, they really don't have time to actually work for the people

of Michigan. **Crawford:** Voters deserve the type of independent, critical thinking that I bring to all issues. That's how you

solve problems. Over the years, some Lansing officials have met as a bipartisan group to develop joint proposals. I think that's been a good first step, but more work needs to be done. I will not abandon my core conservative values of low taxes, smaller government, economic growth and less regulations. If Democrat representatives share these common goals, then I will collaborate and work with all to reach consensus/compromise. I've been a credible and honest public servant for more than 35 years. I understand the process, and I know how to get things done for my constituents. Lansing needs someone who has a proven track record for responsiveness and re-

sourcefulness. Lauffer: I'll seek areas of agreement with more moderate members of the other party whenever possible but you can expect me to most often vote with the conservative majority.

#### 5. If needed, where would you cut expenses first to balance the budget?

**Catanzaro:** If you believe the administration, there is a budget surplus of over \$1 billion. So, if we make more cuts, there will be a bigger surplus, and still bad roads, schools, etc. However, the Legislature could actually save money by seeking better solutions. Example: just putting \$1 billion or \$2 billion in roads is not the answer. Why are the roads so bad? Is it contractors, concrete or asphalt mixes, engineer specs, truck axle weight, or something else? You cut expenses by spending wisely. This means finding a solution before you spend your dollars on fixing the problem, then fix it once and do it right. These road contracts are not to make some contractor rich and give them lifetime employment. However, there are enough roads and bridges to be fixed to keep thousands of workers busy forever.

**Crawford:** Cutting expenses can be accomplished, as long as we focus on two things:

Eliminating the waste and abuse in department spending: Three years ago, the state auditor general reported approx-

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# **ELECTION**

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focus on two things: Eliminating the waste and abuse in department spending: Three years ago, the state auditor general reported approximately \$800 million in waste and abuse in the Department of Human Services. We need to solve these types of problems, and then earmark those funds to balance the budget and/or to give back to health care for our seniors and/or to education for our local school districts.

Making additional common-sense reforms in government spending: We need to continue the momentum established by the House Regulatory Reform Committee. Over the past two years, this committee has cut expenses by removing hundreds of silly and useless bureaucratic rules and regulations that have hindered economic development, job creation and business growth.

Lauffer: I would make cuts at the MEDC, eliminate the film tax credits and reduce spending through privatization of some services. Over the years the state has raised billions for infrastruc-

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ture. It has been spent on welfare, immigration and education and not particularly judiciously. Why should we believe that raising more for infrastructure will actually be spent on infrastructure?

6. If possible, where would you add additional funds in the state

Catanzaro: You create good-paying jobs, in two ways. Fixing the infrastructure would bring in federal dollars. Many of our highways and bridges have been built with federal dollars. Usually 75 percent of these road projects are federally funded. By fixing the roads and bridges, we would get \$3 for every dollar we invest. These federal dollars will help fuel the whole economy and help many businesses, by the so-called "trickle down" effect. This is a real nobrainer. We have to fix the roads and bridges anyway, before someone gets killed. Second, when business sees good infrastructure, they want to relocate there. It's a fact -- good roads helps ease transportation and congestion, creating enterprise zones for manufacturing and resources like water, which we have lots of, are all incentives to bring in business which brings in

jobs, which brings in state revenue, which lowers taxes, which creates jobs and so on.

Crawford: The age demographic in the 38th District is shifting to empty-nesters and active, older adults. My focus will be to protect quality-of-life issues, particularly for this growing segment of our population. If possible, I would support additional funds to develop and implement a statewide Non-Motorized Transportation Master Plan. A healthy Michigan includes creating safe pathways for bicyclists, pedestrians, wheelchairs, etc. It is critical to continue making the southwest Oakland County region, as well as Michigan, a better/safer place to live. Education and information should be enhanced. My goal is to connect people to the plethora of existing government programs which help resolve economic hardship as well as streamline service delivery. I don't support generations of government subsidies or entitlements as a means of reducing poverty, but I do believe it's my responsibility to assure there are for everyone services and programs available that promote independence and economic security.

Lauffer: I would like to see overall government spending reduced, but would seek to prioritize that spending and not simply cut everything by the same amount.

7. What, if anything, can government do to help promote business growth in the state?

Catanzaro: Make the state business friendly by making sure federal, state or city regulations are actually needed and don't overlap with each other. Offer new business tax incentives to locate here. Again, this sounds very repetitive but fixing the roads, water systems, and electrical grid would actually save business money and time and be a reason to relocate here. It's been calculated that most drivers waste well over an average of \$300 in fuel costs and about \$400 in car repairs (shocks, tires, rims, struts, and accidents) a year by driving on these inadequate and pot-hole filled roads. You can also calculate your cost for the many extra hours spent in traffic delays. This affects business by adding fuel and transportation costs to any product they make or sell. Would you move to a home where the street was full of potholes and transportation was iffy?

**Crawford:** Four

1. Create a job-friendly environment for business through conservative tax policies.

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Lauffer: Get out of the way of the free market.

8. Do you support changes to the way Proposal A funds education?

Catanzaro: Proposal A took away control of local spending and gave it to the state. It has done nothing to improve student outcomes. Schools have been shorted by Governor Snyder and the Republican-controlled House and Senate. Here in the 38th District, we have been cut over \$52 million in school funding since they took over in 2010. That means Northville lost \$4.8 million, Novi lost \$11.1 million, South Lyon lost \$10.2 million and Walled Lake lost \$26.4 million. Our universities have lost hundreds of millions, too. These cuts will have a devastating impact on our schools and students. Michigan is losing the battle to improve our students and their future. These cuts are also reducing the resale value of your home. Good schools greatly improve the selling value of your home. The state, not your local school board, controls most of your educational dollars. We need to

review Proposal A Crawford: I would consider any and all suggestions to revise and/or eliminate Proposal A, but we need to carefully analyze the issue to make sure our public schools are properly and financially protected. A vibrant and growing Michigan economy will solve many of problems associated with Proposal A. Proposal A was implemented in 1995 by shifting the schools funding source from local property taxes to state sales taxes. That worked in the 1990's when the Michigan economy was strong and vibrant. Proposal A has been a funding problem over the past 14 years due to the stagnant Michigan economy. The School Aid Fund needs to fund K-12 public education – and nothing else.

Lauffer: No. 9. Gov. Snyder and others say we are underfunding our roads, leading to the disastrous condition they are now in. Do you think it was a mistake for Snyder's first budget to have cut road funding 12 percent? If so, what other funding and tax changes under this governor and Legislature were mistakes? **Catanzaro:** So, Gov.

Snyder is saying what HE did almost four years ago was a disaster. I have to agree with his criticism of his own budget. For someone in business, he sure doesn't know how to think ahead. The Republican-sponsored cuts to schools are still causing problems and will only grow (like the road issue). The Republican-sponsored taxes to present and future retirees will cause a migration out of this unfriendly-to-seniors state. The massive tax shift to the people, which has been calculated to be over \$1,200 per person, will

## **JASPER CATANZARO**

Age: 68

Years 38th District resident: 15

Community involvement: Active for many years in veteran's affairs, helping veterans get assistance both from the VA and other organizations. Active in both the American Legion and VFW.

Related experience: Worked with Ford Motor and UAW to secure jobs here in Michigan in a responsible and effective manner for both sides.

**Profession:** Retiree from Ford Motor Company and the UAW Education: public schools (elementary, junior high); Notre Dame High School; Wayne State University graduate with

Family: Married to Linda; step-daughters Megan and Chelsea

#### **KATHY CRAWFORD**

Age: 72

**Years 38th District resident:** approximately 70 years Current Community involvement: Chairman, Novi Historical Commission; Michigan State Fair Steering Committee; Executive Board, Area Agency for the Aging Region 1b; Executive Board Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency; Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (including past Secretary); Novi Senior Theater cast member and Master of Ceremonies for its annual Varity Show; Novi Pavilion Shores Conservancy; Novi Library Friends; West Oakland Republican Club; Oakland County Republican Exec-

Related experience: Vice-Chairperson, Oakland County General Government Committee; Vice Chairperson, Oakland County Ad-Hoc Webcasting Committee; Appointed by Board Chair to the Oakland County Retirees Compensation and VEBA Boards; Appointed by Oakland County Board of Commissioners to the OLHSA Board and Executive Board Member; Oakland County Finance Committee; Oakland County Prescription Drug Card Committee; Oak 65- Senior Citizen Issues; Lake Board (Walled Lake); Oakland County Planning & Building (Former Member); Honorary Lifetime member of the Optimist International Club; (Honor Club Citation Award); State of Michigan "Minuteman Award"; Michigan's "Governor Milliken Award"; Michigan Recreation and Parks "Innovative Programming Award"; Business and Professional "Women of the Year Award"; Novi Parks and Recreation Foundation "Hugh and Kathy Crawford Award"; Novi Rotary Foundation "Paul Harris Fellow Award"; City of Novi Honoree on the City's "Walk of Fame"; Novi's "Outstanding Citizen Award"; "Novi Distinguished Service Award."

**Profession:** Oakland County Commissioner – 9th District (2010 to present); Novi City Council member (2007-2010); Public Service in Field of Aging for Oakland County citizens (30+

**Education:** Farmington High School graduate; college courses Family: Married to Hugh Crawford for 49 years; three grown children -- Doug, Amy and Kelly; grandchildren Alexis, Devin, and (foster care) Destiny and Diamond

#### **DAN LAUFFER**

**Age:** 67

Years 38th District resident: 3

Community involvement: Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus **Related experience:** Chaired a fund-raiser for Iragi Christians that raised over \$6,000. Worked as a basic literacy instructor for adults with developmental disabilities for 10 years; leader of conservative clergy group; graduate and teaching assistant at Garrett Theological Seminary and Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.; recipient of two national awards for leadership and church growth; selected by chief of police and mayor from the area pastors to mediate a labor dispute between the police and the city in the City of Worth and in one night we averted a 'blue flu'; originated a grassroots planning committee in Worth with long-range goals and time frames; appointed to the following committees of the United Methodist Conference -- Committee for Social Issues and Committee on Evangelism; consultant to several churches for church growth; tour host for two trips to Israel after a summer of archaeology in that country; started two food pantries. coordinated the work of 17 churches to provide Thanksgiving dinner for over 300 homeless persons for three successive years while a pastor in Rockford,

**Profession:** retired pastor (27 years) and college professor (15 years)

Education: B.A. Olivet Nazarene University; M.A., Northwestern University

Family: married to Christine for 47 years; children - Christian, 36 and Andrew, 32

only take more buying power away from the average Michigander. The elimination of deductions from almost all charities, college tuition, etc., has hurt those institutions. Each of us is paying dearly for the mistakes of Gov. Snyder and the Republican House and Senate.

Crawford: It's not an issue of finger pointing and blaming. It's an issue of priorities. Roads were not a top priority four years ago. Governor Snyder's first year was filled with many challenges – the biggest was to implement policies that balanced the state budget by making necessary financial structural changes to eliminate deficit spending behaviors and practices. Roads are a majority priority in 2014 if we're going to continue to promote economic development.

We need creative, longterm, common-sense financial solutions for our roads, along with guarantees from contractors for quality work. We need to re-evaluate the road-funding formula with the expressed purpose of not creating new taxes. We need a combination of revenue-generating options to fund our roads. The road-funding formula also needs to focus on traffic density. It's not about raising taxes, but how we spend existing revenues in a cost-efficient manner to repair, restore and maintain roads and bridges.

Lauffner: Gov. Snyder was under severe budgetary constraints at the time.I'm against any overall tax increases but think we can spend more on roads by better allocating funds and eliminating so-called prevailing wage laws.

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# Local church sends youth on mission to Appalachia



Fifty youth and some church leaders from First United Methodist Church of Northville packed their vans and tool truck to leave at 5 a.m. July 6 for Salyersville, Ky., for a week with the Appalachian Service Project. The group worked Monday through Friday on homes in and around Salyersville. Teams of approximately seven people (five young adults, two adult leaders) will do pre-scheduled home repairs, construction projects and provide Christian fellowship (and lunches) to the families they'll serve. This is the 28th year the church youth have participated in the community service project. WENDY BETTS

# High school sweethearts start a new life together

As Diane and Jim Panzone approach their 50th wedding anniversary, their romance has been steeped in a lifelong, shared passion for life. It has taken them together from high school classrooms to dance floors and from athletic courts to politics.

Moreover, their romance has seemingly made time stand still, even as it now enters a new chapter at Fox Run retirement community in

They met as high school students in Detroit and began dating. Jim took Diane to the senior prom, which turned out to be the first of many proms they

would attend together. They married and each become teachers. They worked together at the same high school she taught English and



High school sweethearts Diane and Jim Panzone have begun their next life adventure together at Fox Run in Novi. LINDSAY ASH

economics, he taught government. The couple volunteered each year as chaperones at the senior prom.

"When Jim took me to our senior prom, he thought it was last one." Diane said, jokingly.

At age 50, Diane and Jim retired. They traveled a bit and then began spending winters in Florida near Fort Meyers. They couple also began country line dancing. They joined a dancing

club in Florida and formed many long-lasting friendships with their fellow dancers.

Diane and Jim moved two months ago from a condo in Warren to Fox Run. The first thing they did together was to install a full wall of built-in bookshelves in their new apartment home to help them keep up with their shared interest in read-

They continue to do things together, whether it is participating in volleyball games or engaging in political committee discussions. And they travel back to Florida during the winter months to rekindle friendships

Their "snowbird lifestyle" seems to have taken new root in their new retirement locale. So has their love for one another.

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# **Sunday Brunch**

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# Novi nurse, son spread compassion and healing

LOCAL NEWS

Oakwood Hospial nurse Maribeth Guys, RN, CPNP, said she had always felt the call to serve above and beyond her traditional role in health care.

Guys, along with her son Nicholas, had that opportunity recently when she traveled to South Africa on a mission trip to bring medical care to an impoverished area of that coun-

"It was one of the best things I've ever done," said Guys, a Novi resident who works at the Oakwood Taylor Teen Health Center in Taylor. "I just loved it. It's a whole different way of practicing medicine and nursing. It changes you."

Guys had heard about the opportunity through

Africa Christian Ministries. She had never been able to take part, however, until this year, when she and her 21-year-old son — who is a senior at the University of Michigan, pursuing a career in medicine – took part. Preparation for the 16day trip took six months. The Guys' committed in November and traveled with the group in May.

They landed in Durban, the largest city in the South African province of KwaZulu-Natal and from there took a two-hour trip to the townships of Sikhawini and Ingwavuma where they would conduct five health clinics during their stay. Everyone had to bring along five suitcases — three of which were filled with medicines such as antibiotics, asthma medications, antifungals and analgesics as well as eyeglasses and sunglasses. The medicines were donated, many of them came from Guys' Oakwood colleagues. As they left the relatively prosperous city behind, they traveled over nearly impassible roads where cows, chickens and dogs roamed free to the dormitories that would be their temporary home.

"There was no comparison between Durban and where we were, Guys said. "It was very remote. Some people didn't have electricity; many didn't have running water.

We only had hot water sometimes, we frequently lost electricity;



Novi resident Maribeth Guys, an Oakwood Hospital nurse, and her son Nicholas traveled to South Africa on a mission trip to bring medical care to an impoverished area of that

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we slept in bunk beds but it was still a luxury to us," she added.

The missionaries spent the first three days of the trip sorting medicine and preparing for the clinics. When Guys arrived at her first one, she said the site that greeted her was very humbling.

People generally got in line the night before," she said. "You would pull up and find, literally, a hundred people lined up just to see you. I took that responsibility very seriously. I was very moved by that."

The group put on five clinics throughout the 16-day period. Guys said they treated more than 800 people and more than 300 of those were children. They administered to people with fungal, upper respiratory and skin infections, people who suffered from asthma and other allergies exacerbated by the dusty conditions, as well as many who suffered from abdominal pain due to parasites. For Guys, helping the young people was particularly rewarding.

"For many of the children, it was the only physical exam they would get in a year," she

Many of the adults suffered from the general fatigue that came from living in adverse conditions. Also, many had eye issues as a result of spending a lot time outdoors with no protection from the intense African sun.

"They were just sore and tired. They had to walk to get their water, or walk to get to any sort of jobs that they had," Guys said.

The clinics were generally nine-hour days with 15-minute breaks to eat or use a restroom. That didn't count the time heading to and from the clinics, as well as the chores before and after. Guys said they were drained every day.

Guys said that the experience was difficult and humbling and it served as a reminder to how fortunate we are. It was an eye-opening experience, she said, to find such poverty within a short drive from a major city.

"Two hours is nothing," she said. "You wouldn't expect to see something like that in 2014. It's really another way of life and you forget how easy it is here. It gave me a tremendous perspective.

Her son agreed. "One thing in particular that I took away from the trip was an appreciation for the strong spirit displayed by so many of the people we cared for and got to know in South Africa,' he said. "Even while living and working in very difficult conditions, most everyone was happy, especially the children. That is something we at home should learn from.'

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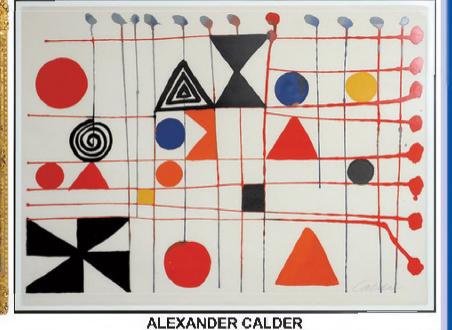


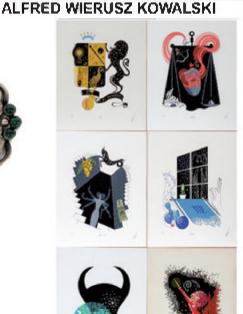
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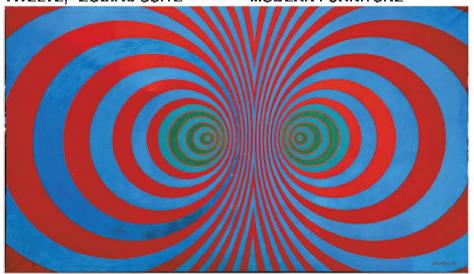


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Two new "read boxes" were introduced to the community in late June in ITC Park (Napier Road) and Rotary Park (off Nine Mile).

# Novi Rotary rallies for readers

In an effort to spread goodwill and build better community friendships, the Novi Rotary Club concentrated its efforts on literacy this past spring. As a result, two new "read boxes" were introduced to the community in late June in ITC Park (Napier Road) and Rotary Park (off Nine Mile).

Last year, the Novi Public Library launched this reading initiative in Lakeshore Park.

"The read box was an instant hit with park visitors and over the three months that it was available to the public, over 200 books were taken, read and shared," said Julie Farkas, library director.

The purpose of the boxes is to promote summer reading, said Jaclyn Kochis, incoming Rotary president.

"Most people have a chance to rest and relax during the summer

months," Kochis said. "Vacations tend to occur and students are out on break. What a great time to grab a book and escape.'

In partnership with the Novi Public Library, the Novi Rotary donated \$1,500 toward the construction and decorating of the boxes. This year's artists were Novi High School students Caleb Foerg, Josh Dilworth and Adam Van Wiemeersch, plus Jaclyn DeCarolis from the Art Institute of

Readers of all ages are welcome to take a book, read, enjoy, share and return.

"A special thanks goes to the city of Novi's Department of Public Services for building and installing the read boxes and Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services for determining the box locations," Farkas said.

Read boxes will be filled on a weekly basis by library staff and boxes will be available in the parks until early October.

"Our goal is to build a love of reading when enjoying our Novi parks each summer," Farkas said. "Plans for future boxes are being considered, knowing the value and uniqueness they bring to our community."

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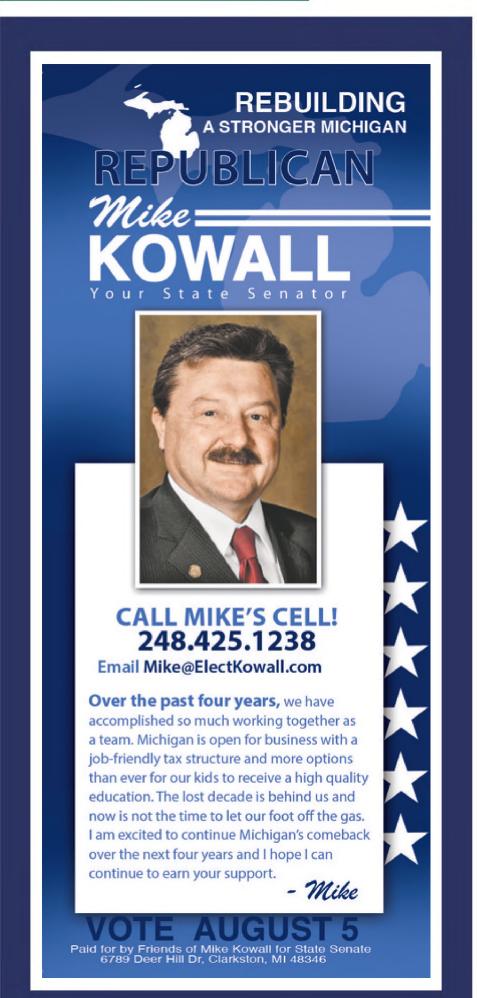
# **Sparkling Good Time**



Karen Kupchonick, the new Older Adult Services manager for Novi, chats with Noreen Doulet, left, at the Meadowbrook Senior Center on June 19. The pair were there along with dozens of others to enjoy A Sparkling Good Time Luncheon, which included summertime themes, lunch and live music. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Attendees of the June 19 A Sparkling Good Time Luncheon applaud the works of the trio band Crossroads at the Meadowbrook Senior Center.





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Cooke School's ConnectUS program features a circuit completed within the school's activity room so that students go from station to station and slowly create their puppets. J



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# CONNECTING A SPECIAL COMMUNITY

Cooke School's ConnectUS growing for impaired young adults

> By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Eileen and Michael Whalen started ConnectUS as a way to provide programming for multiply physically impaired, wheelchair-bound adults over the age of 21. Little did they know that five years later it would grow and become an important

community resource. ConnectUS was established in 2008 to fill a big need for individuals, like Michael, who are transitioning into life postgraduation from the Cooke School in North-

Eileen was worried there wouldn't be much for her son Michael to do, so instead of waiting for something to come along, they created their own nonprofit corporation to help out where they can. It operates in the Livonia, Northville, and Plymouth communi-

"We asked ourselves. what can we do?" she said. "This is based on the belief that everyone has something to offer and that the needs of one can be an opportunity for

another." She added, "Our goal is to make the connection happen.'

The program is designed to provide stimulating activity for members, as well as educational and social connections for student interns and volunteers. It consists of regularly scheduled adapted activities for the program's mem-

Each month, the program hosts events enabling impaired young adults to take their volunteer buddies through assembly lines of adapted equipment. At these events, they produce things like book covers and all sorts of felt hand



ConnectUS workshop June 6. The program allows Cooke students, regardless of their physical or cognitive abilities, to help to make hand puppets, which are then given to kids in local foster care home. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

One recent activity that took place at Cooke was the International Puppet Assembly Program. Another activity is baking of ginger cookies and dog treats

"Everyone is gaining from this program," said Jessica Onkka, Michael's teacher at Cooke. "This has been huge for our staff and school."

Onkka said Eileen's level of effort has made ConnectUS a working success and she expects it to be a fixture at Cooke for years to come. Cooke Principal Jennifer Bugar

"It's a fantastic program because it gets its participants involved in important activities that act as a bridge to the community," Bugar said.
It's a true cooperative

project through which the members interact with community volunteers, who are invited to

Student volunteer Millissa Brooks talks to Cooke student Melissa Pond during the June 6 workshop.

share their time and talents.

Michael graduated from Cooke last month, but through ConnectUS he will be back to help out someone just like

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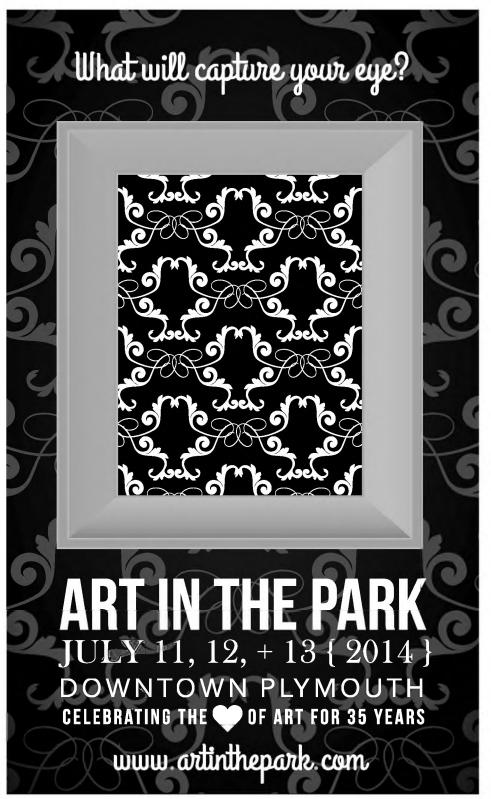
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#### CANNISTRARO. DONALD M.

73, of Northville, passed away July 6, 2014 of complications resulting from Parkinson 's Disease. He was born February 21, 1941 in Waltham, Massachusetts; son of Michael and Marjorie (Leishman) Cannistraro. Don was united in marriage to Janice W. Copson on October 30, 1965; they spent nearly 49 wonderful years together. Don grew up in Wal-tham, Massachusetts; he has been a resident of Northville for 31 years. Don fulfilled his childhood dream to be a pilot when he began working for Executive Airlines in his 20's. From there he continued to fly with Bendix, Allied-Signal, Honeywell, Marlin Air, and Freudenberg. He retired over ten years ago with many wonderful memories. Don had a wide-ranging array of in-terests. He was an avid golfer, enthusiastic about woodworking, and he loved the outdoors. He and Janice spent many wonderful vacations with friends from the Born Free RV Club. Growing up on the water, Don thoroughly enjoyed boating, fishing, and time spent near the ocean. Ultimately, Don's life-long passion has al-ways been airplanes. From the first he helped to build in a friend's garage, to the model variety, and eventually his own private planes, his eyes were often turned to the sky. None of this, however, compared to the focus that Don put on family. Don and Janice were true partners who originally met as children. Their most special moments were delighting in the joys of their children and grandchildren. He is survived by his loving wife, Janice; his children, Deborah Hall, Lauren (Joel) Cannistraro, and Sara (Bryan) Russell; his grandchildren, Savannah, Bri-anna, Mitchell, Michael, Emma, Madison, and his brother David R. Cannistraro. He was preced-ed in death by his parents, and his sisters Marjorie Doyle and Beverlee Cannistraro. A Memorial Service will be held Thursday, July 10, 2014 at 4pm with visitation beginning at 3pm at First United Methodist Church, 777 W. 8 Mile, Northville. If friends desire, flowers are welcome, as are memorial donations to the Mich-Parkinson's Foundation,

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#### FIGUEIREDO, BARBARA A.

80, a lifelong resident of Northville passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 3, 2014. She was born in Northville on May 8, 1934; daughter of James and Grace (nee Spangler) Lower. She was united in marriage to Richard Figueiredo on November 5, 1952; they spent 59 loving years together until his death on July 9, 2011. For over 20 years Barbara worked as a nurses aid with the Plymouth Center for Human Development. More importantly she was a devoted wife, caring mother and cherished grandmother. Barbara and Richard loved traveling all over the United States; many trips were spent camping. She was a talented seamstress and enjoyed creating crafts through needlepoint, sewing, and crocheting. Barbara also liked birdwatching and both vegetable and flower gardening. Barbara is survived by her children Brian (Pam) Figueiredo, Mark Figueiredo, and Kim (Ken) Stratford; her sister Joan (Robert) Bennett; her aunt Iva Price; her grandchildren Brian (Lana) Figueiredo, Toresa (Dan) Piper, Tiffany Figueiredo, Lindsey (Jason) Krupin, Brittney Stratford, and Brooke Stratford; and her great-grandchildren Skylar, Bravde Makavla, Brayden, Delainey, Cooper, and Nolan. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her brother Arnold Lower. A funeral service was held last Tuesday at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville. She was laid to rest at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens

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in Novi. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the American Cancer Society, PO

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#### FRANCIS. PATRICIA D.

Died July 1, 2014. Visitation July 7, Phillips Funeral Home. Funeral July 8 St. Joseph Church.



## GREENLEE. ARTHUR

Passed peacefully sur-rounded by his family on July 1. He was a devoted, generous and loving husband, father, grandfather and uncle. He will be missed, not only by his family, but by a wide circle of friends from his bridge groups and sports pursuits. He lived an active life of baseball, volleyball, cross-country skiing and was very happy with his toes in the sand, either Up North, at the Jersey Shore, or in Fort Myers, Fla. After spending his early years in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, he made his home in Northville, Michigan for the past 46 years. Here he has been an avid fan of U-M sports and the swimming pursuits of his children and grandchildren. He is survived by Betty (nee Gordon) Greenlee, his wife of 59 years, son; Arthur Greenlee III (wife Susan); and six grandchildren: Allison Greenlee Korr (husband George Korr), Arielle Greenlee, Goldman, Alandra Daniel Greenlee, William Greenlee and Arthur Greenlee IV. He was preceded in death by daughter, Janeen Greenlee, and his only William Greenlee of sibling, Colorado. Born in Morrisville, PA, he graduated from Morrisville High School before receiving his degree in business administration from Rutgers University. He had a successful career as an accountant for Ford Motor Company. During World War II, he served in active duty in the U.S. Navy. He faithfully attended Holy Cross Episcopal Church. The family will receive friends at Casterline Funeral Home at 122 W. Dunlap, Northville, MI on July 11 from 3-6 p.m. The memorial service will be held at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 40700 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI on July 12 at 11:00 a.m. Interment will take



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HOYT, BETTY JANE Of S. Daytona, Florida, formerly of Milford; died July 4, 2014. She was 93. Born October 24, 1920 in Nelsonville, Ohio to the late Charles and Mable (nee: Brian) Thompson. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Robert D. Hoyt in 2010. She is survived by two sons, Capt. (Ret. U.S.C.G.) Robert L. and Gary Hoyt; three grandchildren, Robin Pitts, Garen Wickert and Dr. Robert B. Hoyt; also survived by seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Mary Jo Drinkwater. Mrs. Hoyt, along with her late husband, owned and operated Hoyt Oil Co. in Keego Harbor. She also formerly owned the Betty Jane Boutique in Milford. Funeral Service will be Saturday, July 12, 2014 at p.m. at COATS FUNERAL HÔME-WATERFORD. ment will follow at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Family will receive friends Saturday 11 a.m. until time of Service. Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Assn. To send a condolence visit www.CoatsFuneral



#### KELLY, RICHARD "DICK"

Age 88, of Northville, passed away May 11, 2014. He was born on July 7, 1925 in Lima, Ohio to Robert and Leona (nee

Howell) Kelly. He was united in marriage to Pauline "Polly" Bailey on June 21, 1969; and they spent 43 loving years together until her death in 2012. Dick graduated from University of Detroit Dental School in 1953; he practiced dentistry for 46 years, many of them with his own practice in Livonia. Richard served his country as PFC in the Army during World War II, he fought in Northern where France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He received the EAME Theater Ribbon with three bronze stars, a Good Conduct Medal, and Victory Medal. He was very proud of being a WWII he was the Past President of the 94th Infantry Division and attended every reunion that was held. He was honored to be chosen as one of the many Veterans who went to visit the WWII Memorial in Washington DC when it was unveiled. Dick was a member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. He was also a member of Redford Elks and Delta Sigma Delta fraternity. He adored his family and loved spending time with them, especially his nieces and nephews. He cherished the family reunions he and his wife attended in Arizona and Ohio. He was a wonderful friend and good to everyone who met him. Dick was a quiet man who enjoyed reading. He was an avid sports fan, always rooting for his favorite team, the Detroit Tigers. He is survived by his loving siblings, (Jane) Kelly, Christiansen, Mary (Bob) Walker and Jean (Tom) Troxell; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Pauline "Polly" Kelly; his parents; his brother Bob

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Kelly; and his brother-in-law,

Don Christiansen, A funeral

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. LynchFuneralDirectors.com Thibodeau, Kathleen Age 73, passed away July 5, 2014. Memorial service July 10, 4:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral

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# ROGER WAYNE

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Location: 34567 Seven Mile,

Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org.

Contact: 248-442-8822. Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30

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

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile. Contact: 248-349-2345 or visit www. faith community-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

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## First Church of the **Nazarene**

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Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit

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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.

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Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington.

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

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road,

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

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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 **Sunday School and Nursery** 

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

#### **Hope Lutheran** Church

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## Meadowbrook Congregational

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email to office@mbccc.org. Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. **Church School and Nursery** 

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#### **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. Contact: 248-348-9030; ncalife-

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## **Novi-Northville Center for Jewish**

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#### **Novi United Methodist Church**

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

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Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m.

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church. Members of the congre-

gation and the community will

stand united in prayer for peace.

# Eye of the beholder



Artist Peggy Kerwan of Novi has an exhibit — Eye Of The Beholder, a collection of portrait interpretations — at Co-Reutter/Menagerie in South Lyon for the month of July. "For the past six years I have painted in studio while observing a live model," Kerwan said. "My challenge has been to see beyond the reality of the model and let my imagination take over. The image shown is titled "Windows To The Soul." Co-Reutter is located at 116 N. Lafayette in downtown South Lyon.

# **ENGAGEMENT**



Sarah Bardsley and Weston Laabs, both of Northville, are engaged to be married. Sarah is the daughter of Guy and Vicky Bardsley of Northville. She is a graduate of Michigan State University and the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine. Weston is the son of David and Susan Laabs of Northville. He is a graduate of Michigan State University and is currently serving in the U.S. Coast Guard. A July 26 wedding is planned in Hartland, BRENT TAYLOR

# WEDDING

Sara Cooley and Steve **Broschart were married** March 1, 2014, in Sierra Madre, Calif., where the couple makes their home. Sara is the daughter of Roger Cooley of Plymouth and Linda Cherry of Ann Arbor. She earned her bachelor's degree in



biology and anthropology from the University of Virginia and has graduate degrees from the University of Michigan and University of Arizona. She is currently the prevention director at Partnership for a Positive Pomona, a nonprofit in greater Los Angeles. Steve is the son of Rebecca and Ronald Broschart of Portland, Mich. He has a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Michigan, as well as a doctorate in aerospace engineering from the University of Michigan. He is currently employed as a mission design engineer at NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, Calif. Michael Dauber, a friend of the groom, acted as clergy. A reception was held at Nature Friends Clubhouse, Sierra Madre. The couple honeymooned in Greece and Turkey.

## **BIRTH**



Steven and Kyle Pryce of Plymouth announce the birth of their son, LaVerne Steven Pryce, June 5, 2014. He was born at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Proud grandparents are Wayne and Mary Kay Pryce of Northville and Randy and Sue Woods of Fowlerville.

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# **OPINION**

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**OUR VIEWS** 

# Township residents should support millage requests

When Northville Township voters look at their August primary election ballots, there will be many decisions in front of them, including federal, state and county races that will have a big impact on the future of the township.

However, it could be argued that the most important question, or rather questions, on the ballot have to deal with the local millage rate they will be paying for the next seven years.

How voters respond to those questions will

How voters respond to those questions will determine the level of public safety — essentially police, fire and ambulance service — they will receive, as well as recreation and other shared services.

Township voters are being asked to support a renewal of the existing 5.575 mills they have been paying and which expired at the end of 2013. In addition, voters will be asked to support an additional 1.250 mills. Most of that — 1.250 mills — will go directly toward public safety. The remainder — 0.3 mills — will be used for shared services, which include parks and recreation, as well as senior services and youth assistance operations.

Both requests are for seven years.

Ultimately, voters need to determine what kind of service they want from township government.

From our viewpoint, the renewal is a nobrainer that voters should support. It is a cost residents have already been paying for services that are the envy of many communities in the area.

The additional millage request is where some folks naturally will balk — who likes to pay higher taxes?

The reality is that the township has been running significant deficits for both public safety and shared services since the Great Recession sent property values — and taxable value — plummeting back in 2008, and forced the township to annually draw from its rainy day fund to balance the budget. In fact, because of this drop in taxable value, the township will take in about \$1.5 million less in property taxes for 2014 than it did in 2007.

Well, now the rainy day funds are just about dried up and can no longer leverage the services that the township provides.

Therefore, township voters need to decide if the services they receive are worth the additional cost, which adds up to about \$1.55 per \$1,000 of the taxable value of their property. For example, a homeowner with a taxable value of \$100,000 would see an increase of \$155 for each of the next seven years.

That comes out to be about \$13 per month. For most people in Northville Township that is a small price to pay for a full-time fire department staffed with firefighters with advanced life (ALS) training, and an emergency response time of about four minutes for police and fire calls.

Now, there are other models of public service delivery out there. In fact, township residents can look to the City of Northville, which has a paid on-call department and a third-party ambulance provider. It is a model that is less expensive, for sure. But response times will likely go up, and the service will be different. We won't say worse or better, but different than what township residents have come to expect.

We believe that Northville Township has one of the best public safety departments around. In addition, its shared services are used by many in the community.

We realize many people are on a fixed income, especially seniors, so a tax increase will be hard to swallow. But it is the seniors in the community who will arguably benefit the most from maintaining the level of services now provided.

Ambulance service and public safety are some of the most important issues to most seniors, not to mention the senior services. This is one of the main reasons we believe voters should support the millage increase request.

To summarize, we believe township voters should say **YES** to the millage renewal, and **YES** to the millage request. Northville Township is one of the most desirable places to live in all of Wayne County (and Metro Detroit for that matter), and the level of services the township government provides is one piece in that puzzle.

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# What does the U-M Northville Health Center bring to the community?

This question was asked to doctors at the new University of Michigan health center at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.



"It brings a state-of-the-art facility to residents, and rather than driving into Ann Arbor many in the community will find the service they need right here in Northville."

**Dr. Leslie Aldrich**Northville Health Center

Northville Health Center



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Northville Health Center



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"We bring world-class children's and women's services to the community, which have a direct connection to U of M's Mott Hospital, a premier facility. Many who go to Ann Arbor can now find great care locally. This is fundamentally important for children and families."

**Dr. Valerie Castle** Northville Health Center

**LETTERS** 

# Putting costs in 'proper context'

It was my privilege to serve our community as Northville Township trustee for eight years (2004-2012). During that time, Michigan went through an unprecedented economic upheaval that many are still struggling to recover from. I am proud to say that Northville Township government saw the storm coming, took numerous large and small steps to reduce costs, and remains in an enviable financial position compared to most of our neighbors. Now property values are growing again, and homes are selling quickly because people want to live in our great community. However, you may not have realized that the fall in property values created a tax cut on each of our homes. This tax cut reduced the amount of money collected by Northville Township to fund vital services. Consequently, the township has relied on its strong "rainy day" funds for the past five years to maintain existing

services. Northville Township government has been doing more with less for years. Did you realize we have been providing feebased 911 dispatch and lockup services to the City of Northville for 10 years? That we added lifesaving Advanced Life Support (ALS) paramedic service, largely paid for by insurance companies? Did you know that we don't even have a Parks and Recreation Department, because we contract with the City of Northville's staff? Did you know that some of our parks are maintained by volunteers? That little league baseball and soccer are run by parent volunteers instead of by the government? That trash collection is privatized? That our district court and library are run by

regional authorities?
Can you tell I am proud of our accomplishments in Northville Township? That's why I wanted to set the record straight after reading Mike Nolta's recent letter. Although I agree with him that our employees and services are second to none, his letter failed to put some of the costs into the proper con-

When faced with the recent recession, Northville Township took numerous actions to trim employee costs through hiring freezes, staff attrition, changes to health care plans and collective bargaining of concessions with our unions. Unions agreed to furlough days, their raises were frozen, they started to pay towards their health insurance for the first time, and to contribute increasingly to their pensions. They agreed to accept a stipend for Medicare Advantage Plans when they reach age 65, instead of staying on the township health insurance for life. The actions we took allowed Northville Township to maintain existing services for the past six years, while slowly drawing down the "rainy day" fund.

The facts are that raises were held to 1 percent during the recession, and have only this year returned to 2 percent. Un-

der a 2011 state law championed by Gov. Rick Snyder, the township implemented a "hard cap" on health insurance costs, with employees now required to contribute to their insurance coverage. This contribution has increased from zero to 11 percent of the cost, and is updated annually. Employees now must make mandatory contributions to their pensions, and they are required to pay any pension premiums above 20 percent of their salary (for firemen) or 25 percent of their salary (for police). These pensions are managed professionally by a statewide nonprofit with the highest of ethical standards, lowest cost and lowest risk to taxpayers and

In these troubling times, I know that the public has been conditioned to be suspicious of government and politicians. I can assure you that Northville Township's union contracts are the envy of other local governments for their frugality and cost sharing by employees. Please join me in voting yes on Aug. 5 to maintain the existing level of police, fire, and EMS service in Northville Township.

Chris Roosen

Northville Township

Vote 'yes, yes'
On Aug. 5, Northville residents are being asked to vote on two ballet questions that will

two ballot questions that will directly impact our quality of life.

As a parent I chose Northville to raise my family because of our great schools and because it is among the safest communi-

ties in Michigan.

The real estate recession of 2008 has put our police and fire departments, parks and recreation, and senior and youth services in jeopardy. They are currently operating a \$1.5 million deficit each year. To avoid raising taxes the township has been dipping into our reserves. Despite eliminating seven full-time police and fire positions, reducing spending by 12 percent and

reserves have run out.
Why are we being asked to

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vote yes, yes?

The law requires two ballot questions, one to renew the current level of spending, the other for a 1.55-mil increase. This is not an increase for these departments! It will merely maintain the level of service we currently have because reserves are no longer available. Without a Yes Yes vote police and firefighters will be cut as will services to

our parks, youth and seniors.

If you pick up the phone today and dial 9-1-1 for a medical
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response time in Northville
Township. Look around at other
Michigan communities that
have been forced to make huge
cuts in police and fire services,
Crime rates and emergency
response times are up.

On Aug. 5 the increase we are asked to support is a dedicated millage. That means your money stays right here in Northville Township. With the slow pace of

# WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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the economic recovery it's hard to think about a tax increase, even a small one. But we all need to ask ourselves is it worth it to vote yes, yes? Is it worth it to know that when you pick up the phone to call 911 that help is on the way?

Michael Ann Wolf Hofner Northville Township

# Convinced increase needed

I had an opportunity to sit in a presentation by the Northville Township Manager Chip Snider and his financial staff regarding the need for a millage increase this past February. I was convinced that there is a very real need for this on a time-limited basis. The loss of tax revenue due to the significant drop in home valuation was real. I believe that a time-limited millage is appropriate.

Recently I chatted with a fellow precinct delegate that was on a committee to study the issue. She studied the issue in greater detail than I and came to the same conclusion. My only cautionary reflection is that we should look long and hard before allowing it to continue beyond the seven-year term.

Hopefully, at the end of that seven-year period, the base home values and taxes will have caught up and the "rainy day" surpluses would have been restored. With that said, I want to recommend that we vote yes on the millage increase for safety and parks.

**Bob Cushman** Northville Township

# Back to work

Recently, I received a robocall from the Americans for Prosperity (prosperity for the Koch Brothers). The message urged me to thank Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, for his efforts on the roads.

What has Patrick Colbeck done to fix our roads? He claims to have an alternative "plan," but infighting between him and his Republican colleagues held up any long-term solutions to provide real relief for our roads. In fact, Colbeck is one of the biggest opponents holding up any comprehensive, commonsense solutions to fixing our roads.

Adding insult to injury, Colbeck and Senate Republicans then took a month-long vacation. Another construction season is being wasted because Patrick Colbeck thinks that doing nothing is an option for our roads. It is not and it is time for him to get back to work.

Thomas M. Hartnett
Canton

# Saga continues with old psychiatric hospital property

avid Schostak, CEO of Schostak Brothers and Co., was making some remarks at the June 25 groundbreaking for the long-awaited Northville Park Place development located at the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville Town-

Surrounded by members of his company, the project's financial backers and our newspaper staff, Schostak said the project, which will include retailers and restaurants, is an excellent example of cooperation between the public and private sectors. Yet all it took was a quick glance around to determine there wasn't anybody at the ceremony from the public sector, particularly Northville Township. Frankly, I've never been to a ribbon-cutting ceremony not attended by elected officials. Usually there are more of them than you can shake a stick at.

It was a strange, almost awkward moment in an otherwise celebratory affair at which Schostak said a number of tenants have already signed lease agreements, including Chipotle, Granite City Food and Brewery, Rusty Bucket, Sherwin Williams, BurgerFi and Jimmy John's.

Using the word "cooperation" to describe the relationship between Schostak Brothers and Northville Township is a pretty big stretch, especially when it comes to the long saga surrounding the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property. It is a story filled with lawsuits, annexation attempts and now legal wrangling.

Not even a week before the ceremony, Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix was informing other board members at a public meeting that a number of



Kurt Kuban

"transactions have yet to be fulfilled" by Schostak pertaining to the brownfield agreement between the company and the township. Although Nix didn't elaborate on the point and township officials won't discuss the matter publicly, it is obvious they are not happy with the relationship with Schostak, no more than they were when the company convinced Livonia officials to support the failed annexation attempt of the property.

You may recall last year the township created a brownfield authority so it could capture TIF (tax increment financing) funding from the 82-acre property owned by Schostak, which it will use to demolish the old hospital buildings on adjacent property owned by the township. However, due to a lawsuit, the township has to share those funds 50/50 with Schostak.

Now that the University of Michigan Northville Health Center is open, the township can begin to collect taxes on the property. The latest issue between the township and Schostak is how those TIF funds will be distributed – essentially, who gets the first dollars and when.

Schostak wants the money to put in the necessary infrastructure to support the development, while the township needs the money to tear down the old hospital buildings, which have become a public hazard and haven for trespassers. So you might say the relationship is at another impasse. Most likely it will be left up to the courts to figure it all out - and the



Work continues on the Northville Park Place development June 25 at Seven Mile and Haggerty. The first phase of the project is expected to open next spring. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

legal bills will continue to mount.

There have also been rumors that Schostak may try to sell the property the hospital sits on to the University of Michigan (currently U-M leases the property from Schostak), which would be devastating to the township because a nonprofit wouldn't have to pay property taxes. In such a scenario, the township would have far less tax revenue to demolish the old hospital buildings and implement the park plan it has for the property.

So when you add it all up, expect this saga to have a few more turns before all is said and done.

Township officials are certainly happy that the development is finally moving forward. In fact, many were in attendance Monday when the U-M Northville Health Center opened its doors for a ribbon-cutting ceremony. In fact, Nix himself helped cut the ribbon. It was quite the dichotomy to the Schostak groundbreaking ceremony.

I suspect once the initial phase of Northville Park Place opens next

spring, township officials will show up with smiles on their faces, help introduce the various businesses to the community and root for their success. In the meantime, they will hold their noses as they continue to "cooperate" with Schostak Bros.

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# Blues, Brews, Brats celebrates adult community party

By Diane Gale Andreassi Staff Writer

Get your blues on this Saturday in downtown South Lyon during Blues, Brews and Brats.

The Chamber of Commerce for the South Lyon Area is sponsoring the summertime, sit-backand-relax adult community party from 4-11 p.m. at the Whipple Street parking lot on the corner of Whipple and N. Warren streets, across from the South Lyon Fire Department. The location is new this year, keeping local streets open for

traffic throughout the

There is no charge from 4-5 p.m., however, a \$3 admission fee will be charged after 5 p.m. Organizers of the third annual event will enforce a 21-and-older age requirement after 9 p.m.

"It's very much an adult event," said cham-ber Director Kim Thompson of the third annual event. "The nature of it — beer, blues music and bratwurst are not particularly kid friendly. People under 21 are welcome to come until 9 p.m.'

## Get your blues on

LOCAL NEWS

Entertainment will be provided by Steve Nardella Band from 5-6 p.m.; Michael May & the Messarounds from 6:30-7:30 p.m., The Detroit Blues Band from 8-9:15 p.m., and Doug Deming & Dennis Gruenling with The Jewel Tones from 9:45-11 p.m.

Nardella is an American blues, rock and roll, blues rock and rockabilly guitarist and singer. Michael May & The Messarounds focus on the bluesy side of jazz, and the jazzy side of blues, performing jump, swing, blues, R&B, New Orleans and rockabilly. Detroit Blues Band has been around in various forms since 1976 and is an eastside staple at the Blue Goose Inn in St. Clair Shores. Detroit native Doug Deming has garnered widespread attention for his deft guitar work and memorable songwriting. With a decade of touring and recording to his credit, he, along with The Jewel Tones, continues to bring noteworthy traditional and original roots music to his audiences.

Blues, Brews and Brats is a good thing for some local merchants.

"I think any time we have a local event it helps keep the downtown vibrant," said Mark Childs, co-owner of South Lyon Cycle on S. Lafavette. "It keeps things local rather than going outside the community."

Train Hopper IPA and Edward's Portly Brown, South Lyon's Witch's Hat Brewing Company's two



Doug Deming, an east-side Detroit native who lives on Florida's Gulf Coast, will show off his guitar work and songwriting at South Lyon's Blues, Brews & Brats this Saturday.

most popular beers, will be served along with Labatt Blue Light and Sierra Nevada. Northville Winery will bring Cabernet, Chardonnay and hard cider.

Five percent of proceeds from the Edward's Portly Brown beer sales go to the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

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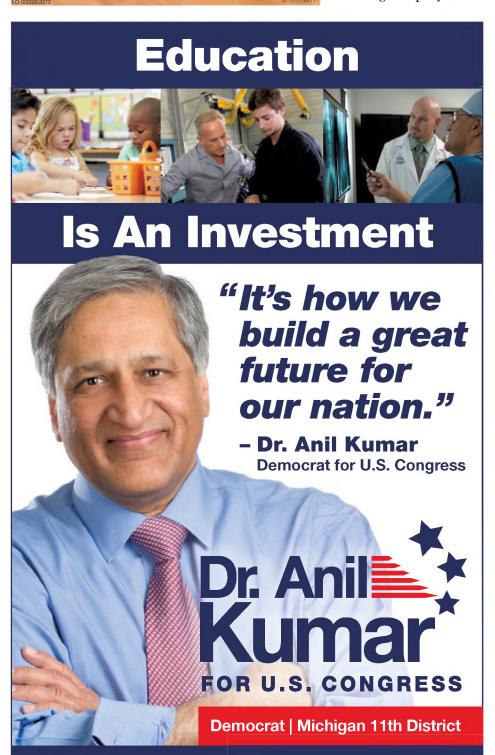
and enjoy the town, over music, over brats and over beer," said Erin Cottongim, Witch's Hat co-owner. "I think it's a great event.

Chefs from Palate of Milford will offer a wide variety of bratwursts from cheddar and a spicy Italian to a buffalo chicken and blue cheese to a brat that's super hot. Hot dogs and Polish kielbasa are also on the me-

Between 900 and 1,300 people have attended past Blues, Brews and Brats events and this year's attendance hinges largely on weather conditions, Thompson said. Profits go to support chamber programming.

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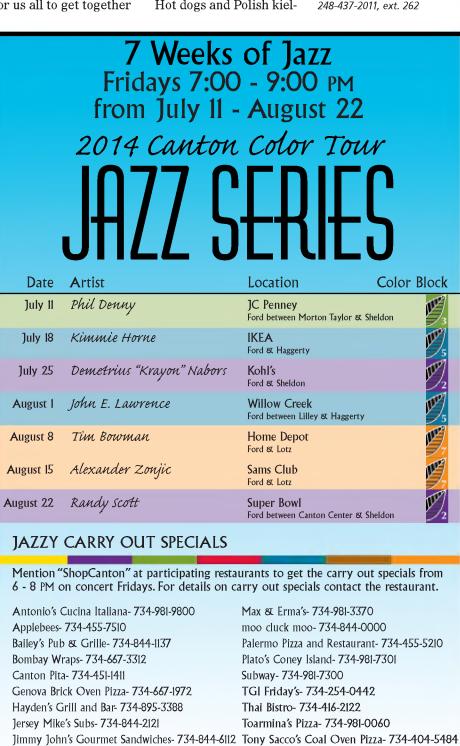
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# Novi's Wang proving his tennis mettle

Eyes boys 18 USTA National Tourney in Kalamazoo

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

It's only a two-hour drive, but Novi High School's Tim Wang can't wait to get to Kala-

That's where he'll play for the second straight year in the U.S. Tennis Association's Junior Nationals in the boys 18 division

Wang went 1-2 in last year's boys 16 draw, but a recent showing at the USTA Midwest Closed Championships in Indianapolis indicates he could be more of a factor when the Nationals begin Aug. 2.

Wang, who will be a senior

this fall at Novi, knocked off top seed Martin Joyce (Hinsdale, Ill.), 7-6 (8-6), 6-4, in the Round of 16 at the Midwest Closed. Wang's run ended in the quarterfinals against No. 2-seed John McNally (Cincinnati, Ohio), 6-1, 7-6 (7-3). McNally, who went on to capture the tournament, is ranked

No. 2 nationally by the USTA.

"I think the entire year, I've improved a lot," said Wang, who is ranked No. 46 nationally by tennisrecruiting.net. "I've been a lot more focused. I'm developing parts of my game. It started with a good high school season and I pretty much carried that work ethic

into my USTA play. I ended up picking up a lot of good wins and I just kept it going."

#### Breakthrough

The victory over Joyce proved to be a signature win for Wang.

"I think the key to that was to just play my game," said Wang, who owns a 46-18 singles record over the past 12 months. "He was the number one seed, so I was the underdog going in. I just needed to stay focused and not get too ahead of myself, not overwhelm myself with the fact that I had a lead on him. I pretty much stayed solid throughout the entire match. I kind of

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Novi's Tim Wang was the MHSAA Division 1 top flight singles champion last year as a junior. USTA



Latif Alashe (left) is continuing his soccer career with Detroit City FC after being a standout at Northville High and the University of Michigan. PHOTOS BY JON DEBOER | DCFC

# ALASHE CAN STILL KICK UP HIS HEELS

Ex-Northville High, Michigan standout thrives with DCFC

> By Brad Emons Staff Writer

The first half was played in searing heat, but Latif Alashe wouldn't trade it for anything.

More than a year removed from his soccer days at the University of Michigan, the for-



Alashe

mer all-state player from Northville High was still glad to be on the pitch as a member of the Detroit City FC, which

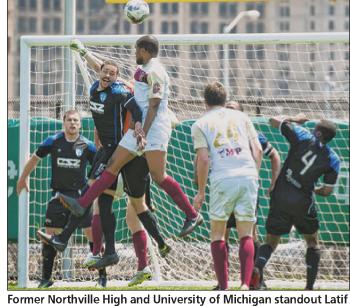
FC, which plays its home games before spirited crowds at Detroit

Cass Tech High School.

Despite the recent conditions that felt like being in the Brazilian jungle, Alashe logged a strong 45 minutes June 29 and assisted on his team's first goal, by Jeff Adkins, as Detroit City FC knocked off the first-place Indiana Fire, 4-0.

Alashe, however, was subbed out for the second half.

alf. "It was extremely hot,"



Alashe goes high for a header in a recent Detroit City FC game.

Alashe said. "I was watching the World Cup game today and they were talking about how hot it was down there. I step outside here and we're going to do the same thing so ... the second you stepped out of the locker room, you were already sweating. It was that hot. I thought we managed it well and we were able get a goal in the first half to settle our nerves. I thought the game went well."

Alashe, who graduated from U-M with a degree in

mechanical engineering, continues to play despite holding down a full-time job in supplier quality with Chrysler in Auburn Hills.

# Different times

He'll be the first to admit his conditioning is not quite the same as when he made 72 starts at Michigan from 2009-12.

"It's a lot tougher now to continue playing when you work from eight to five, but a lot of guys do it on the team and I try my best," said Alashe, who plays in the midfield. "There's days when I don't feel like going to practice because I'm so tired from work. But we come out here and give it our all. We got a lot of younger guys pushing us to do our best. It's kind of a balancing act, but I try my best. It's not definitely where it was, but it's getting there."

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Detroit City FC, in its
third season, is a member of
the National Premier Soccer
League, which is under the
umbrella of the U.S. Adult
Soccer Association. The
NPSL, which has 77 teams
across the country, has no
age limits and is considered
a fourth-tier league made up
primarily of current and
past NCAA Division I and II

players.
Despite the humidity and temperatures approaching 90 degrees, 2,858 fans came to watch the June 29 game. Le Rouge supporters, spearheaded by their Northern Guard section, create a spirited atmosphere as they chant in unison throughout the 90-minute match while setting off smoke canisters every time the home team scores a goal.

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# Johnston earning his keep in USTA

Northville High junior is doubles champ, singles runner-up at boys 16 Midwest Closed in Indy

> **By Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Connor Johnston is making the most out of his summer tennis calendar.

The incoming junior at Northville High booked a runner-up finish recently in the boys 16 singles draw at the USTA Midwest Closed in Indianapolis, while also capturing the doubles crown by teaming up with Daniel Boussom (Goshen, Ind.) for a 6-3, 6-0 victory in the finals over Jonathan Kroot (Indianapolis) and Joe Thomas (Canton, Ohio).

The 5-foot-11 Johnston has climbed up to No. 35 in the latest USTA rankings and will compete again next month in the prestigious USTA Nationals in Kalamazoo.

"I played really well the whole tournament," said Johnston, who was the Southeast Michigan Tennis Association Qualifier champ in June. "I knew I had to conserve my energy a lot

because it was a week long."
In his first six singles
matches at the Midwest
Closed, the second-seeded
Johnston gave up a mere 13
games in 12 sets before
falling to longtime rival
Gianni Ross (Burr Ridge,
Ill.) in the finals, 2-6, 7-6
(7-3), 6-0. Johnston earned a
spot in the semifinals with a
6-3, 6-2 victory over David
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Johnston, who won his previous three encounters against Ross, may have run out of gas against the No. 1 seed.

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Northville's Connor Johnston (left) and Daniel Boussom of Goshen, Ind., recently teamed up for the USTA Midwest Closed boys 16 doubles title.

# Dube sets sights on MSU tennis career

Ankle injury slowed CC grad in Midwest Closed

BY BRAD EMONS Staff Writer

Michael Dube's junior tennis days are over, but in the fall he'll gear up again for what he hopes is a successful four-year career at Michigan

The Livonia native, who graduated in May from Novi Detroit Catholic Central High School, signed an NČAA letter of intent last November with the Spartans

He is one of two incoming recruits for coach Gene Orlando.

Dube, who recently played his last junior event at the USTA Midwest Closed in Indianapolis, had a comfort level with MSU's returning players and coach.

'I really like them a lot," Dube said. "Also, they have good academics and a good tennis program, too.'

Dube qualified last year for the prestigious boys 18 USTA Nationals in Kalamazoo, where he

posted a 3-2 record overall while falling in the Round of 64 to Collin Altamirano (Santa Barbara, Calif.) in straight

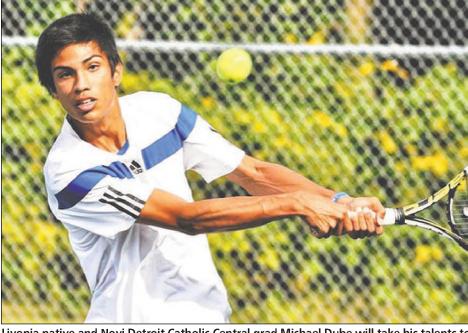
"I thought I did pretty well and got a pretty good draw," Dube said.

Rated a four-star recruit by tennisrecruiting.net, Dube posted a 31-13 singles record in **USTA** tournament events during the past 12months.

In Indianapolis, Dube captured his first-round match before retiring with an ankle injury after playing just one game in the opening set against No. 2 seed John McNally (Cincinnati, Ohio).

Dube, who injured his ankle playing soccer two weeks prior to the Closed, was able to rebound in the consolation bracket and win four of five matches.

"This year I didn't play that many tournaments, but ones I played I did pretty well, especially this last tourna-



Livonia native and Novi Detroit Catholic Central grad Michael Dube will take his talents to Michigan State. DAN DUBE

ment at the Closed," said Dube, who was the Southeast Michigan Muthig Junior Qualifier runner-up to Novi's Tim Wang, 6-4, 6-4. "I was coming off a sprained ankle and I was still able to do pretty well in the back draw, at least, I was playing through pain for most of the tournament.

I just wanted to go in and play my game and play competitive tennis, which I thought I did."

As a freshman at CC, Dube teamed up with his older brother Joseph to help the Shamrocks win the 2010 MHSAA Division 1 state title. Joseph. who will be a senior this fall at Marist (N.Y.) College, was the state runner-up at No. 1 singles, while Michael took the No. 2 singles flight.

Dube was also state semifinalist at No. 1 singles both in 2011 and 2013 (losing in three sets to Northville sophomore Connor Johnston).

A four-year honor roll and National Honor Society member at CC, Dube plans on majoring in biochemistry and molecular biology at MSU.

"We are excited to have Michael and another great player from southeast Michigan," Orlando told msuspartans.com following the signing. "One of our recruiting goals each year is to win with Michigan talent and Michael adds to that tradition. Michael's biggest attribute to his game is his ability to find ways to win. He's a hard worker and will only continue to grow in our program."

Although he did not qualify this year for Kalamazoo – in large part because the draw has been reduced from 196 to 128 – Dube plans to stay busy training under coach Grant Asher at The Sports Club of West Bloomfield.

"I'll played in a couple of ITA, college-age tournaments this month and it should prepare me pretty well for the fall coming up at Michigan State," Dube said.

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# WANG

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built on his mistakes. And I ended up pulling off the win.'

Wang, who took the boys 16 Midwest Closed title last year, has been working closely with Josh Molino, a teaching pro from the Sports Club of West Bloomfield.

"What I've been working on a lot with Josh is developing other weapons on my serve and my forehand," said Wang, who captured the Southeast Michigan Tennis Association Junior Qualifier (June 3) with a 6-4, 6-4 win over

Livonia's Michael Dube. "And as of late, they've shown and paid dividends in my game. I've really developed weapons on top of my solid game. I think that's where I took my game to the next level.

## Getting started

Wang, who captured the MHSAA Division 1 No. 1 singles title as a junior, got his tennis start as an 8-year-old at

the Novi Sports Club. "I just wanted to pick up tennis," Wang said. "My sister (Jenny) played on the high school team. My parents never really played tennis. They really didn't know much about it, so

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they just put me in a few groups at the Novi Sports Club and the coaches there thought I was improving quickly and I really loved the game. After then, I just couldn't stop playing.

Wang climbed the junior ladder and landed two years ago with Molino, who also coaches the **Detroit Country Day** boys varsity team.

And what the teaching pro found was more than a willing student of

Tim came over to us a couple of years ago and he was already a really, really good player," Molino said. "But he's just taken advantage of the coaching

staff here, not only myself, but my father (Armand Molino) and Ed Nagel, and he's really just grabbed as much info as he could from each person to get bet-

Molino said Wang's leadership qualities is what separates him from others.

"He really leads by example," he said. "He's got the work ethic and his dedication, but we really never have to tell Tim what to do. It's a great thing for a young coach. He's always asking questions and is willing to learn. Every time he steps onto the court, he's trying to find a way to get better at something. I think that goes back to being a leader. You just don't have to tell some of these guys what to do. They figure it out on their own and kids start to follow. We got a volinger group com up and it's great for our area for a guy like Tim to be leading the way and hopefully passing it on to some of these other guys."

# **Practice partner**

Wang also struck up a relationship with Jack Murray, a Birmingham Roeper grad now playing at the University of

North Carolina. "I was traveling with Jack a lot and he was instrumental in bringing Tim over," Molino said. "And once he got here, he just really showed the caliber of young man. He's really done a great job working every day

and he's a great leader." It's less than a month to Kalamazoo, but the wheels are already in motion to make a splash.

'We're really excited to get back to work," Molino said. "In the past year, he's made that move where he can beat a guy like Joyce, who is going to Ohio State. He had a great run at the (Midwest) Closed. He didn't finish as strong as we liked, but next four weeks we're really going to sharpen the tools and mentally get him prepared because it's a whole different animal. Midwest is one thing, but when you have these Florida kids, California and Texas, you got to be ready for the heat and the battle each day. I think he's going to have a great run. He's going to take it match-bymatch. And hey, there's an unseeded guy who won it last year and who knows? I think Tim has all the tools you need."

Wang just feels fortunate to make the draw in a junior tournament that is considered a stepping stone for all the highlyregard American play-

# Kalamazoo kid

"Last year, I didn't do that well," Wang said. "This year, it's going to be tough. It's tough just to make Kalamazoo, because they cut the draw to 128 instead of

196. I kind of got lucky." After considering Michigan and some Ivy League schools. Wang recently committed to Columbia University,

which finished 22-2 last year and reached the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament before falling to USC.

"It would really nice to be able to play at home and have my parents and friends watch my matches, but at the end of the day I felt my home was New York,' said Wang, who plans to study economics. "After I visited Columbia, I pretty much knew it was the right decision for

"I liked the coaches, Bid (Goswami) and Howie (Endelman). I like the team and they had a lot of success this year. They finished ranked 16th, the highest in their history. I definitely think their program is on the rise. I felt Columbia was the best place to be the best tennis player I could be and get the best possible education. I'm really excited about

Meanwhile, Molino is glad he can guide Wang through another tennis season.

"Tim's a character guy," Molino said. "He's funny, he's witty, smart. He's just a great guy to be around. Always positive. Even when he's not playing his best or we got to sit him down against somebody who is a little bit weaker, the guy is as intense. He's really a great young man and we're lucky to have him. We're happy to have him another 11 months before he goes to Columbia."

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"I've beaten him more than my fair share," Johnston said. "I got tired, I lost my legs."

Johnston, in his second season in the boys 16 division, is 52-21 overall in singles matches during the past 12 months. Among his tournament victories are the Midwest Level 1 Indoor Closed (Feb. 3), the USA National Open singles and doubles (Dec. 1) and the USTA Midwest Level 1 Fall Closed (Nov. 11).

Johnston's success comes as no surprise to Grant Asher, a teaching pro at Franklin Racquet Club in Southfield and men's head coach at the University of Detroit Mercy entering his fifth vear.

"For starters, Connor is a tier-one athlete,' Asher said. "He can play any sport and be great at it. In fact, he has played a lot of different sports. It was only a matter of time before he developed at a higher level. As far as skill set goes, Connor has worked really hard on developing his forehand and developing his serve. His backhand is extremely good, which is a little unusual. The backhand is not normally as strong as somebody, but his is outstanding. Actually the forehand was a little bit attack-able at the highest level, but he's done a nice job of developing his forehand and his serve as a weapon. And it's paying dividends for him now."

Johnston was the MHSAA Division 1 top flight singles runner-up last fall to Novi's Tim Wang and the No. 2 state champ as a freshman. He got his start as a 7-year-old at the Novi Sports Club. His older sister Chelsea was a member of the Grand Valley State University team, while sister Haley played No. 1 singles for Northville.

"My parents played occasionally," Connor said. "My dad (Jeff) was a hockey player.'

Johnston was scheduled to play one tune-up tournament, USTA Midwest Zonal team team event in Missouri, before the Nationals start

Aug. 2 in Kalamazoo. Last year, he won his first-round match against Avinash Vemuri, 6-3, 6-2, before falling to 11th-seeded Alexander Lebedev, 6-3, 6-2, in the

Round of 128. He is trying to add more weapons to his game this season.

'I'm trying to have a bigger serve and a bigger forehand," Johnston

Johnston, meanwhile, has become more than a willing student. That is why is a five-star recruit (by tennisrecruiting.net) and will be a top recruit by NCAA Division I programs (beginning Sept. 1).

"I hold everybody to a pretty high standard and I think everybody could be a little bit coachable, but Connor is among the best I've had," Asher said. "And that's one of the reasons why he and Tim Wang (Novi) develop. They're always open and receptive to continuing to progress. Once that kind of stops, people kind of tend not to develop their skill set. He's very coachable."

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# Coleman leads pack on track

By Jeff Theisen Sports Writer

Finding Northville's Rachel Coleman in distance events is pretty easy – just look to the front and she will be there.

She capped off an amazing senior season with a state title in the 1,600 meters and a runner-up finish in the 3,200. Coleman was also part of the 3,200 relay team that finished second as Northville earned 50 points to claim runner-up as a team in Division 1.

Coleman is the 2014 All-Area Player of the Year in girls track and field.

"She leaves Northville after many great accomplishments. She will be running cross country and track and field at U-M next year," coach Tim Dalton said. "Her personal accomplishments speak for themselves — second place in the 3,200 run, state champ in the 1,600 and school records in the 3,200 relay, 800, 1,600 and 3,200."

#### First team Kerri McMahan Novi

The senior was a fixture at the Division 1 state finals. She won the high jump title as a junior and was back in the final two this year, settling for runner-up. She won the Oakland County, KLAA and regional titles in the high jump and also ran on the 400 relay team at

#### Taylor Pavlika Novi

The senior launched the discus 125-07 to finish fourth and earn all-state honors to cap her career. She was the Oakland County champion and KLAA conference runner-up in both the shot and discus. She also qualified for states in the shot put.

#### Mackenzie Gross Lakeland

The junior won the team's MVP award for her work in sprints and long jump. She just missed all-state honors with a ninth-place finish in the long jump as well as 12th with the 400 relay and 16th in the 100. She scored in four events at regionals, winning a title in the 400 relay, a second in the 100, a third in the long jump and sixth in the 200. Gross also claimed a couple of titles at the KLAA conference meet by winning the 100 and the 400 relay. She holds the school record in the long jump with 17-5½.

"She is the best sprinter and long jumper we have had at Lakeland in the last 30 years," coach John Kababik said. "She can be counted on to score in every event she is entered in. She doesn't get rattled — she is steady, no matter what happens."

#### Gracie Goble Northville

The junior earned all-state honors with a second place in the 1,600 relay and a third in the 800 relay.

"Gracie had a great first year back coming off of knee surgery," Dalton said. "She played an important role on our four by four and four by two relays, which were both all-state and both set new school records. Gracie was also one of our captains."

#### Chloe Abbott Northville

The sophomore was a key

part of the all-state 1,600 and 800 relays, as well as earning all-state in the 100 with a sixth-place finish.

"Chloe proved this year she is one of best sprinters in the state," Dalton said. "She is part of four school records — 200, 400 relay, 800 relay and 1,600 relay."

#### Lindsay Walters Northville

The sophomore competed in a pair of events at states, earning all-state with the 1,600 relay team and also running the

"Lindsay has been a rock for us in the 400," Dalton said. **Alison Robinson** 

## Northville

The senior capped her career with a trio of all-state runs. She was fifth in the 800 as well as second in the 3,200 relay and third in the 800 relay.

"Alison had one of the most outstanding senior seasons I can remember," Dalton said. Erin Zimmer

#### Erin Zimme Northville

The senior finished her career with an all-state run with the 3,200 relay crew. She also qualified individually in the 800

"We could always count on Erin to be consistent," Dalton said. "She is a two-time captain — leaves behind a great legacy at Northville."

#### Lexa Barrott Northville

The sophomore earned allstate honors as part of the runner-up 3,200 relay team.

"Lexa had an outstanding track season," Dalton said. "She always did what was best for the team. She had a PR of 4:57 in the 1,600 and 11:00 in the 3,200."

#### Cayla Eckenroth Northville

The freshman made quite splash with an eighth-place finish in the 3,200 (10:44.65).

"Cayla made a name for herself this year," Dalton said. "She came up huge at the state meet, locking down eighth place in the 3,200 run."

#### Morgan Robertson Northville

The senior had a busy day at states, earning all-state in the 100 hurdles with a seventh-place finish and also as part of the 800 and 1,600 relays.

"Morgan is an elite talent," Dalton said. "She ran the 100, 200, 400, both hurdles and sprint relays for us. She is off to Cal-Berkley next year, where she will run for the Golden Bears."

#### Emma Bauer South Lyon

The pole vaulter earned all-state with a sixth-place finish in Division 1. She cleared 11-0, tying her school record from earlier in the season. She won the regional title and was Kensington Conference and Oakland County runner-up.

"Emma inspired her teammates with her single-minded determination and preparation," coach Scott Smith said.

Bettie Schelske

# South Lyon East

The sophomore was the Kensington Conference champion in the 300 hurdles and qualified for the Division 2 state finals in the 300 hurdles, 400 relay and 1,600 relay. She is a school record holder in all three events and with the 800 relay.

Whitney Mergens



Northville's Rachel Coleman (left) leads a pack that includes Milford's Rachel Barrett at the state finals. Coleman is the 2014 All-Area Player of the Year.

#### Milfor

The junior led the Mavericks in points with specialties in long jump and high jump, both of which she qualified for states. She had season bests of 17-6 in the long jump and 5-5 in the high jump. Mergens also competed with the 400 and 800 relay teams.

"Whitney is an incredible jumper with great speed and explosiveness," coach Eric Hincka said. "She's been a huge part of our team success the past few years. It's very demanding — physically and mentally — to do both jumps consistently, but Whitney finds a way to do it week after week."

#### Rachel Barrett Milford

The senior put together one of the best careers for any distance runner to ever attend Milford. She ended with another all-state run by claiming third in the 1,600 (4:49.38). She followed that up by competing at the Midwest Meet of Champions and won the 1,600 (4:54.30). She is the school record holder in 1,600 and 3,200 (10:47.1). She also competed in the 3,200 and 1,600 relays at states. Barrett was class salutatorian and earned academic all-state.

"Rachel is a coach's dream
— very talented, hard-working,
humble, intelligent and always
ready to compete," Hincka
said. "She's had an incredible
career at Milford, including six
individual conference titles,
two regional titles and threetime MVP."

#### Dana Shove Milford

The junior earned all-state honors with a sixth-place finish in the discus at states (122-5). She had a top throw of 128-6 during the year and a PR of 34-2 in the shot put.

#### Second team Abby Downs Novi

The senior took her fourth trip to states, competing in the 100-meter hurdles. She was all-Conference, all-county and all-region in the high jump, 100 hurdles and 400 relay.

#### Hannah Lonergan Novi

The junior was all-county,

all-conference and all-region in the 800, 1,600 relay and 3,200 relay.

#### Calli Stemple Lakeland

The junior set a school record of 5-5 in the high jump and was first in the KLAA at 5-4. She finished fifth at regionals, just shy of the automatic height to reach states.

#### Emma Neumann Lakeland

The sophomore raised her PR in the pole vault by two feet from her freshman season. Neumann was third at regionals, making the state-qualifying height and reaching the Division 1 finals.

#### Ashleigh Dubanik Lakeland

The senior scored in every meet in both the 100 and 300 hurdles. She also was part of the 800 relay squad. She was fourth at regionals in the 300 hurdles and fourth at the KLAA meet in the 100 hurdles. Adriana Ball

#### Lakeland

The junior was part of the 400 relay team which reached the state finals and set the school record four different times this season. The final record of 49.5 came at the state finals for a 12th-place finish.

Jessica Erickson

# Lakeland

The junior was part of the 400 relay that reached the Division 1 state finals and set school record.

#### Lena Tiedeman Lakeland

One of four juniors on the 400 relay that reached states. The four combined to set the school record four different times throughout the season. Taleen Shahrigian Northville

The senior qualified for states in both the 1,600 and 3,200. She is a two-time team captain.

#### Nicole Mosteller Northville

The senior ran an array of events: the 400, 800, 1,600, 3,200, 1,600 relay and 3,200 relay, with a PR of 2:22 in the 800.

#### Emma Herrmann Northville

The sophomore qualified for states in the 3,200 with a sixth-place finish at regionals. She

#### ALL-AREA GIRLS TRACK TEAM

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Rachel Coleman, Northville

#### **FIRST TEAM**

Kerri McMahan, Novi Taylor Paylika Novi Mackenzie Gross, Lakeland Gracie Goble, Northville Chloe Abbott, Northville Lindsay Walters, Northville Alison Robinson, Northville Erin Zimmer, Northville Lexa Barrott, Northville Cayla Eckenroth, Northville Morgan Robertson, Northville Emma Bauer, South Lyon Bettie Schelske, South Lyon East Whitney Mergens, Milford Rachel Barrett, Milford Dana Shove, Milford

#### SECOND TEAM

Abby Downs, Novi Hannah Lonergan, Novi Calli Stemple, Lakeland Emma Neumann, Lakeland Ashleigh Dubanik, Lakeland Adriana Ball, Lakeland Jessica Erickson, Lakeland Lena Tiedeman, Lakeland Taleen Shahrigian, Northville Nicole Mosteller, Northville Emma Herrmann, Northville Brynne Gustafson, Milford Daniela Allen, Milford Emily DeBono, South Lyon East Erin O'Donnel, South Lyon East Erica Slawski, South Lyon East

#### **HONORABLE MENTION**

Lakeland: Nikki Wattles (sr.), Emily Chludzinski (sr.), Reina Troxell (so.) South Lyon: Carlie Fernandez (jr.), Brady Covert (sr.), Melanie Sprinkle (sr.), Liberty Romanik, Kaylie VanOrd (sr.), Kirsten Bronson (sr.) Northville: Aimee Montambeau, Mary Catherine McLaughlin, Emma Smith, Symone Abbott, Molly DeDona, Chloe Smither, Taylor Gattoni, Hailey Harris, Kara Ernst South Lyon East: Erica Maslany (so.) Milford: Yasmine Hassan (sr.), Jillian McGinnis (jr.), Sarah Ausum (so.), Brenna Lovera (jr.), Maddie Paquette (jr.)

was third at the KLAA Conference meet.

#### Brynne Gustafson Milford

The sophomore was KLAA Conference champ in the shot put with a throw of 35-3¾. She also recorded a top throw of 101-3 in the discus.

#### Daniela Allen Milford

The senior ran everything from the 100 to 400. She had a season best of 59.07 in the 400, 26.46 in the 200 and 12.7 in the 100. Allen qualified for states in the 400 and 1,600 relay.

#### Emily DeBono South Lyon East

The senior and two-year captain qualified for the state finals in the pole vault for the second straight year. DeBono also qualified for states as part of the 1,600 relay.

#### Erin O'Donnel South Lyon East

The junior captain led the Cougars in points to claim team MVP honors. She is the school record holder in the 800, 1,600, 3,200 and as part of the 3,200 relay. She helped the 1,600 relay team qualify for states.

#### Erica Slawski South Lyon East

Despite splitting time playing soccer, she qualified for states in the 400, 400 relay and 1,600 relay. She holds the school record in the 200, 400 and as part of three relays.

# **ALSAHE**

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# **Great support**

"It's cool to be a part of something that's important to the city of Detroit," Alashe said. "And then, when you see all these fans out here ... from the very first game three years ago, I was shocked to see how many people came out and supported the team. It's grown each and every year. There's 2,800 people here and now it's a lesser game. There's games of 3,000 people. There's not much more you can ask with these fans and you get to come out here and play the game that we love. It's just an amazing experience and I'm just so glad to be a part of this team.

Alashe was in on the ground floor in 2012, when Detroit City FC first joined the NPSL.

"Latif has been awesome, not just this season," Detroit City FC coach Ben Pirmann said. "He was one of the first players chosen by this club 2½ years ago. He's been at it all three years. He's one of the guys that I look to as an extension of myself. He came out

today because it was a hot day and he worked so hard.

"He's a box-to-box midfielder. He runs the show for us. He's one of the top guys in this club."

Ironically, Pirmann is a former player and currently a full-time assistant coach at Michigan State, while Alashe made his mark during his four seasons with the Wolverines.

# College days

In 2011, his junior year, Alashe earned all-Big Ten second team honors and was the team's tri-captain as a senior in 2012. He also made the all-Big Ten Freshman Team and was a two-time academic all-Big Ten selection.

During his sophomore year, Michigan made it all the way to the College Cup, soccer's equivalent of the final four.

Pirmann says the MSU-Michigan rivalry doesn't get in the way between coach and player.

"Outside of one to two days a year, we just enjoy good soccer players," the coach said. "Both universities have great players and Latif is another great player from the state of Michigan. That's why this club has been successful."

# **Great times**

As a youth, Alashe played club soccer for Ann Arbor Arsenal, Wolves and Vardar. He won two Michigan State Youth Soccer Association Cups (2004-05) and helped Northville High to the Division 1 state semifinals in 2007.

So he's certainly had his share of golden moments and memories.

"Northville, my junior year, we went to the state semi-finals, so that was awesome," Alashe said. "That was just a great group of guys. I'm still in touch with a lot of those guys. We always talk about how much fun it was making that run.

"My sophomore year at

Michigan we made it to the final four and that was incredible. Same thing, another great group of guys. It was just an incredible run." Despite holding down a

Despite holding down a full-time job, Alashe isn't ready to call it quits anytime soon. Detroit City FC certainly provides a viable outlet – even when the heat seems unbearable.

"To be honest, I'm not thinking about that right now," los Alashe said. "I'm still only 22 ab



Latif Alashe (left) has been a mainstay all three years for Detroit City FC. JON DEBOER | DCFC

and I think I can play a long, long time. I'm not thinking about hanging up the boots just

et."

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# Novi's Love sprints to top spot

Wildcats' senior sprinter named top boys athlete

> By Jeff Theisen Sports Writer

Novi sprinter Jordan Love capped a stellar senior season with a pair of all-state runs, including a runner-up finish in the 200 meters. He also was part of the 800 relay team that placed eighth.

Love is the 2014 All-Area Player of the Year.

His accolades include Oakland County, KLAA and regional champ in the 100 meters; a regional title and runner-up in the KLAA and Oak-land County in the 200; and helping the 400 and 800 relay teams win regional titles. Love went undefeated in dual meets in the 100.

He also competed for Michigan in Midwest Meet of Champions in Ohio, placing second in the 200 with a time of 21.53 – which ranks him in the top 100 nationally, according to Dyestat rankings - and third in the 100.

'Jordan is an all-around great leader and runner," coach Marsha Reid said. "He leads by example and has shown that if you work hard and commit yourself to something, that you can achieve anything. He is one of the hardest working athletes that I have ever met.

#### First team Ali Taha Novi

The senior finished off his career with an all-state run as part of the 800 relay that placed eighth. He also collected regional titles in the 800 relay and long jump and second-place finishes in the 400 and 1,600 relays. He was conference and Oakland County champ in the long jump.

Novi The senior finished his career with an all-state run as part of the 800 relay. He was regional runner-up in the 300

hurdles and regional champ in

#### the 800 relay. **Brian Barnes**

**Parker Sutton** 

The senior earned all-state in the 1,600 with an eighthplace finish (4:15.54). He was Oakland County runner-up in the 800 and all-region in the 1,600, 800 and 1,600 relay.

#### Brian Kettle Milford

The senior capped a historic career with a third-place finish in the 800 in a scorching 1:52.39, less than one second behind the previous Division 1 record of 1:51.78. He has racked up four regional titles and holds four school records. He was the state champ in the 1,600 in 2012 and finished third in the 1,600 and 3,200 in 2013. His season PRs were were 51.8 (400), 1:52.39 (800), 4:26.2 (1,600) and 9:56.7 (3,200).

'This season, Brian was the workhorse in the team's march to the West Division title," coach Brian Salyers said. "It has been an honor and a privilege to coach someone of Brian's caliber.'

#### **Danny Wallace** Milford

The senior missed most of the football season and all of basketball with a torn ACL, but came back to make some big throws late in the year. His throw of 159-4 in the discus advanced him to the state finals and was third all time for Milford. He also had a PR of  $47-9\frac{3}{4}$  in the shot put.

"Danny was our team captain and Most Inspirational Athlete," Salyers said. "After



Novi's Jordan Love is the All-Area boys track Player of the Year.

losing both his football and basketball seasons to a tear of his ACL (requiring surgery), Danny came back and had his best track and field season yet."

#### **Cody Stemple** Lakeland

The junior went undefeated in the high jump until the final meet of the year, when he finished runner-up. He had a season-best of 6-10 to set the school record. He also had a PR of 21-8 in the long jump to qualify for states. He was voted the team's Most Valuable Athlete.

# **Ryan Kelly**

The senior capped his career with a third-place finish in the shot put with a PR throw of 55-8. He also on ified for the discus with a PR throw of 155-6 in regionals. He is headed to Saginaw Valley for football, but may continue to throw there.

#### **Dan Sims** Northville

The senior finished a stellar career with a pair of all-state runs. He was fifth with the 3,200 relay squad and seventh in the 1,600. Sims holds the school record in the 1,600 (4:13.87), 3,200 (9:30.54) and 3,200 relay (7:52.46). He was all-state two years a row in track and three in a row in cross country. His career will continue at Michigan State.

As a coach, you never want to believe anything is guaranteed, but when Dan Sims is on the team, that principle just isn't relevant." Brandon Langston said. "Anything you ask Dan to do, he does anything you need and he makes it happen. He's simply one of the best runners to ever come through this school. The only thing that can match his talent is his drive to succeed and his integrity."

#### Jason Ferrante Northville

The junior helped the 3,200 relay squad to a fifth-place

finish and also qualified individually in the 800, finishing two spots out of being all-state in 10th. Ferrante was second in the 800 at regionals and finished with a PR of 1:54.23 at

"Watching Jason compete was a real treat for anyone in the stands," Langston said. "He came in every day and worked to get better. He's already part of one school record and I expect his name will be on the record board two more times after next

#### Conor Naughton Northville

The sophomore was part of the all-state 3,200 relay team and also qualified for states in the 3,200. Naughton had a PR of 9:30.94 in the 3.200, which won him the KLAA Confer-

"Winning the conference as a sophomore in the (3,200) was a statement," Langston said. "He has two more years left and if he continues along this trajectory, there is going to be a lot of success for him and this team.'

#### **Nick Noles** Northville

The junior was a member of the all-state 3,200 relay team that placed seventh. He also placed fourth in the 1,600 at the KLAA Conference meet and fifth at regionals.

This year Nick was like the silent assassin, just going about his business a little below everyone's radar while taking care of business, Langston said.

'He had a good season this year; next year should be a great one for him as he has continues to get better each

#### **Quinn Schelske South Lyon East**

The senior earned Division 2 all-state in the 300 hurdles with an eighth-place finish. He holds the school record in five events: both hurdle events and three relays.

#### **Trent Willenborg South Lyon East**

The junior earned Division 2 all-state honors with a seventh-place finish in the discus. He has the school record in seven events — 100, 200, 400, discus and three relays.

#### Kyle Schopa South Lyon

The senior finished his career by qualifying for states in the 200 and 400. He set a school record at regionals in the 200 to hit the qualifying

"Kyle was a talented athlete who delighted in the achievements of his teammates," coach Scott Smith said. "He was an enthusiastic builder of team esprit de corp.'

#### Nick Burkhalter South Lyon

The senior set a school record in the pole vault by clearing 14-1, breaking a record set in 1976. He was also runner-up at the KLAA Conference meet with 13-6.

'Nick was the Lions' top vaulter his sophomore and junior years and his winter preparation led to repeated breakthroughs in the 2014 outdoor season," Smith said. "Nick's preseason preparation is the template for other committed athletes to follow in the pursuit of excellence."

#### Second team Korey Clark Milford

The senior ended his career at states in the discus. He had PRs of 151-8 in the discus and 50-10 in the shot put. He was fourth in the discus at the Lakes Conference meet.

#### **Clinton Caddell** Milford

The senior made states as part of the 3,200 relay squad. He had PRs of 2:00 in the 800 and 4:34.7 in the 1,600.

#### **Nicklas Ritchie** Milford

The senior led the Mavericks in points. He qualified for states with a second-place

#### **ALL-AREA BOYS** TRACK TEAM

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR** Jordan Love, Novi

## **FIRST TEAM**

Ali Taha, Novi Parker Sutton, Novi Brian Barnes, Novi Brian Kettle, Milford Danny Wallace, Milford Cody Stemple, Lakeland Ryan Kelly, Lakeland Dan Sims, Northville Jason Ferrante, Northville Conor Naughton, Northville Nick Noles, Northville Quinn Schelske, South Lyon East Trent Willenborg, South Lyon East Kyle Schopa, South Lyon Nick Burkhalter, South Lyon

#### **SECOND TEAM**

Korey Clark, Milford Clinton Caddell, Milford Nicklas Ritchie, Milford Tristin Coffin, Lakeland Blake McComas, Lakeland Jackson Gryzmkowski, Lakeland Connor Dudas, Lakeland Trevor Learmont, Lakeland Sean McCullough, Northville Evan Leary, South Lyon East Josh Smith, South Lyon East

#### **HONORABLE MENTION**

Lakeland: Eric Rohde (sr.), Josh Smith (sr.), Zack Werth (fr.), Hunter Lukes (fr.), Roddy Green (so.), Chase Rospond (fr.) South Lyon East: Adam Caruso (so.), Brandon Zdun (so.), J.D. Simon (so.) South Lyon: Kane Ruffin (jr.), Stone Ruffin (fr.), David Dyer (sr.), Joe Newman (sr.), Andrew Thomas (sr.), Kevin Schopa (so.), Jerod Allen (so.), Bryce VanAsselt (jr.) Milford: Sean Noone (jr.) Kevin Bradsher (jr.) Michale Stando (sr.), Tyler Carrier (jr.)

finish at regionals in the 110 hurdles. He was also fifth in the 300 hurdles. **Tristin Coffin** 

## Lakeland

The senior qualified for states in the pole vault and finished 16th. His best vault was 13-6.

#### **Blake McComas** Lakeland

The junior qualified for states as part of the 3,200 relay team. He ran a 1:57.3 opening leg at states. He battled back from being struck by a car and leg surgery last season.

# Jackson Gryzmkowski

The sophomore qualified for states as part of the 3,200 relay squad. He also was the team's fop 1,600 runner with PR of 4:32 **Connor Dudas** 

# Lakeland

The senior finished his career with a trip to states as part of the 3,200 relay team. The foursome set a new PR by 11 seconds at regionals to reach states.

#### **Trevor Learmont** Lakeland

The junior was the fourth member of the 3,2000 relay team to reach states. The crew ran 8:04 at the state finals. Sean McCullough

# Northville

The junior reached states in the 3,200, finishing 25th at the finals. He was fourth at the conference meet in the same event.

#### **Evan Leary South Lyon East**

The senior captain set a school record in the shot put and was fifth at regionals. **Josh Smith** 

# **South Lyon East**

The sophomore holds the school record in the 800 as well as part of the 1,600 and 3,200 relays.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central did not send in All-Area nominations.

# **Maybury races**

The 2014 Road Runner Classic will feature three different events on Saturday, July 26, at Maybury State Park, located off Eight Mile one mile west of

This year's race, presented by the Northville Road Runners, includes the traditional 5-kilometer run, which starts at 5:45 p.m., along with a new 8K, which is on half-trail and half-pavement course, at 5:30 p.m. There will also be a onemile fun, which starts at 5 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit the Friends of Maybury State

Race entry costs (through July 24) are \$6 (fun run), \$25 (5K and 8K). Race day fees are \$7 (fun run) and \$27 (5K and 8K). Shirts (\$10) are optional

(not included in the entry fee).

Running Fit \$75 gift cards will go to the top male and female finishers, while \$50 gift cards will go to the masters (40-and-over) male and female finishers. All kids will receive a finisher medal for the onemile fun run.

Also included in the family run race are story hour, face painting and hands-on activities, along with pizza, homemade baked goods, beer and live music. Packet pick-up starts at 3 p.m. on race day.

Also scheduled to appear is Livonian Doug Kurtis, who has won 76 marathons, along with 80-year-old 5K runner Harrison Hensley.

Registration is available online at either active.com, runmichigan.com or NorthvilleRoadrunners.org.

# SPORTS SHORTS

For more information, call Gary Haf at (248) 231-6114.

# **MIAA** scholars

The Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association recently honored a total of 1,058 scholar-athletes who posted grade-point averages of 3.5 or better for the 2013-14 season.

Among those recognized include Novi High grads Mario Ferrini (baseball), sophomore, Kalamazoo College; Courtney Laux (soccer), sophomore, Hope College; and Kelsey Maserant (basketball), senior, Hope College.

Also honored were Northville High grads Jeff Gertley (baseball), sophomore, Adrian College; Jackie Kjolhede (tennis), junior, St. Mary's (Ind.); Becky Reynolds (soccer), junior, Adrian College; Kelly

Wright (soccer/tennis), freshman, Albion College Michael Tolkacz (Novi-

Detroit Catholic Central), a junior soccer player from Albion, was also named to the MIAA Scholar-Athlete team.

# All-state golfers

Novi-Detroit Catholic freshman James Piot, who led the Shamrocks to a runner-up finish in the Division 1 state finals this season, earned Super Team honors by the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association.

Junior Glenn Piotearned first team all-state honors, while seniors Domenic Mancinelli and Dan Ault were named honorable mention.

Novi's Garrett Buckley was also named honorable mention all-state.

# Travel baseball

The Precision Patriots baseball boys travel baseball program will be holding tryouts for its teams to play in the 2015 season.

The 9-and-Under Precision Patriots will hold tryouts 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, July 14, at Precision Baseball,7835 Market Street, Canton. The team will be coached by Northville varsity assistant coach Craig Reynolds.

Tryouts for the 12-and-under team will be 6-8 p.m. Monday, July 14, at Wayne Ford Civic League, located at the corner of Wayne and Ford roads in Westland. The team will be coached by Craig Overaitis and Bob Lynn.

For more information, call Bill Flohr at 248-761-9694.

# BUSINESS

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# Orthodontist expands to Novi, changing industry

After walking in the door at Today's Orthodontics, people are immediately drawn to the therapeutic and relaxing fragrance in this orthodontist office's tranquil, stylish, and spa-like atmosphere.

These are just some of the things orthodontist Dr. Nicole Teifer is doing to make the experience of straightening teeth into one that is pleasantly shaped by the comfortable environment and the use of the very latest in technical advancements

Additionally, an exclusive VIP membership is available whereby patients are guaranteed not to miss school or work, and popular creative



**Dr. Nicole Teifer has** expanded her practice to Novi, in addition to a Canton office.

contests keep patients receiving prīzes. Patients experience concierge service that meets their needs when Teifer sees them in semi-private and private treatment rooms that she has personally

designed with an artistic flair complete with music and mood lighting.

It is a source of pride that in just two short years, since opening her North Canton Orthodontics practice in 2012, over 1000 people have received sensational smiles with Teifer's help. With the addition of her new location in Novi, Teifer has proudly achieved record growth and has become one of the largest elite treatment providers of Invisalign and Invisalign Teen in the state of Mich-

"You can straighten your teeth without anyone knowing," said Teifer, "and it's especially great because the Invisalign can be taken out for eating, brushing, and flossing.

It wasn't too long ago that metal wires or brackets used to be an orthodontist's only option, she said.

This new innovation is exciting, as I am able to prescribe a series of clear removable aligners that accurately achieve a perfect smile without people really noticing," Teifer said.

She said Today's Orthodontics strongly believes that parents should have options when it comes to their family's oral health, and for this very reason, convenience plays a key role in scheduling visits. Fourteen dream team

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members give top priority for patients to Teifer when their schedules permit, and at a price point that is conveniently offered at zero money down.

Part of this convenience is also conveyed in the use of state-of-theart equipment called the Itero scanner. This new equipment used at Teifer's two orthodontics locations, literally, allows patients to see their new smile before they start treatment, and negates the need to make impressions of one's teeth that can take up to three separate appointments.

"With the Itero scanner, only 10 minutes is required," said Teifer. "so my patients, regard-

#### **DETAILS**

Today's Orthodontics, PLLC newest location is at 44110 W. 12 Mile (near Twelve Oaks Mall) in Novi and can be reached by calling 248-306-9330. The North Canton office is located at 44633 Joy Road, Suite 300. Log onto todaysortho.com for more information.

less of age, are extremely thrilled about the time they can save."

Teifer is an active provider of "Smiles Change Lives" and donates much needed orthodontic treatment to children throughout metro Detroit.

## **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

#### Fox Run developer one of the Top 100

Erickson Living, developer and manager of Fox Run retirement community in Novi, announced that IDG's Computerworld magazine has selected it for the fourth consecutive year as one of the "Top 100 Organizations" that have created a dynamic and challenging environment for their information technology professionals. Specifically, the company was ranked 14th (Large Company Category: 5,000+ employees), and recognized for having a work culture where creativity is valued, career opportunities are advanced, and excellent benefits and compensation are provided

## Aisin grand opening

Tier One supplier Aisin World Corp. of America and Aisin Technical Center of America will celebrate their combined new North American headquarters with customers, government officials, employees, and members of the Northville community during a grand opening ceremony beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 14. The headquarters is located at 15300 Centennial Drive in Northville Township.

Those expected to attend include Mike Saito, CEO, Aisin World Corp. of America and Aisin Holdings of America, John D. Koenig, president, sales and marketing for Aisin World Corp. of America, Yoshi Kato, president of Aisin Technical Center of America, and Nigel Francis, senior vice president, Michigan Economic Development Corpora-

Aisin, which has had a Michigan presence since 1984, provides a growing number of automotive components and systems

to global automakers. The company's new 200,000 sq. ft. building is home to 300 employees, who support sales and marketing, administration, logistics and warehousing, and a state-ofthe-art technical center.

At the ceremony, Aisin will present a \$50,000 donation to Northville Parks & Recreation to be used to build a pavilion at Community Park, a 119-acre recreation area with baseball, softball, soccer and lacrosse fields.

#### Signature leases in Novi

Signature Associates has negotiated the lease of 3,200 square feet of industrial space located at 40120 Grand River Avenue, Novi, to ARB, LLC. Steve Kozak and Kris Pawlowski of Signature Associates represented the landlord, **Brewer Properties.** 

# 'Woman to watch'

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants has named six female members as "Women to Watch" for 2014, in-



Wells

cluding Northville's Dianne Wells. Wells is a partner at Plante Moran in Southfield. She was among three CPAs to be named "Experienced Leaders" – individuals who have advanced to a higher level or leadership position within their organization, authored articles, mentored other professionals, taken steps to improve their workplace, given back through public or community service, and/or contributed to the pro-

#### Wixom mayor applauds Obama

Wixom Mayor Kevin

fession.

Hinkley announced support and participation in President Obama's Maker Movement initiative and a companion program of the Manufacturing Alliance of Communities; "Mayors Maker

Challenge."
The "Maker Movement" is a grassroots effort to democratize access to high-tech ools needed to design and build almost anything, and to build a community around creativity, design, and manufacturing. According to Hinkley, the "Maker Movement holds potential to enhance education in communities and improve overall quality of life for our residents"

Mayors from the Manufacturing Alliance of Communities participated with Obama in the first Maker Faire held at the White House on June 18. This White House event helped increase awareness of the great potential for boosting innovation and entrepreneurship in manufacturing, in the same way that the Internet and cloud computing lowered the parriers to entry for digital startups, creating the foundation for new products and processes that can help to revitalize American manufactur-

#### **Kroger contributes** to leukemia, lymphoma battle

Rachel Mason, deli/ bakery coordinator, District I, Novi-based The Kroger Co. of Michigan. was a teenager and a college student when she heard the words "you have cancer." Overwhelmed by a diagnosis of Hodgkin's lymphoma. Mason underwent four months of chemotherapy and several rounds of radiation as she battled the life-threatening disease. She also survived a serious blood infection.

# Get your Grub Crawl tickets before it's too late

Tickets are on sale for the 10th annual Northville Grub Crawl scheduled for 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 22.

The following restaurants are scheduled to participate: 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.

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 15minute schedule to take Crawlers from one restaurant to the next.

Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at the Northville Chamber of Commerce office (closed Mondays), 195 S. Main St.; Gardenviews, 117 E. Main St.; and Good Time Party Store, 567 Seven Mile.

The event has been sold out in recent years.

For more information and a list of participating restaurants, contact the chamber at 248-349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.



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# Vibe scholars



Vibe Credit Union on June 19 awarded five high school seniors each a \$1,000 college scholarship as part of the ongoing FU\$E Young Adult Program. The five recipients will continue their education this fall and were chosen based on their demonstration of character, concern for the community, and scholastic achievement. "We are happy to provide the opportunity for these students to take the next step toward their educational goals and future careers," said Tom Reagan, Vibe CEO. "We have been providing FU\$E Scholarships to our young adult members for six years now and have presented a total of \$30,000 in scholarships." Reagan and CFO Ron Lang with the 2014 FU\$E Scholarship recipients Christine Rysenga, Berkley High School; Deirdre Gerke, South Lyon High School; Sara Weldon, Whitmore Lake High School; and Brittany Gates, Churchill High School. Not pictured is Justin Rogers, Berkley High School.

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# Parade of Homes winners show design innovations

The Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan announced the winners in its 25th annual Parade of Homes architectural judging. Parade of Homes is an exhibition of 45 new model, under construction and pre-construction homes and condominiums located throughout southeast Michigan. The showcase took place during the month of June. All 45 homes are featured at www.ParadeHBA.com. HBA and Bank of America Home Loans sponsor the event.

In this year's architectural judging blue ribbons were awarded to the model homes in eight categories. Winning homes were selected based on the following criteria: best value for the price, best use of space, most innovative design and aesthetic appeal. Before being judged in these categories, participating homes were divided into categories by price, with a separate category for attached condomini-

The blue ribbon homes are: » Attached condominiums - MJC Companies for Fairfield

» Homes base priced under \$230,000 -Steuer and Associates for Marlee II

» Homes base priced from \$230,000 to \$275,000 – Clearview Homes for Dover - B

**»** Homes base priced from \$275,000 to \$325,000 - MJC Companies for The Laura » Homes base priced from \$325,000 to \$345,000 - Lombardo Homes for The Summerfield

» Homes base priced from \$345,000 to \$400,000 – Silverado Custom Homes for The Majestic

» Homes base priced from \$400,000 to \$500,000 – Robertson Homes for Fair-

» Homes base priced over \$500,000 -Arteva Homes for Sinclair idea Sho-

A panel of local architects and industry experts judged the homes. Participating judges were Lonny S. Zimmerman, AIA, NCARB of Siegal/Tuomaala Associates; Benedetto Tiseo, FAIA, NCARB of Tiseo Architects, Inc.; Michael J. Gordon, RA of



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Moiseev/Gordon Associates; and Paul Salloum of Bank of America Home Loans.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, HBA is a trade association representing more than 700 builders, remodelers, multifamily property owners, developers and

suppliers to the single-family and multifamily residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

# HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

\$740,000

\$305,000

\$152,000

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 24-28, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office.

Listed below are cities, addresses,		
and sales prices.		
BEVERLY HILLS		
16940 Beverly Rd	\$185,000	
18184 Kinross Ave	\$340,000	
16252 Reedmere Ave	\$350,000	
BIRMINGHAM		
125 E 14 Mile Rd # 7	\$85,000	
1133 Henrietta St	\$518,000	
615 Oak Ave	\$385,000	
2313 Pembroke Rd	\$315,000	
1116 Washington Blvd	\$280,000	
BLOOMFIELD HILLS		
2831 Chestnut Run Dr	\$135,000	
4255 Meadowlane Dr	\$254,000	
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP		
100 Billingsgate Ct	\$160,000	
4025 Blackthorn Ct	\$475,000	
2659 Bridle Rd	\$188,000	
457 Cambridge Way	\$450,000	

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33632 Old Timber Rd
28331 Quail Hollow Rd
29360 Summerwood Rd
23735 W Newell Cir
25422 Witherspoon St

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\$463,000	60125 Deer Creek Dr	\$320,000
\$130,000	983 Devonshire Dr	\$156,000
\$115,000	166 Eagle Way	\$192,000
\$161,000	1103 Paddock Dr	\$249,000
\$291,000	356 Princeton Dr	\$173,000
	SOUTHFIELD	
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# Oregon appeals: Go west, young people

Q: We love the Columbia River Gorge area and the city of Hood River and Portland itself, but can't make up our minds where we can get the most for

our money for a retirement home. Do you have any suggestions? A: A

tough question to answer as all of these



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areas are sensational, but different in character. Hood River, by way of example, is a resort town similar to a northern Michigan town like Charlevoix or Elk Rapids. The Gorge is like living on a mountaintop overlooking a beautiful river and Portland is very cosmopolitan with, nearby, two large mountains, revitalized neighborhoods springing up and new and converted condominiums all over the downtown area. Depending upon your preferences, Portland proper may be the best bet in terms of real estate costs, especially if you stay out of the downtown area, but you will still have access to downtown and its environs because of the great transit system, plus you will still be near the Gorge, Mount Hood and Mount Adams. Visit an experienced Realtor in each of these areas before you make a decision.

Q: Has the new Bay Bridge between San Francisco and Oakland changed the real estate market in downtown San Francisco on the waterfront?

A: Well, it was a contributing factor, I am sure, to the new condominiums, low and high rise, that are sprouting up around areas of the Old Wharf, east of the Embarcadero. The changes to the bridge allow for better access to downtown San Francisco, plus, of course, the city of Oakland and Walnut Creek, which is an affluent suburb of the city of Oakland. The price, however, for real estate in downtown San Francisco continues to be extremely high per square foot and even Oakland properties near the bridge are appreciating substantially. It is beneficial to get an attorney to assist you in getting a real estate broker who is knowledgeable and can help you assess the most advantageous areas for you to buy in, but you will experience sticker shock in these areas.

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Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and

# **REAL ESTATE BRIEFS**

# **Short sales**

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

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

# **Investors**

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum.

Investors will answer ques-

tions 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-Eleven, near Trenton Road. Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-9349091 or Wayde Koehler at 313-819-0919.

## Seminar each Tuesday, **Thursday**

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

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

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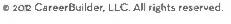
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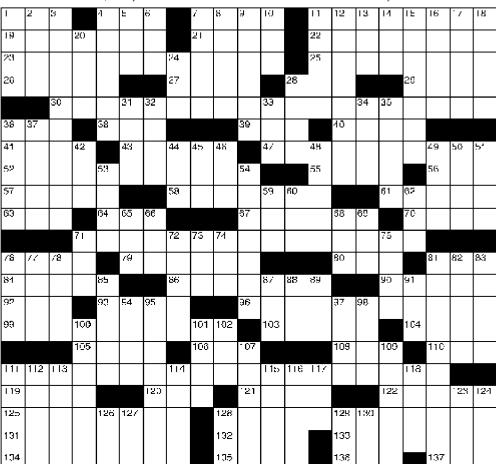
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# Understanding that your soft skills are a very important skill set

Watch out, hard skills and technical know-how: You've got competition. According to a new CareerBuilder survey, the vast majority (77 percent) of employers consider soft skills just as important as hard skills when it comes to evaluating candidates for a job, and 16 percent even say they're more important.

By Mary Lorenz CareerBuilder writer

#### What are soft skills?

As my colleague pointed out recently, soft skills typically describe "communication, leadership, critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, team skills, relationship management and a long list of other so-called intangible traits." Though they are hard to measure quantitatively, soft skills remain a sought after trait and recognized business differentiator among employers.

Perhaps the heavy focus on soft skills has to do with the fact that employers have been struggling to find candidates

they need (particularly when it comes to technology skills and big data expertise). Many employers have even reported that they've started focusing on cultural fit and potential over skills, figuring they can train them on-the-job with the necessary hard skills.

According to the survey of more than 2,000 hiring managers nationwide, the top ten most popular soft skills companies say they look for when hiring include:



- 1. Strong work ethic
- 2. Dependability
- 3. Positive attitude
- 4. Self-motivation
- 5. Team-oriented attitude
- 6. Organization; ability to manage multiple priorities
- 7. Ability to work well under pressure
- 8. Effective communication skills
- 9. Flexibility
- 10. Confidence

#### **Evaluating soft skills:** The one type of interview

question you must ask

Whether through preemployment testing or during the interview process, using behavioral interview questions is one of the most effective ways to evaluate a candidate's soft skills. Behavioral interview questions are those that center around reallife experiences the candidate has had, as opposed to hypotheticals. For example, instead of asking, "What would you do if ...?" ask "Tell me about a time when..." or "Give me an example of..."

> There are two main reasons behavioral interview questions work:

One, past behavior is a better predictor of future success on the job than potential behavior, according to workforce management expert Nancy Newell, because it helps predict future success on the job by looking into past behavior; two, when they hear questions shaped

around potential behavior, candidates are more likely to say what they think you want to hear.

By asking for real-life examples, you'll get more insight into candidates' soft skills, such as how well they work under pressure, how they communicate and their work ethic. Some more examples of behavioral interview questions include:

- Describe a time when you had a problem with a supervisor and what you did to resolve it.
- Give me an example of how you handled a very tense situation at work.
- Tell me about a time when you had difficulty getting others to work together on a critical problem and how you handled it.
- Tell me about the best leader you have worked with, why you felt this way, and what vou learned from that person.
- Describe a problem you faced that was almost overwhelming and how you got through it.

Keep in mind, of course, that these questions are not fullproof there is no "magic bullet" when it comes to hiring, says Newell however, behavioral interview questions are your best bet for finding employees with the soft skills your organization values most.

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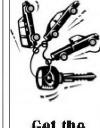


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