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Schools of Choice slots

Northville Public Schools is accepting schools of choice applications for a limited number of openings at Northville High School for the 2014-15 school year. The availability is limited to five openings in the district's International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma program at the high school.

Schools of choice applications are available through the Office of Human Resources. Completed applications, including all forms and recommendations, must be mailed or hand delivered to the Northville Public Schools Human Resources Department, 501 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167, by 4 p.m. on Aug. 1.

A review of each prospective student applicant's eligibility for the Diploma Program is required using the same criteria applied to prospective resident Diploma Program students.

Details regarding the lottery procedures and the schools of choice application process are available on the district website at www.northvilleschools.org/node/6115.

Local students exceed state ACT, Merit Exam test score averages

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Students from the Northville and Novi high school classes of 2015 gave a strong performance on this year's Michigan Merit Exam (MME) and ACT in all subject areas when compared to state averages, according to results released this week by the Michigan Department of Education.

Officials from both districts attribute their ongoing success on the MME and ACT to the committed partnership between students, school staff and parents.

"The consistently strong performance of our students on the MME and ACT is a testament to the incredible partnership between our students, teachers and parents, which focuses on success for all students," said Northville Public Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher.

Novi Superintendent Dr. Steve Matthews agreed.

"Education is highly valued in Novi and these results are a reflection of that," he said.

This is the eighth year that high school juniors in Michigan have taken the MME. The MME includes the ACT, a national standardized college entrance exam that many colleges across the country require students to take as part of the application process.

In addition, the MME includes a free WorkKeys job skills assessment that evaluates students' education and job opportunities, as well as core subject area assessments that measure student knowledge in math, science, social studies, and persuasive writing not covered in the ACT and WorkKeys tests.

The combined MME assessment measures student learning under the Michigan high school standards, benchmarks and core content expectations contained in the Michigan high school graduation requirements. It evaluates student performance and its scores are used to determine if high schools achieve Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as required under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act.

Northville

Overall, the percentage of Northville students scoring at the "proficient" and "advanced" levels increased in all core subject areas from last year to this year, with the biggest gains made in social studies (from 58 percent to 69 percent) and reading (from 80 percent to 88 percent).

Gallagher said the results also show a significant increase in the percentage of students scoring at the "advanced" levels in all subject areas compared to last year, as well as improved scores for students with disabilities in subject areas including reading, writing, science and social studies.

Northville juniors who took the ACT during the spring 2013 MME test period recorded an average composite score of 25.1, with 52 percent meeting the "college-ready" benchmark — a target set by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder.

In comparison, the statewide average ACT composite score for the March test was 19.8, with 17.8 percent of Michigan stu-

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New retail building in works for Seven Mile and Main

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The northwest corner of Seven Mile and South Main Street is being transformed. A longtime vacant building and empty parking lot are being replaced by a new, one-story retail building. Demolition of the old build-

ing, which had not been used for many years, has already occurred and now the next steps to construct a 7,172-square-foot building are under way. The old concrete and asphalt lot was also removed. The Northville City Planning Commission approved the plan for the site and work is moving ahead on the site. Northville resident Jeff Snyder is the owner of the location and the architect is Dave Mielock, who is also a local. Overall, the Planning Commission agreed the plan looks good and there are no outstanding issues because of its previous uses. Originally a gas station had been on the site. 'Environmental studies had been completed for this site," said Snyder, who along with Mielock are on the Planning Commission, but recused themselves during the discussion. The tanks have been re-



Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix explains why the township is asking for a millage increase this August for its fire and public safety departments. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Nix: Tax increase a community investment

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By Kurt Kuban Staff Writer

Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix is a man on a mission. A real estate attorney by trade and selfdescribed "conservative Republican," he isn't the kind of guy you would usually see out advocating for a tax increase. But over the course of the last couple months, Nix has been the main cheerleader for the two millage requests voters will find on their Aug. 5 primary ballot.

He has been out in the community speaking to dozens of homeowners groups, and perhaps thousands of residents. He isn't twisting any arms. He just wants people to understand what they are voting on, and why.

Residents are being asked to support a renewal of the existing 5.575 mills for public safety (police and fire) and shared services (parks and recreation, as well as senior and youth programs), as well as an additional 1.55 mills. Most of that — 1.250 mills — will go to public safety. The remainder (0.3 mills) to shared services.

The reason for the needed additional revenue, he says, is a major and sustained loss in operational revenue since the onset of the Great Recession in 2008. Since that time, they have cut employees, including seven in public safety. All of the unions agreed to 10-percent pay cuts, and employees have doubled their contributions for medical costs.

"We've lost 14 percent of our tax revenue since 2007 and have had to use much of our reserves (fund balance). At the pace we're going, we will use up our reserves in 2015. We just can't do that," he said. "The design of this millage request is to maintain the level of services that we have now."

Nix firmly believes the township did all it could to avert the budget crisis of the last couple years when expenditures were far exceeding revenues. He also thinks the services the township provides its residents are second to none, especially when it comes to public safety.

"Our response times for police and fire are right around four minutes. That is outstanding," Nix said.

While taxable values are up in the township, because of the way state law works, it can only go as high as the rate of inflation. At that rate it will take a minimum of seven years before tax revenue is on par with 2007.

While he isn't sure what will happen if the millage request fails, he knows it would lead to more pressure on public safety for one. Cuts will have to be made, and response times will likely go up.

"We realize we are asking people to make a sacrifice here. But I hope people view this as an investment in their community, because that's what it is," Nix said. moved.

The surrounding uses are the Good Time Party Store to the west, a Mobil gas station to the north, Consumers Energy property to the north, and residential

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The old building and pavement were cleared to make way for a new retail location that will house five tenants at Seven Mile and Main.



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Meet the candidates for Wayne County Executive

The Democratic primary for Wayne County Exec-utive pits some well-established political figures with a variety of experiences.

There are a total of 11 candidates running for the nomination, with five candidates who are considered the frontrunners. They are incumbent Executive Robert Ficano, State Rep. Phil Cavanagh, former Wayne County Sheriff and Detroit Police Chief Warren Evans, Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara, and Westland Mayor William Wild.

With the hopes of educating our readers about these candidates, O&E Media sent out questionnaires to each. Their responses to a series of questions we believe are important to Wayne County voters appear on pages A2-4.

PHIL CAVANAGH

City/Township of residence: Redford Married? Children: Divorced. Three daugh-



Mary Occupation: State Representative, attorney

Cavanagh

Education: BA in business administration and BS in accounting, Aquinas College (1983); JD, University of Detroit Mercy (1998); MBA, University of Detroit Mercy (1998); Michigan Political Leadership Program Graduate (1998); Program for Senior Executives, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (2005); Henry Toll Fellows Program Graduate (2013)

Community involvement: Volunteer at Redford Interfaith Relief, Redford/Garden City/ Dearborn Goodfellows, Focus:Hope, Motor City Makeover.

What do you think are the three most important issues facing Wayne County?

Cavanagh: Public Safety, fiscal responsibility and integrity are the most critical issues right now. These issues will form the foundation of an administration that can fund essential services before pet projects, that will prioritize safety for our citizens and business, and will create an environment for Wayne County to grow

What is the best course of action to balance the county's budget?

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Cavanagh: Well, it is certainly helpful that the Wayne County Auditor General recently "discovered" some \$300 million. That will help with the accumulated deficit, but we need to look at the structural deficit. The county is still adding \$30-40 million each year to the deficit. I will focus on funding essential services first, and eliminating unnecessary appointment positions. Transparency will be key to my efforts as well, and all county job descriptions and salaries will be posted on-

What do you think about the current plan for the jail?

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Cavanagh: At this stage, I think our best option is to finish the jail at Gratiot. The Mound Road prison that is being offered by the state is truly not equipped to handle a justice complex as extensive as what is required. Moving to Mound would require adding beds to single cells, adding "linear housing," a model which has been proven to increase behavioral problems among inmates, and would require almost double the staff to handle the logistical difficulties of the site. In addition, the area around Mound does not offer the same safety and level of amenities found in downtown Detroit. We must be cognizant of all persons making contact with the justice system, including jurors, families, attorney, and staff. Do you feel the

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county road system is in good shape? If not, how can it be improved?

Cavanagh: As a State Representative, I often hear complaints from my constituents about the condition of our roads. After this terrible winter, I can't remember our reads being in worse condition. Providing safe and effective infrastructure is one of the primary functions of government, and I will make it a priority of my administration. A strong infrastructure is the backbone for an economy, and it will be important to have qualified people working in county departments.

Why are you the right person to lead the county for the next four years?

Cavanagh: I believe that I have the experience, the education, and the relationships that will be necessary to bring Wayne County back. County government is very complex. As the only candidate with a degree in Accounting and an MBA, I understand how to properly handle taxpayer dollars. I am the only candidate that can walk on the House or Senate floor and talk to my colleagues. I have relationships with other community leaders, and leaders in Lansing who will be key players in moving the county forward. I understand how these problems developed, so I will be able to hit the ground running on day one, with real changes that will get Wayne County on the right track.

City of residence: Westland Married? Children:

Married to Sherri Wild, who is a sixth-grade science teacher and mem-



and Payton, Wild **Occupation:** Full-time mayor of Westland since

2007; owner of Scrap Busters, an auto recycling business in Wayne. **Education:** Graduate

of John Glenn High School and Wavne-Westland Community Schools; attended University of Michigan - Dearborn

Community involvement: Westland City Council (2001-06); Westland Planning Commission (1999 to 2001)

What do you think are the three most important issues facing Wayne County?

Wild: 1. Fiscal responsibility. We must balance the budget – not just in an election year, but every year. Long-term, expenses have to match revenues. Otherwise, we risk control by an emergency manager or similar mechanism, which means Wayne County residents lose control of their own destiny.

2. Honest, open and accountable government: Everywhere I go, voters tell me they are sick of the scandal and fed up with seeing county officials indicted and pleading guilty to extortion, bribery and obstruction of justice. I've never held county office or been on the county payroll.

3. Quality services for Wavne County taxpayers and residents: By putting Wayne County's fiscal house in order and eliminating wasteful projects, we can focus on delivering the high-quality ser-

WILLIAM R. WILD

residents and taxpayers deserve. These include law enforcement, road maintenance, health and human services, parks and recreation, and economic development.

What is the best course of action to balance the county's budget?

Wild: Building on my experience in Westland, where we turned a \$50 million deficit into a \$5 million surplus, I will bring together workers, their unions and the 43 communities who are part of Wayne County; be fully transparent about the county budget, so everyone sees the longterm need to match expenses to revenues; cut from the top.

In Westland, we cut the mayor's appointees by one-third. Every contribution we asked employees to make for health care and pension, I made them first and all the mayor's department heads were asked to do the same. No one takes a conversation about budget-cutting seriously if the person talking hasn't cut his or her own budget

What do you think about the current plan for the jail?

Wild: Inadequate, rushed and poorly researched. It looks more like a plan to deal with a public embarrassment to current county officials than a real plan to address the losses suffered by taxpayers. I question whether Wayne County taxpayers can afford a brand new jail at the Mound Road site now. Counting bond sales and interest, we're already on the hook for \$560 million. No business in the world would take on another new project of the size and the debt required for the Mound Road site if like Wayne County - they were already facing over \$175 million in debt and a potential bankruptcy Instead, I would look

at selling the project site and perhaps other county-owned properties - at a realistic market value. Coupled with unspent bond proceeds, this could finance major improvements to both the existing jail and the 36th District Court. This is probably a more cost-effective way to go.

Do you feel the county road system is in good shape? If not, how can it be improved?

Wild: No, our county roads are not in good shape, and we need major improvements. In Westland, we've had to patch and maintain roads that are county, not city property because the county is not getting the job done. Right now, we're stuck in managing the decline of our roads, bridges, tunnels and other critical infrastructure. It's an unacceptable situation that is blocking progress in economic development and other areas; you can't build a strong regional economy without adequate transportation. As county executive, I'll work closely with state and federal leaders to identify appropriate resources for road repair and maintenance. Why are you the

right person to lead the county for the next four years?

Wild: Voters are choosing a new executive and I'm the only candidate in the race with executive experience in both the public sector and the private sector. I've balanced seven budgets in a row in Westland. Working together, cutting from the top, sharing services - these are exactly the experiences and skill set we need now to bring fiscal responsibility to Wayne County. This election is about the future, not the past. I think I'm the right person to restore trust in government and give Wayne County taxpayers the



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City of residence: Livonia

Married? Children: Single; son Robert (Bobby) and daughter Sabrina, granddaughter Lorelei and another granddaughter on the way.

Occupation: Wayne County Executive since January 2003

Education: Livonia Stevenson High School, graduated 1970; Michigan State University, bachelor's 1974; University of Detroit School of Law, juris doctor 1977

Community involvement: I established a charitable foundation now known as the Robert A. Ficano Hope Foundation in 2003. It has provided over \$350,000 in scholarships to over 400 high school graduates. It has provided over \$100,000 collectively to dozens of charities including the American Red Cross, Habitat for

Humanity and the Goodfellows.

What do you think are the three most important

issues facing Wayne County? Ficano: With county



hundreds of Ficano businesses have locat-

ed or expanded creating many thousands of jobs. But we must continue work to attract investment to grow more jobs and improve our property tax base. I'm fighting to protect suburban water interests in the Detroit bankruptcy case. We filed objections to stop the Emergency Manager from imposing a new unfavorable system on suburban customers. We also requested continuing court mediation to create a regional

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KEVIN M. MCNAMARA

water authority. Public safety remains a priority for us, with about 72 percent of county general funds spent each year to support the operations of sheriff, prosecutor and courts.

What is the best course of action to balance the county's budget?

Ficano: Actually, state law requires that the county budget be balanced annually, and we've done that without raising taxes. The challenge is the loss of about \$100 million in property taxes annually still due to the last recession and substantial deficits run up by departments like the Prosecutor's Office. Our innovative deficit elimination plan has been approved by the County **Commission** with parts already implemented. Working with the Treasurer, an additional \$150

million from the delinquent tax fund recently boosted the general fund. With this money, cost cutting and budget reforms we've prevented an emergency manager from coming to the county, unlike Detroit.

What do you think about the current plan for the jail?

Ficano: Two acceptable proposals are being considered by the County Commission; moving to the state facility at Mound Road on the east side or modifying and finishing the partially completed jail downtown. Just like the state stopped a building project this past month when they learned it was substantially over budget, I halted work on the jail when we discovered substantial overruns by the contractors and managers. We're suing them to recover county money. We still have \$140 million in unused bonding available, and when the decision is made between the choices the jail will be built.

Do you feel the county road system is in good shape? If not, how can it be improved?

Ficano: Wayne County is responsible for about 1.440 miles of county and 462 miles of state roads and freeways. The state sends \$1,500 per mile per year for maintenance, and it doesn't go very far. Lansing has to provide more funding so we can do better. But we have been proactive with our limited resources. Our Pothole Blitz filled 65 percent more potholes than last year. We especially patched surface streets near the closed I-96 freeway to handle the increased traffic. We're now making available \$14 million to help repair residential streets in the townships

Why are you the right person to lead the county for the next four years?

Ficano: In my 30 years of public service I have tried to honor my parents, who were proud union members, and my children by conducting myself ethically. I seek to build on my successes of leading the effort to reorganize and expand the Cobo Center, which saved Detroit's Auto Show, and creating the Aerotropolis around the airport that has attracted \$600 million in investment while creating 5,000 jobs in the last year alone. Not forgetting that people have entrusted me to work in their interest, I still have a passion to bring jobs to Wayne County and improve our quality of life.

City of residence: Belleville

Married? Children: Married to Aida. One son, Cullan.

Óccupation: Wayne County commissioner **Education:** Harvard

Kennedy School of Government "Senior Executives in State and Local Government" program; studied computer science at Schoolcraft College and the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Community involvement: Belleville Chamber of Commerce, Canton Chamber of Commerce, Canton Friendship Church, Detroit Historical Society, Homes for Our Troops, Lions Club, Most Holy Trinity Church, Wayne Chamber of Commerce and Wayne Rotary

What do you think are the three most important issues facing Wayne County?

McNamara: The three most important issues facing our county are



restoring honest government. fiscal stability and public safe-

ty. I would also add

McNamara roads as an important

to the residents of this county. I have a plan to take Wayne County back for the communities by leading honesty in government (I will always tell residents the truth about the state of our county), balancing budgets, funding the prosecutor's office first; and restoring Wayne County as the economic powerhouse.

What is the best course of action to balance the county's budget?

McNamara: First and

foremost, balance the county budget must include the communities at the table. We affect real, sustainable change by getting the communities to buy into the plan, not by selling them out. I did not support Bob Ficano's deficit elimination plan because it places a \$120 million tax on the communities by moving the county debt. I am the only candidate for Wayne County executive who has balanced the budget - without my leadership in 2010 with the McNamara Ordinance when I capped the 13th pension check to save the other 12 checks, it saved \$20 million that in turn balanced the budget.

What do you think about the current plan for the jail?

McNamara: I am leading the investigation into the jail debacle because

the commission was shut out of the process and the public deserves answers. I fought for thirdparty oversight of the Wayne County Consolidated Jail project, only to have it stripped in secret months later. I saw two jails of similar size built for under \$200 million and still cannot understood how our jail was not built for under \$200 million. Although the county has an offer from a private entity to sell the jail property, I just cannot let go of the \$120 million we have already sunk into the project and will owe no matter what happens.

Do you feel the county road system is in good shape? If not, how can it be improved?

McNamara: We need an infrastructure overhaul of our county roads. I know how to access

federal and state road dollars, because there is a process. Our roads will improve when we work together with state and federal leaders to first increase funding for roads, and second, reduce the weight limits for trucks using our roads as that has been detrimental to road conditions. How do we increase state and federal dollars? We show our economic power when we go to Lansing and Washington, D.C. As the next Wayne County executive if voters give me the privilege, I pledge to take leaders who have skin in the game in the county - corporate leaders, union leaders and community leaders to show our economic power. Because we send too many tax dollars to Lansing and D.C. for little return.

Why are you the

right person to lead the county for the next four years?

McNamara: I have the only real, sustainable plan to rebuild Wayne County government for the 21st century. I understand what's under the hood of Wayne County government so that we can first address the most pressing challenges and lead through honest government. Transparency in the Kevin McNamara administration will begin by educating the communities about what services we do provide and our path to rebuild the county to work for the people. Of course, we will place the county checkbook online and staff bios and salaries. Real transparency is being an honest partner with the communities. Together, we will take Wayne County back for the communities.





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WARREN C. EVANS

City of residence: Detroit

Married? Children: Single, two daughters.

Occupation: Professor, Wayne County Community College. Former Detroit police chief, former Wayne County Sheriff, former assistant Wayne County prosecutor, former assistant Wayne County executive.

Education: Bachelor's degree at Madonna University in Detroit, and later earned a master of arts degree in criminal justice at University of Detroit Mercy. Attained juris doctor degree from Detroit College of Law in Detroit.

What do you think are the three most important issues facing Wayne County?

Évans: Quality of life, re-population and budget.

Evans

ties and businesses, invest and plant roots. Pubic safetv is the ultimate quality of life issue. My record demonstrates results with a 27-percent reduction in crime in one year as police chief. I will also work to create an environment that attracts small businesses by appointing an ombudsman to help them achieve their goals. A balanced budget will ensure a robust economic landscape that encourages opportunity and expansion. This is how we will strive to become the

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most welcoming county in the nation. What is the best

course of action to balance the county's budget?

Evans: First demonstrate that the county executive and his office is part of the solution, not part of the problem, by cutting the amount of assistant Wayne County executives and making the Executive Office as lean as possible. Look at ways to collaborate with other governments to improve efficiency and reduce costs. Conduct a forensic audit. Tackle health care cost issues like auditing the DMC contract to provide health care to jail prisoners and doing a dependent care health care audit. Set up a grant department to assist all

departments of county government to acquire grants. Then, after demonstrating to all the stakeholders that you have made operations as efficient as possible bring them into the discussion to solve the rest.

What do you think about the current plan for the jail?

Evans: In an ideal scenario, the jails and the courts would move to Mound road and a facility would be built there. But based on the county's current challenges, the \$150 million that's already been wasted, we should just keep things the way they are until the fiscal stability improves. Do you feel the coun-

ty road system is in good shape? If not, how can it be improved? **Evans:** The roads here

desperate shape and failures in leadership are making things worse. According to the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association, Wayne County has the worst bridge problem in the state. I will reestablish the county's relationship with federal and state legislators who create formulas for distributing road monies. As sheriff, I found federal grants to ensure that we had the staff to provide safety for Wayne County residents. I am a strong leader that can balance the budget, clean up government and provide the innovation needed to stretch and increase road dollars.

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Why are you the right person to lead the county for the next four

years?

Evans: Wayne County needs someone who can manage and get things done. I am a proven leader with the experience Wayne County needs at this critical time. As sheriff, I oversaw a budget of \$150 million and 1,300 employees. We secured federal dollars that paid for hundreds of deputies, which resulted in thousands of dangerous felons being arrested. I also put a halt to foreclosures to help keep families in their homes. As assistant Wayne County prosecutor, I took on slumlords, and as Detroit chief of police, I led a team of police officers and we reduced crime by 27 percent. My experience mirrors the challenges this county cur-

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dents deemed collegeready as defined by the ACT. The total score for the ACT is 36.

According to the Michigan Department of Education, the College Readiness score is the percentage of students meeting the ACT college benchmark in all ACTtested subjects (English, reading, mathematics and science).

'Proficiency in a content area is determined through a variety of student assessments over an extended period of time. The MME is one tool used by our educators to help map out each student's progress," Gallagher said.

She added, "While these improved scores are encouraging, particularly in the areas of social studies, math and science - which have been a focus for the district over the past several years - we will continue to place an emphasis on all core subject areas as we look to next year's school

improvement plans with the goal of better preparing students for college and career.

Novi

Novi also had a majority of its students scoring proficient and/or advanced. The average ACT score in Novi was 24.3. In all of the MME categories it ranked well above the state averages

"We continue to have very positive results,' Matthews said.

He said Novi's scores continue to be among the highest in Oakland County.

In the MME category of reading, Novi scored an 80.5 percent proficient, compared to the state average of 58.7. This is up for Novi from 71.5 in 2011.

The numbers are the percent proficient in each year.

In social studies, Novi scored a 71.3 percent proficient while the state scored 43.9.

'These scores show that we are working hard to ensure that our students will continue to be well prepared for life beyond Novi High

School," Matthews said. Novi did see a dip in its MME math scores, which went from 68.4 proficient last year to 60.6 this year.

Matthews said they continue to be concerned by two things. First, he said they have achievement gaps that continue to persist.

'We are working hard to meet the needs of all the students we serve. but obviously we need to continue to search for instructional strategies that will help us meet the needs of all of our students," he said.

Second, not all of the students are being successful.

"Our district goal is that all students will achieve at a high level. We define that – initially as all students will be proficient. This test suggests to us that we still have work to do so that all of our students will reach that threshold," he said.

He said they will review these numbers with the high school administrative and teaching staff and compare these results to other data that they

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2015 TEST RESULTS

Spring 2014 Michigan Merit Exam (MME)

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BUILDING

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to the north and west. The site is zoned General Commercial District.

The plan includes adding a 34-space parking lot. The building will consist of five tenant spaces, all of which will have individual entrances facing Seven Mile. The tenants have not been named yet. The lot area is just

under an acre.

The building arrangement and front setback from Seven Mile will match that of the adiacent Good Time Party Store. There are two proposed entrances off of Seven Mile and Main Street and there will be a new sidewalk and curb ramps put in. The sidewalks will go around the south and east sides of the building with the pedestrian access to the building off of Seven Mile.

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Northville 57.3% **SOCIAL STUDIES** Northville 69.1%

Northville 83.4% MATH

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Art in the Garden open house comes to Tollgate Farm

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The Tollgate open house is a great way to enjoy the outdoors and art at the same time.

The Michigan State University Tollgate garden volunteers will be presenting their annual open house Saturday and it's called Art in the Garden.

"Visitors to the open house will be able to take a tour of the grounds, see the many gardens on the property, talk to Tollgate garden volunteers, enjoy music and refreshments, take a hay ride and have fun on a 160-acre property," said Roy Prentice, MSU Tollgate Farm manager.

The event is hosted by the Tollgate garden volunteers and is free to the public.

There are more than 20 gardens to view, in-



Local artists will be giving demonstrations throughout the grounds at Tollgate.

cluding a rose, an enabling, a hosta, xeriscape garden and much more. It also has a functional nursery area and a children's garden.

Musicians, artists and vendors will be on hand to display their crafts as well. There will be 10 artists posted around the grounds. There will also be various workshops going on.

This event has been going on for a decade and is part of Tollgate's outreach work.

"This is a way for us to reach out the community and give them a fun opportunity to see what a great place we have here," Prentice said. This is a rain or shino

This is a rain or shine event with complimen-



Visitors to the Tollgate open house will be able to take a tour of the grounds and see the many gardens on the property.

tary refreshments. It's from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Tollgate is located at 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads. To learn more about Tollgate, go to www.tollgate.msu.edu. lhuhman@hometownlife.com 248-437-2011, ext. 255 Twitter: @lhuhman

Honey bees have a (sweet) home at MSU Tollgate Education Center

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Honey bees are very unique and that's why beekeeper and teacher Clay Ottoni loves telling others about them.

His love for honeybees has him teaching a number of students taking the beekeeping class at MSU Tollgate Education Center, in conjunction with the Southeastern Michigan Beekeepers Association, the basics of bees and their lives.

"Bees are pretty amazing and the more you learn about them, the more interesting they become," Ottoni said recently while tending his hives at Tollgate Farm on Meadowbrook Road.

The beekeeping class gets students involved in learning about things like the bees' biology, making and management of a hive and ultimately extracting honey from the hive.

"It can be very satisfying and interesting to work with tens of thousands of bees to help improve pollination for fruits and vegetables, as



MSU Tollgate beekeeper Clay Ottoni inspected a hive recently at the farm on Meadowbrook Road in Novi.

the class runs from April through September, beekeeping is a year-round task with each season bringing with it different responsibilities. This is the fifth year the classes have been held at Tollgate. Classes are usually held on one or two Sundays each month. Students take away lessons in beekeeping basics

skills. Ottoni's hives are near

more honey, which is sold r at the farm. "I get a lot out of teaching beekeeping, but what I love most is just watching the bees," Ottoni said. "There are so many positive things that bees do for nature and for us, from pollinating to making candles out of

more honey, which is sold
at the farm.their wax. They are truly
fascinating.""I get a lot out of
teaching beekeeping, but
what I love most is justTo learn more about
the beekeeping program,
stop by Tollgate at 28115

Meadowbrook Road or

call 248-347-3860.

well as producing pollen, propolis, wax and honey," Ottoni said.

The hands-on class also includes discussion of the equipment, activities and commitment level required to become a beekeeper. Although like learning to identify hive problems, evaluating and applying corrective measures, adopting a bee management philosophy that aids the bees to combat parasites, diseases and improving their overall beekeeping the front of Tollgate, close to the maintenance building, while the students' hives are at the rear, next to the community gardens. Each year, Ottoni said the bees have become more productive at Tollgate and produce

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Police warn residents about IRS phone scam

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The Northville City Police Department is warning residents about a reported phone scam from a caller purporting to be from the Internal Revenue Service.

"Our department recently received complaints from citizens regarding IRS phone scams. In the latest scam attempt, a voice mail was left requesting the citizen

call the IRS back at a specific telephone number regarding an unspecified issue," according to a statement from the Northville City Police Department.

Police officials say a local woman recently reported the scam.

"The citizen, knowing that she had no outstanding issues with the IRS and feeling this was probably a scam, did the right thing by calling our police department and reporting the call. We determined that the call was fraudulent," the statement read.

In the past year or so, the IRS has warned of similar scams.

The agency said victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer. If the victim refuses to cooperate, they are then threatened with arrest, deportation or

The woman told Novi

Police she observed her

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the gym on High Pointe

Boulevard. She said she

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She gave police a de-

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and canceled her cards.

HIGH BLOOD-ALCOHOL

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she had been drinking at

local bar. Police reported

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Novi Police spotted a

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suspension of a business or driver's license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting.

Potential victims have also reported scammers use fake names and IRS badge numbers. They generally use common names and surnames to identify themselves. They may be able to recite the last four digits of a victim's Social Security number. Scammers spoof the IRS toll-free number

on caller ID to make it appear that it's the IRS calling. They sometimes send bogus IRS emails to some victims to support their bogus calls.

Victims hear background noise of other calls being conducted to mimic a call site. After threatening victims with jail time or driver's license revocation, scammers hang up and others soon call back pretending to be from the local police or DMV and the caller ID supports their claim.

Northville police are directing those seeking more information on recognizing IRS scams and what to do if you receive one of these calls or emails to go to http://www.irs.gov/uac/ Newsroom/IRS-Warnsof-Pervasive-Telephone -Scam.

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Novi

MINI HARLEY AND SCOOTER STOLEN

A Novi woman called police after finding her shed had been broken into and burglarized some time during the night of June 12-13. A mini silver Harley Davidson chopper was taken from the shed and a red Razor Scooter from the front deck at the home on



Montmorency Drive. She told Novi Police the shed doors were closed, but not locked.

The woman's son eventually located the Harley after asking around the neighborhood. He was directed to a location and it was later found at a home in which the homeowner reportedly had no clue it was there. That homeowner said a friend had dropped something off that she didn't see. The scooter is still missing.

TOOLS STOLEN

A man had some tools stolen from the bed of his truck while it was parked at the Extended Stay Hotel in Novi.

The man reported the theft June 16 to Novi Police. His truck was parked in the lot off of Haggerty Road. At least \$3,500 in tools were taken, including an air compressor and saws. The man told police he was temporarily staying at the hotel.

The tools were kept in the truck bed which had a cap on it, but the owner said it could be forced open. There was no evidence found at the scene and no leads in the case.

PURSE STOLEN

A woman's purse with credit cards in it were stolen from her car June 16 while at Lifetime Fit-

POLICE BRIEFS

Northville

DRUNKEN DRIVER HITS CARS, MAIL BOXES A Northville man was cited for drunken driving after police found him at a Northville home in a stupor.

On July 6, Northville City Police were called on a report from a witness near McDonald and Coldspring drives about a vehicle hitting two parked vehicles. Upon arrival to the scene, police also found some mailboxes knocked down. The alleged truck was located at a home on McDonald Drive still running with the door open, but no one in it. According to the police report, upon investigation the driver was found at that home after police were let in by a woman

there. The 59-year-old driver reportedly appeared as if he had urinated himself when police found him. He registered 0.212 percent blood-alcohol content on the preliminary Breathalyzer test.

RECKLESS DRIVER

A 19-year-old Northville man got himself into some hot water - and almost seriously injured after he refused to pull over while driving a motorcycle Julv 14. The incident took

place around 5:30 p.m. An officer on patrol saw two motorcyclists in the area of Haggerty and Seven Mile. After noticing that neither had license plates, the officer attempted to pull them over. However, when the emergency lights were activated, the Northville man accelerated, heading south on Haggerty.

With the officer in pursuit, the man locked up his brakes and attempted to turn west on Six Mile. As he turned he nearly collided with a large box truck, then skidded into a curb before making contact with the truck with his shoulder. He was able to regain control and continued to speed off west on Six Mile.

The officer followed him for a short while before calling off the pursuit in the name of public safety, because it was apparent the man wasn't going to stop voluntarily. According to the police report, he was clocked traveling around 80 mph, passed vehicles by using the center left turn lane and ran a red light at Springwater.

About 10 minutes later, however, another officer was able to locate the second motorcyclist, a 18-year-old Novi man, and pulled him over in the Comerica Bank parking lot at Haggerty and Six Mile. After being questioned, the man told the officer the other man's name and said he had just received a phone call from him. Police were able to get all his information and he ended up turning himself in at the NTPD about 20 minutes later.

He was arrested and charged with multiple crimes, including failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, reckless driving, operating a motorcycle without the proper endorsement, no plate, no proof of insurance, running a red light and driving left of center. His parents showed up a short time later and posted the \$300 bail. He was given a July 30 court date

MARIJUANA POSSESSION

A Livonia man was cited for drug possession at the Northville Downs parking lot.

Police reported the 24-year-old man was parked in the lot around 3 a.m., so police checked him out and upon making contact smelled marijuana inside his vehicle. He admitted to police that he had two bags of pot inside the car.

> – By Lonnie Huhman and Kurt Kuhan

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Memorial Park

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Donation helps Novi resident take a meaningful trip

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Gladys Walker, a resident at the Manor of Novi, hadn't seen daughter Angela in quite some time and was worried that because of health challenges, a trip to see her wouldn't happen.

But it did, with the help of the Manor staff and some supporters.

"I can't wait to see her," Walker, 72, said prior to her trip last month to see her 36-yearold daughter in North Dakota.

Walker has been a resident at the Manor of Novi for the last five years.

She is on dialysis, so her trip had to be scheduled around that. Her daughter moved to North Dakota from Michigan nearly two years ago and also has her own physical and cognitive challenges.

Angela moved to be with her father and had been in a group home, but she is now living more independently.

She and Gladys talk almost every day. All of Gladys' friends at the Manor know about their close relationship and it was because of this that they got behind her to help make the trip a reality.

"You can't help but to want to help her," said Lisa Berthold, administrator for the Manor of Novi.

Gladys, originally from Detroit, had a career as a beautician.

She had some money of her own, but she got a huge lift from some supporters of the Manor. Scott and Cindy Ferriman, with the help of



Gladys Walker (center) was joined by Ida Lawson (left) on a recent trip to visit Walker's daughter. Lisa Berthold joins the pair. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mahle Industries, Inc., of Farmington Hills, each year give financial assistance to the Manor. "(Cindy Forriman)

"(Cindy Ferriman) knows there are some many in need here and for the last three years her efforts have paid off," Berthold said. Some of this year's

donation helped fund Gladys' trip. "I'm not sure if this will happen again, but I will make the most of this trip," she said. "I can't wait to see my baby." The trip was a huge

success for her and now

she's back in Novi. Although she can't see her daughter every day, she can still hear her voice over the phone and will hold on to the dear memories she made this summer during her trip to North Dakota.

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Be sure to take advantage of all the great events we have planned for the month of July. Join in for fun, informative, and entertaining activities throughout the entire month!

Events At:

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

Jump into

Fourth of July Celebration Wednesday, July 2 | 1:30 pm

Join your own Village Joy Singers as they help Independence Village celebrate Independence Day. Our thirty-voice choir will present a program of all your patriotic favorites. Light refreshments will be served.

Art in the Park July 11 - 13 Friday, 11:00 am - 8:00 pm Saturday, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Sunday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Be sure to stop by our booth during Michigan's second largest art fair. Located in downtown Plymouth, it's a great weekend of art, food and fun you won't want to miss.

America the Beautiful Patriotic Presentation

Monday, July 30 | 1:30 pm

Celebrate America through song and story. "Suzanne and Jim" will inspire your patriotic pride with this star-spangled show.

Sunday Brunch & Open House

Sunday Brunch

Sunday, July 20

Bring your family and friends and join us for a delicious chef-prepared brunch buffet. In addition to the delicious breakfast and lunch food, be sure not to miss the fantastic desserts our chef has prepared especially for this event.

Cost **\$17.00** adults, **\$13.00** ages 6-12, ages 4 and under are free.

Summer Celebration Open House

Saturday, July 26

Join us for the July Open House and enjoy an old fashioned picnic with everything but the ants! It's a chance for us to get together as a community, tell a few stories, and share a laugh and a meal.

Please Call for Details

Events At:

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

Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, July 9 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Two of our favorite things come together for this fun event—ice cream and being social. Create your own ice cream with a variety of flavors and toppings, then sit down with your friends and swap stories like you used to do at the local soda fountain.

Time to get Jazzy Thursday, July 31 | 6:00 pm

What could be better than some cool jazz and an ice-cold martini? Independence Village of White Lake proudly presents an evening of jazz with vocalist Sheila Landos. Enjoy exquisite appetizers and be part of the scene.

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Vibe expands



Novi-based Vibe Credit Union celebrated July 10 the grand opening of its new Royal Oak eCenter, located at 501 S. Main St. Shown are Dave Adams, MCUL president; Tom Reagan, Vibe CEO; Jim Ellison, Royal Oak mayor; David Cowles, Vibe board chairman; Vibe board members and employees; and Royal Oak Chamber board members and employees. The eCenters are a unique and different way to provide convenience through cutting-edge technology. People will be greeted by member service representatives who will open new accounts and demonstrate how to use the technology. One can also get cash, make payments and perform transactions using the multi-functional ATM available for anyone, anytime. "We are very excited to grow our business and reach out to new communities. Our eCenters are built around technology that is made to seamlessly integrate into your life," Regan said. Learn more by visiting vibe-bankdifferent.com or calling 248-735-9500. Vibe Credit Union is a \$423 million fullservice credit union with more than 32,000 member-owners. It maintains a branch in South Lyon.

Community **Financial backs** summer events

Community Financial Credit Union is proud to sponsor many of the family oriented events happening in the area.

The credit union is sponsoring a wide array of fun, from movies, to concerts and everything in between.

"Families are the building blocks of our communities, they are why organizations like **Community Financial** exist," Sarah Cousineau, marketing manager for Community Financial said. "That's why we are proud to be able to sponsor community events that promote families enjoying time together."

Several of the events sponsored by Community Financial include:

» The Penn Theater Summer Cinema Mati-

Guy Louis gets up close with some fans during his Tunes on Tuesday performance. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

nee Series » Canton Thursday Night Concerts » Friday Family Fun

Nights in Novi » Novi Tremendous

Tuesdays » Tunes on Tuesdays in Northville

» Tuesday Mornings in the Park in Novi

For more information on Community Financial events throughout the summer, visit https://

www.cfcu.org/calendar. To stay connected with Community Financial and keep up-todate on the latest news

and information, text 'CFCU" to 70 000.

Headquartered in Plymouth, membership in Community Financial Credit Union is open to anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in 23 Michigan counties. With more than 50,000 members, **Community Financial** provides services to members at 10 locations and through a variety of automated and online services. For more information, visit www. cfcu.org or call 877-937-2328.

Beaumont executive elected to MHHA board

Northville resident Subra Sripada, executive vice president and chief administrative and information officer of Beaumont Health System, was elected to the board of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association at its annual meeting June 24-26.

Sripada has been with Beaumont since November 2008 and has served as chief information officer, executive in charge of strategic planning, business development, marketing, public affairs and the project management office. Recently, he has had a key role in Beaumont's meger with Botsford

Hospital and Oakwood Healthcare. He has extensive U.S. and global

Sripada health care industry and consulting experience. Before joining Beaumont, he served in a leadership role at PricewaterhouseCoopers, a global management consulting firm, consulting on health information technology and business strategy with U.S. and international clients. He has also

from Osmania University in India and his master's in industrial and systems engineering from Kansas State University. He is a member of the College of Health In-

Health System. Sripada

earned his bachelor of

science degree in me-

chanical engineering

formation Management Executives and serves on health care advisory boards of Microsoft, SAP and AT&T. In addition, he also serves on the governor's Cyber Security Council, state CIO Cabinet and American Heart Association's Metro Detroit board of directors.

'Friends' will use grant to improve Maybury trails



held leadership positions

at CapGemini, Ernst and

Young and Henry Ford

Outdoor retail giant REI recently provided a \$10,000 grant to the Friends of Maybury State Park. The nonprofit organization that helps maintain the 922-acre park, located near Eight Mile and Beck roads, will use the money to make improvements to hiking, biking, equestrian and cross country ski trails. Here group members (from left) Chuck Murdock and Marcie Colling receive the grant from Lyn De Groot, the market coordinator for REI Michigan, as Nikki Van Bloem, park supervisor of Maybury State Park, looks on.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

retail.

Incumbent Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake; Kathy Crawford, R-Novi, who is seeking her husband's seat as the 38th District state representative; and incumbent Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, were named a Friend of Retail.

11:30 a.m. Aug. 6. Call 248-349-0720 or visit www.novilibrary.org for more information.

Next Chapter book signing event

Author Ryan Patrick, a resident of Gross Pointe Shores, will be at the Next Chapter Book Store & Bistro, 141 E. Main St in downtown Northville signing copies of his book Amabo: The Bright Mouse in the White House, 1-2:30 p.m. July 26. Amabo is an allegorical tale certain to raise questions about the vearning for equality and the promises of prosperitv.



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dates earned the title, a designation demonstrating an understanding of the retail industry's priorities and a willingness to work toward solutions, said William J. Hallan, MRA's COO general counsel.

MRA's Friends

Michigan Retailers

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one state Senate candi-

Association announced

Friend of Retail designations for the Aug. 5

of Retail

"Michigan Retailers Association looks forward to working with these legislators next year as part of our mission to promote, protect and grow the retail industry here in Michigan," Hallan said.

The MRA represents nearly 5,000 members and their more than 15,000 stores and websites in Michigan. Retail is directly responsible for more than 850,000 jobs in Michigan's economy and one-fourth of state jobs are supported directly and indirectly by retail sales. Eighteen percent of Michigan's total economic activity comes from

Library's Business **Resource Center** offering classes

In partnership with Michigan Small Business Technology Development Center, the Business **Resource Center offers** free information on starting and growing your business at the Novi Public Library. It's the place to meet, with computers and printers, business books (reference and circulating non-fiction) available and there is access to business databases. The library also hosts business classes. Upcoming classes include:

Business Mentoring: Grow your business or start one with one-on-one mentoring from experienced business counselors. Presented by SCORE at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. July 23 and 10:30 and

Signature sells Wixom space

Signature Associates has negotiated the sale of 11,640 square feet of industrial space located at 28011 Grand Oaks Court, Wixom

Jim Montgomery of Signature Associates represented the seller, Century Hardware. Steve Kozak and Joe Banyai, also of Signature Associates, represented the purchaser, Excel RE Holdings, a medical device manufacturer relocating from Fenton.

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LOCAL NEWS

VCS, Dell team to upgrade Allen Terrace computers

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

A local company, with some help from an internationally known technology firm, has come through big-time for Allen Terrace residents.

The city of Northvilleowned senior living community received a free overhaul to its computer lab thanks to the generosity of Northville-based Vision Computer Solutions and Dell Computers

"Well, when I heard about their needs. I thought this was a natural fit for us to help out with," VCS president David Marino said.

Allen Terrace's technology center has five work stations, which are accessible 24 hours a day to residents, but due to the rapid advancements in technology, the computer lab had fallen behind in functionality. Some residents reached out to the community for help and the word was put out about the need.

After reading a newspaper story, Marino began reaching out to his business partners for a solution. Dell began assisting in the computer lab efforts. Marino said senior account manager at Dell, Chris Moore, led the new hardware effort by discounting the equipment to VCS to wholesale cost.

Now the lab is totally upgraded with new desktops and a printer.

"Dell has been a big help," Marino said. In addition to the com-

pletion of the Dell upgrade, Allen Terrace residents now have the option of attending computer training classes. Complimentary classes will range in topics from using the newest ver-

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

ALLEN TERRACE

FIRE ALARM REPLACEMENT

The City of Northville, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, requests sealed requests for



VCS senior consultant Brian Spurgeon (left), president David Marino (second from left) and marketing manager Abbey Colville (second from right) join a group of Allen Terrace residents inside the upgraded computer lab.

sions of Microsoft programs like Word and Publisher to navigating and using a Facebook page.

Various members of VCS will lead these monthly classes.

"This is so wonderful," Allen Terrace resident Hazel Kelliher said. "It's a big help and we want to thank them for everything.'

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SHERRY NECELIS, HOUSING DIRECTOR **DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK**

An electronic version of this Request for Bid can be obtained from the City's web site. http://www.ci.northville.mi.us/Services/PurchasingAndRFPs/ProposalsBids.htm. Publish Date: July 17, 2014 LO-0000204768 3x5

Northville Public Schools Request for Proposal July 17, 2014 The Northville Public Schools (also referred to as the District or NPS in these documents) will accept sealed bids for: Roofing Replacement - 2014

There will be a pre-bid meeting on July 21, 2014 at 8:00AM at Meads Mill Middle School 16700 Franklin Road, Northville, MI, 48168. The drawings, specifications and bidding documents will be made available on line beginning July 17, 2014 at: www.bid4michigan.com or www.northville.k12.mi.us.

Sealed bids should be submitted to Mike Zopf, Assistant Superintendent Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main Street, Northville MI 48167. Bids are to be submitted no later than 2:00PM on Thursday July 31, 2014. The District will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for bid submission. Bids will be publicly opened immediately following the close of receiving bids. No oral, email, telephonic or telegraphic proposals shall be considered.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part; or, for reasons of establishing uniformity, delivery time or preference, to award the contract to other than the low bidder.

The contents of RFP and Bidder's (also referred to as Contractor in these documents) Proposal will become contractual obligations, if a contract ensues. Failure of the Bidder to accept these obligations will result in cancellation of the award. Award of a contract by the District is subject to the Contractor executing a Contract, which shall incorporate the contents of this RFP and the Contractor's Proposal and final approval if the same by the District's legal counsel.

In compliance with MCL 380.1267, the bid shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, or the superintendent of the school district. The Board shall not accept a bid that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Certified check or Bid Bond must accompany each proposal by an approved surety company in an amount not less than 5% of the proposal amount. All bids shall be firm for at least sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids. Length of time required for completion shall be specified in the bid. All bids submitted must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

Bids are to be submitted on the District's Bid Proposal Form, signed by the Bidder, in a sealed envelope and clearly marked. Two (2) copies of the Bid Proposal Form should be addressed to the attention of:

Mike Zopf, Assistant Superintendent Northville Public Schools 501 W. Main Street Northville, MI 48167

"Roofing Replacement 2014 - BID"

One (1) copy of the bid form should be retained for your files. Any questions regarding bid requirements should be referred to Michelle Kerns (248) 921- 3929 if you have questions regarding the project specifications contact Jim Watson at TEC Consultants (248) 588-6200. Publish: July 17, 2014



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Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi.

Contact: 248-668-7014 or CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org.

Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org.

Celebrate Recovery

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

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road.

Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org.

Mass Schedule

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

Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment Priests: Rev. Bob LaCroix, pas-

tor, and Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor.

AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

Crosspointe **Meadows Church**

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

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

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

Destiny Worship Center

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

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org

Contact: 248-442-8822. Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

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

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

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

First Baptist Church of Northville

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

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

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org. Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Cafe is open from 9:15-11 a.m. Refreshments at 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service. Thursday schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group

RELIGION CALENDAR

and Bible Study.

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

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

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

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

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake St. (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon.

Contact: 248-437-2875.

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi. Contact: 248-349-0565. Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday

School and Bible study; 10 a.m. worship.

First United **Methodist Church of** Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville.

Contact: 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org.

Summer Sunday Worship (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 10 a.m. Summer Sunday School

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

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

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TRINKWALDER

JOSEPH A.

July 5, 2014, age 98. Beloved husband of the late Mildred.

Dear father of Tom Trinkwalder,

Terry (Bruce) Perrell and the late

Graves. Dear grandfather of Kel-sey (Greg) Samborski, Joe and

Sean Sassaman, Elizabeth (Col-

by) Renner and Rachel (fiance

Brian Henrickson) Perrell. Great

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Holy Cross Episcopal Church Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile.

Contact: 248-427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org. Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m.

Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. worship service. **Alzheimer's Support** Group:10 a.m. second Saturday of month.

Hope Lutheran Church

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

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake.

Livonia Church of Christ

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

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church) Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665 or visit www.legacychurch.us. Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages: 9:45 a.m. Worship Services: 11 a.m. Bible Study/Prayer: Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile

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

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. **Church School and Nursery** Care: provided during worship. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Merry Widows Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month.

Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m. Sundays.

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake. Web: www.orchardgrove.org. Contact: Amanda Rehm at

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

Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m. **Healing Service and Holy** Communion: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month. Peace Vigil: noon, first Sunday of every month in front of the church. Members of the congre-

gation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi.

Contact: 248-912-0043. Web:

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

ReNew Life Group Ministries: 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet weekly).

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

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

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

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

Orchard Grove Community Church

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

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

Location: 132 Orchard Drive, Northville Contact: 248-349-2621 or olvnorthville.org.

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

11:30 a.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Contact: pastor Bill Burke at

734-927-0891.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

office for more information or to attend.

St. James Catholic

Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi.

Pastor: Monsignor John Kasza.

11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Mon-

day-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday;

Mass schedule: 8, 9:30 and

St. John Lutheran

Location: 23225 Gill, Farming-

Contact: 248-474-0584 or visit

Saturday Worship: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship: 9, 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran

Location: 201 Elm St., Northville

Contact: 248-349-3140

Farmington Hills

Location: 32500 W. 13 Mile,

trativeDirector@unityfh.com

Universalist Church

Location: 25301 Halsted, Far-

Youth Interfaith Journey: 9:30

Details: This religious education

program is open to the public

and currently enrolling new

students. Classes are grouped

into grades K-five, six-eight and

nine-12 with age-specific educa-

Contact: www.uufarming-

and 11 a.m. Sundays

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mington.org

Contact: Jennifer Teed at

248-478-7272 or dre@uufar-

Lifelong Learning Forum:

Details: Six weeks exploring

different topics like religion,

social and political issues. No

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Contact: 248-478-7272 or

uufarmington.org/uucf/re-

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6:45 p.m. Fridays

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Universalist Church of Farming-

Multigenerational Services:

Details: Family members of all

ages can gather for drumming,

chanting, and meditation fol-

lowed by a brief participatory

\$5 donation is suggested. Drop

philosophy, science, health,

7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays

of Farmington

Contact: 248-737-9191; Adminis-

stjohn-lutheran.com

Contact: 248-347-7778.

5 p.m. Saturday.

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Passages

Deadlines: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. for Thursday papers

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BAN, JANET K., (THIBIDEAU)

65, died June 25, 2014. She Age was the loving daughter of Gizella (Grace) and Andrew Ban, the sister of Sandra Richters and aunt of the late Katharine and Rachel Richters. Janet lived her younger years in Dearborn Heights, where she was a member of the first gradu-ating class of Crestwood High School. After graduation, she attended Eastern Michigan University, receiving her BA in Secondary Education with a double major in English Language Arts and History. She began her teaching career at Lee M. Thurston High School in South Redford under the mentorship and administration of Helen Ditzhazy. Helen was not only a mentor, but became a lifelong When Helen became friend. principal of Novi High School in 1973, Janet was one of the teachers she brought with her. Helen provided Janet a model of what would become her passion, a "pathwise" mentor to many fellow teachers who also became endeared friends. At Novi, she began teaching Journalism and ELA and was the Yearbook Advisor for many years. She took a sabbatical leave in 1983 to complete her MA. She continued her professional development beyond her Master's degree. Looking forward to a new challenge, she joined the Alternative Education program in 1989 where she taught for the next decade only leaving when the program was discontinued. Upon returning to Novi High School, she taught primarily in the History Department until her retirement in 2010. Later in her career, she enjoyed being involved in afterschool programs, assisting at sporting events and extracurricu lar activities. Even after her retirement she remained active at the school. Janet's favorite times were spent at her home enjoying her pool, the sunshine, her extensive garden but especially her beloved Yorkie, 'Marta'. A Celebration of her life will be held Sunday, July 20 at 1pm at Novi High School, located at 24062 Taft Road, Novi, MI. Memorial donations may be made to the Janet Ban Education Scholarship Trust Fund. Further details are available through the Novi High School Administrative Office.

BARNETT, DEBORAH Age 61, passed away July 13, 2014. A private family service was held. www.phillipsfuneral.com

> BRINZA, ALEXANDER November 26, 1924 -July 2, 2014

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BRYJA, WALTER Age 81, passed away July 13, 2014. Funeral July 30, 11a.m., Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon.

www.phillipsfuneral.com

BURNSTRUM, GERTRUDE R.

Age 84, passed away July 11, 2014. She was born on December 23, 1929 in South Lyon, daughter of the late Frederick & Elizabeth (Joslin) Lyman. She is survived by her loving children: Kenneth (Carol) Burnstrum and Brenda Burnstrum, her grand-children: Melissa (Jon), Brian, Sarah and Katie and her great grandson, Preston. Gertrude was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth in 2006. Visitation was held on Sunday, July 13 and a funeral service was held on Monday, July 14 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Interment was in South Lyon Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Great Lakes Hospice Foundation, 900 Cooper Street, Jackson, MI 49202. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

DIVEN, SHIRLEY May 5, 1947 - July 1, 2014

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GILLMAN, CATHRYN September 19, 1921 -June 27, 2014

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EDWARD May 28, 1919 - July 3, 2014 obriensulliavnfuneralhome.com

MARZONIE. THEODORE January 3, 1928 - June 19, 2014

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O'MALLEY, BONNIE May 3, 1940 - July 6, 2014 obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

O'REAR, MAC Owner of Knight Plumbing, died July 12, 2014. www. LynchFuneralDirectors.com



248-926-6584 or amanda.rehm@orchardgrove.org.

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile. Contact: 248-348-9030; ncalife-.org.

Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults/youth/children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in sanctuary; 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210).

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

Novi-Northville **Center for Jewish** Life

activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish services and programs, commu-

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

Novi United Methodist Church

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

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

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville.

Pentecostals of Novi

Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile.

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

Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth.

Contact: 734-453-0190, Ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth-.org

Praise Baptist Church

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

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

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

Terrific Tuesdays

Time/Date: Thursdays in July. Details: Themed activities for children ages 4-8 including stories, projects, drama and music. This program is free. The themes include Superheroes Arise! (July 22), and What's Cookin? (July 29). Call the church

worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing. A religious education activity will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The evening will close with a light snack and a short time to socialize, ending at 8:30 p.m.

Ward Evangelical **Presbyterian Church**

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

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

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

Sunday Groups and Classes:

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

FX: A Family Experience: An interactive family production where participants ignite conversations in the home on important topics to help kids and their parents follow God together. First Sunday of the month at 9:30 a.m. In Knox Hall, September-May.

Service Broadcasts: Live at http://live.wardchurch.org at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays for live interactive video web-streaming. Also, the Traditional Service is broadcast every week on WRDT-AM 560 at 11 a.m.

LIBRARY LINES

read to your little ones, and help your students maintain and improve important reading skills during the summer months.

TEEN SUMMER READING: SPARK A REACTION!

Time/Date: Continues through Summer

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

DROP-IN CRAFT: FISH AQUARIUM DIORAMAS

Time/Date: 2-3 p.m., Thursday, July 17

Details: Kids of all ages drop in to make a fun fish aquarium diorama. No ticket required. Due to space limitations, no special groups please.

ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM: READ, RELAX, ENJOY!

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



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

YOUTH SUMMER READING PROGRAM: FIZZ, BOOM, READ!

Time/Date: Continues through Summer

Details: Register for the youth Summer Reading Program. Northville kids - babies through those entering 5th grade - visit the library for free activities, crafts, storytimes, reading games, prizes and more. Parents,

Details: Events, programs and

nity social events.



classes, youth clubs, holiday

LOCAL NEWS

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street near Ford Field in downtown Northville. Buildings open every Sunday 1-4 p.m. until Oct. 19. Grounds are open daily dawn until dusk.

The office is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 248-348-1845 or email mrhv1845@yahoo.com.

Weekly events

Doll house raffle continues with tickets on sale in the office and general store during open hours. Tuesdays: Stone Gang;

The Stone Gang is a group of volunteers who handle Village care and maintenance. New volunteers always welcome. Meet at 9 a.m. in the Cady Inn.

Wednesday, July 9: Northville Garden Walk Thursdays and Fri-

days: Archives open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, July 19: Wedding from 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., grounds closed

Volunteers

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

Rotary exchange program taking applicants

Rotary Outbound Exchange provides students ages 16-18 the opportunity of a lifetime. It's a chance to spend 11 months in another country learning the language and culture. Each year, about 15 boys and girls apply through their local Rotary Club and District 6400. Students generally apply in September and October to go on exchange the next year.

Outbound students and their parents are guided through months of orientation and information about the country of their ex-

change year. Outbound students typically stay with two or three Rotary-approved families and receive a monthly stipend for incidental expenses.

Rotary Youth Exchange outbound students need to be aboveaverage students who are eager for the chance to try new things and meet new people. They will learn about other cultures. about other people and about themselves.

Apply for exchange in September and October for exchange starting in August 2015. Local Rotary Club

members will interview students and parents in October and make recommendations to Rotary District, which will then hold interviews of students and parents in late October.

If a student is accepted into the program at the district level, the application is sent to Central States **Rotary Youth Exchange** for processing and country assignment.

Students find out their country assignment in January and February 2015. Training for parents and students starts in January and concludes with a

the weekend long Central States Conference at Calvin College in Grand Rapids in July 2015. Students leave on exchange in late August 2015 to return in June or July 2016.

For more information, contact your local Rotary Club or visit www.csrye.org. The cost of the program is approximately \$2,500, plus the cost of a roundtrip one change allowed airline ticket. You can also contact Rotary District Youth Exchange Chairman Paul Sincock at sincock@hotmail.com or by calling 734-455-1388.

Your Invitation to



Children's Church: 9:40 am

Parish Office: 347-7778



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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEW

Colbeck should be GOP's 7th Senate choice

When voters cast their ballots Aug. 5 in the Republican primary for the 7th State Senate seat, they'll have their choice between the one-term incumbent with four years' experience or a young man barely out of college seeking his first political office.

We believe the incumbent, state Sen. Patrick Colbeck of Canton, deserves the GOP nomination over political newcomer Matthew Edwards of Plymouth Township. The winner will face Democrat Dian Slavens of Canton in the November general election.

Colbeck may actually be too conservative for the district now, considering many observers believe Canton is becoming more diverse and a little less conservative (a Democrat was the top vote-getter in Canton's last township election, and Democrat Dian Slavens served three terms as the state representative).

It's possible the redrawing of district boundaries, which took out the more democratic-leaning downriver communities and added Livonia, a traditionally Republican city, is more conservative than it used to be. And Colbeck's experience gives him the edge over Edwards, the son of Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards.

Conservative voters certainly can find reasons to support Colbeck. He was a staunch supporter of Michigan becoming a right-to-work state, and has supported the elimination of the Michigan Business

> Tax and the personal property tax. He opposed an increase to the minimum wage, saying it wouldn't do anything to create jobs.

He said he's not in favor of a tax increase to pay for roads, calling it "good money after bad" until the state addresses the quality of road construction. While the general impression was the Senate adjourned this spring with-

out a comprehensive road plan, Colbeck points out they did pass several initiatives aimed at making sure gas tax revenue goes to roads, and added \$737 million in the next two budgets.

He also was a key figure in bringing some \$5 million to the district, to be used for improvements on Lotz Road and Ford Road (near the I-275 interchange) that should help make one of the state's most dangerous areas safer.

Colbeck is co-founder and a board member for the Michigan Freedom Center, serving military personnel and their families at Detroit Metro Airport, he's a member of the U.S. Navy League and an honorary member of the Civil Air Patrol.

Edwards, a few months removed from his graduation from Michigan State University, is an energetic, well-meaning young man who could have a bright political future, if he decides to pursue it.

His solutions are a little unfinished – for instance, he'd fix roads by eliminating gas and sales taxes, but says only that he'd replace it with "a revenue stream that stays consistent," without identifying possible sources.

Edwards would be better served by honing his political agenda at the local level – township board or perhaps the school board (having recently graduated, he certainly knows the issues facing young people today).

Whether voters agree with his performance or not, though, Colbeck has earned the GOP nomination for his 7th State Senate seat.

LETTERS

Happy to see building go

Thank you for Lonnie Huhman's article on July 3 on the hopeful demolition of "Building 72" on the old Northville Psychiatric Hospital property.

Success will bring success in the process of developing Seven Mile Road into a community-friendly, safe, attractive environment. Each step will create an environment toward that goal. Taking that building down is part of that successful evolution.

Currently Building 72 is an eyesore.

I hope that the building will come down soon.

Jonathan Brateman Jonathan Brateman Properties Inc.

Support public safety

A few months ago, a classmate of my son fell on his school playground and suffered a concussion. The school immediately called 9-1-1. That young man was receiving medical treatment and on his way by ambulance to Mott Children's Hospital within minutes. Thankfully, he has healed and is thriving.

Months earlier, my mother's Northville Township neighborhood was victim to a string of robberies. The intruders were breaking in doors in broad daylight and stealing valuables. The break-ins have been stopped and no one was physically injured during the home invasions.

These examples and many others detail why I support the Aug. 5 public safety millage renewal and increase. Without the public safety millage renewal and increase, significant cuts will be made to our police and fire personnel. These cuts will inevitably affect the timeliness and quality of service our public safety personnel have effectively offered the residents of Northville Township.

When my husband and I chose to live here in 2007, a primary factor in our decision was the sense of community. Seven years later, that remains the case. As I vote for this increase it will be with friends, family and neighbors in mind. I would not want anyone to be faced with an emergency situation and have a delayed response due to personnel cuts that can be prevented by voting yes to the public safety renewal and increase on Aug. 5th. ey.

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I'll be voting no on Ms. Marecki's promotion. Wayne county has enough problems as it is.

Loyd A. Romick Livonia

Marecki will 'hit the ground running'

Our Wayne County commissioner, Laura Cox, has done a tremendous job representing Northville for the past 10 years. When I was on the Township Board, we could not have built the pathway along Sheldon Road finally linking the city and township without her tenacity. It's great to see her campaigning to take her experience to Lansing as the state representative for Livonia. In the race to succeed her, I hope that Northville voters will support my friend, Livonia City Clerk Terry Marecki.

As someone who has lived in the district for 21 years (first in Livonia and then in Northville), I have known Terry for almost that entire time. I have watched her take on increasing responsibility in her community – first as a school volunteer, then as a member of the Livonia school board, then as Livonia City councilwoman, and now as Livonia city clerk. I have watched her as a mother, bringing a child into her loving home through an overseas adoption, and I have watched her now as a grandmother. I know that Terry is ready to step into this new role serving as one of only two Republican Wayne County commissioners, where we need her voice for Livonia and Northville. With her experience, she will hit the ground running.

I am happy to hear that Terry is meeting the voters of Northville by knocking on their doors this summer, and I hope that you will get a chance to meet her and get to know her as I do. Please cast your vote in the primary on Aug. 5 to make Terry Marecki our next Wayne County commissioner.

Chris Roosen Northville Township She told the board, "I was only doing what my council said to do." She was a yes voting member. Now she'd like us to forget her attempted takeover of our neighbor's land. In the recent forum for the District 9 candidates, she again tried to scam the voters with backpedaling rhetoric. She is nothing but a puppet and will do whatever somebody tells her to do. We will not forget that she and her Livonia council tried to steal our neighbors land.

Timothy Doherty Livonia

You get what you pay for

Last week, we had a significant water main break in front of our home. It created a crater that could swallow a pickup truck. Water was rapidly running down our driveway, and fortunately, our property, and the property around us could handle the large water volume that leaked. I called the Northville Township Water Department, and they were there within the hour. They turned the water off, fixed the leak and repaired the gravel road within hours. Two days later, they returned to clean up our driveway where a significant amount of sand was deposited by the running water.

My thanks to Water Department supervisor Carl Gorham and his crew for their prompt and efficient handling of this problem. Those that complain about taxes need to realize that when you have a situation like this one, you need the people, the necessary equipment, the know how, and a prompt response to prevent significant further damage or a tragic accident. You get what your pay for. Bless our Northville Township public servants.

> Steve Lawrence Northville Township

Lucky to have Colbeck

A recent letter ("Back to work," July 10) attaching Pat Colbeck - our current state senator - to Michigan's road problems or any suggestion of laziness y negative. Colbeck has been a functionally exceptional leader. He among the state senators has never been among the political backbenchers whose total efforts begin and end at protecting their comfortable job. He is thoughtful and testing, and always eager to be an exponent of really new and better ideas. He is without shackles, and we are indeed lucky to have an independent and a very bright engineer to provide skillful pause to hard line political pushers of both parties. Partisan attacks most often rely on negative appeals in order to support those with the very thinnest of resumes. Leadership comes from results and histories of real stuff is the only story validating abilities, which is especially true for the lesser political where party affiliation or Harvard seem to have a misguiding tendency. I will vote for those in either party who can cough up enough demonstrated resume of activity other than aimless hope absent results. In more difficult management roles the proof of the ability to take responsibility of correcting bad situations or restoring financial stability has meaning. Leadership includes restoring the respect and confidence in people that growth of integrity and trust is not abnormal.



Ronna Romney-McDaniel

Northville Township

Annexation not forgotten

Terry Marecki, best known for spearheading the annexation attempt against Northville Township, wants a promotion to Wayne County commissioner. Unfortunately for her, the annexation has not been forgotten.

During the League of Women Voters debate she tried to explain it all away. You can watch her performance at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=gzTIcNxGF8k, or the entire debate at www.youtube.com/ watch?v=Nc_SgPgsT70. She first argues that the Livonia City Council saw an opportunity to increase their tax base. Then she says it was just too good an opportunity for the community to pass up.

As a member of the community in question, I'd like to point out that theft isn't any less wrong because you are stealing tax revenue. Nor is a chorus of supporters an excuse to ignore morality in favor of mon-

Berry is fresh choice

I'm not sure what's more disturbing, that Terry Marecki voted yes to the hostile attempt to take the land from our neighbor, Northville Township, and believed "there is no downside to this" (*Detroit Free Press*, July 16, 2008) or the fact that she admitted to the Northville Township Board that her "yes" vote was only to "follow the wishes of her city council members" (*Plymouth Voice*, March 3, 2014).

Either way, the residents of the Wayne County Commission District 9 deserve better. Make your voices heard on Tuesday, Aug. 5. Tom Berry offers us a fresh choice — no more politics as usual.

Kathy Mooradian Livonia

Don't forget annexation attempt

I recently watched the League of Woman Voters forum for the District 9 Wayne County Commission race. I was appalled at Ms. Terry Marecki's lies on the attempted annexation (400-plus acres) in Northville Township back in 2008. In February of this year, she tried to scam the Northville Township trustees when she appeared there, trying to get the board to back her in the commission race. But she got caught up in her own web of deceit.

Jim Nowka Northville

GUEST COLUMN

RESA millage a 'raw deal' for most school districts

The Aug. 5 primary ballot will include a proposal to raise taxes for Northville residents to fund school districts throughout Wayne County with the Wayne RESA Enhancement Millage. Enhancement millages, as they are deceptively known, override constitutional limits on property taxes to collect funds based on property values, and distribute then based on pupil counts. The enhancement millage is a raw deal for Northville residents, and here's why:

If approved, taxes will increase on Northville residents by about \$5 million per year. While proponents attempt to minimize the increase by dividing it into "only \$400 per year," it is still a \$5 million annual tax increase. The millage will also remain in place for six years. That's a total tax increase of \$30 million, and that's a big pile of money, no matter how it's sliced up.

Northville Public Schools, however, will receive only \$2.8 million per year. That's 56 cents for every



Kurt Kuban, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor **Grace Perry,** Director of Advertising dollar of new taxes on our residents. The remaining 44 cents of every dollar in taxes go to other Wayne County districts. It's no wonder that our Board of Education voted 7-0 to oppose this new millage. In fact, 43 percent of the districts in Wayne County voted against even putting the millage on the ballot. Unsurprisingly, donor districts like ours voted against this income redistribution scheme, while districts receiving more than they pay approved.



The largest recipient district is, of course, Detroit Public Schools, which, as most know, is under an emergency manager. While he has made strides to improve the district and its finances, they remain significantly behind other districts in enacting necessary reforms. Detroit Public Schools will receive nearly \$4 million more than their residents are being asked to contribute.

In addition, cheerleaders of this proposal have gone so far as to celebrate that the new tax revenue will come without "strings." Those "strings" are necessary reforms, like competitively bidding non-core services, adjusting health care benefits to reflect market realities, and disposing of surplus property. Some districts like Northville have enacted those reforms, and the state has rewarded those districts with extra financial resources. Many, including most of the districts who voted for this millage, have surprisingly not turned away additional funding. Rather than making the difficult choices and often heartwrenching changes that Northville Public Schools has over the last five years, they kicked the can down the road. Now the road is at its end for some districts, and they are again asking voters to part with their hardearned money so that unpopular but necessary changes need not be made. Raising taxes isn't the answer, fixing structural financial problems is.

Rather than seeking new tax revenues from districts that have successfully reformed, like Northville, they ought to seek the advice of their residents, many of whom adjusted their lives to reflect today's economic conditions. It's not too much to ask that our school districts undergo the sometimes painful changes that our hard-working residents already endured.

Democracy is the greatest form of government on the planet, but when it comes to tax revenue, it's been described as two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for dinner. Well, residents of Northville, this tax-increasing initiative has us as the lambs. Someone has to look out for taxpayers, and it is upon us to vote Aug. 5th, and to vote against the Wayne RESA enhancement millage.

Matthew J. Wilk is treasurer of the Northville Public Schools Board of Education. His opinion does not necessarily reflect the position of the Board of Education as a body.

Patriotic support of flag mural 'as good as it gets'

his is as good as it gets." I recently heard these words from the

Rev. Denis Theroux during a beautiful sermon at Our Lady of Victory parish in Northville. They keep ringing in my ears over and over.

There is no want for cynicism in today's world. It is everywhere broadcasting loud and clear in news reports, streaming throughout social media and groaning from passionate baby boomers who are not ready or willing to pass the baton to the 35-54 generation. Oh, I could go on and on.

But just imagine this beautiful sight – more than 50 people representing different political persuasions, all age groups, every socioeconomic background and a plethora of nationalities joining together to salute the symbol of our nation - the American flag. Months ago, I reached out to family, friends and patients of Preservation Dental with a simple request to assist our efforts in raising funds and awareness for the community project to restore the iconic flag mural on the Marquis Theatre during the Fourth of July Parade.

The task was not as simple as the request. The assignment was to wear "a uniform" and carry a full-size flag with proper protocol for the nearly two-mile parade route, without a weather guarantee and only the promise of a hot dog afterward. I think some folks - the cynics doubted it would happen. Gloriously, it did.

I'm very proud to applaud each and every one of the participants. Thank you for your time, your dedication and your enthusiasm. It was an awesome sight – 10 rows of five full-size flags being carried in somewhat of a formation,



parading slowly down Main Street behind a white Ford F-150. In the truck was original mural artist Jeff VonBuskirk, along with his family, painting the portrait of our "Maid-en Michigan" Emily Ryan, donned in a gown designed with care to replicate the flag image. She sang God Bless America from the bottom of her heart into the hearts of each and every parade-goer along the route.

I was on the sidelines the whole way and moved, sometimes to tears, by the crowd reaction. Men, women and children stood, saluted and applauded. The cheers were heartfelt and emotional. Thanks to all of you who made all of us feel proud.

But of course, there were some cynics someone thought there must have been a sale on flags. Oops - they missed the point. One bystander thought our young lady was lip-syncing. If you listened, you could hear her voice break up a little when her carriage hit a bump or someone yelled words of encouragement and praise. I actually giggle at the thought of these doom-and-gloom sidebar comments. They remind me of the "Chicken Little, the sky is falling" story.

I am more the "pay it forward" person. I look at this beautiful display and say "thanks" - to William Demray, for coming up with the idea and sponsoring the whole endeavor with time and resources; to Bill Brown Ford, for offering a beautiful truck to lead our way; to all our participants, some from as far away as Illinois.

There is a little bit of

karma in the timing of this mural project. It hints of a world that has promise. After the tragic actions of 9/11, the Marquis Theatre's "Miss Inge" did not shrug her shoulders and say, "What can I do?" She stood tall and asked herself, "What can I do?" She boldly acted by paying tribute and paying for the mural to be painted on her building in honor of those who lost their lives. The words "America United" appear larger than life. Thirteen years later, Miss Inge's request to restore the mural has been honored posthumously by a group of Americans, indeed united.

The efforts are culminating as the 9/11 Memorial Museum opens in New York City.

We have raised thousands of dollars in a grassroots effort and in a very short period time less that six months. Donations have ranged from \$5 to \$500, from local residents, state and local businesses, family, friends and neighbors. The restoration is scheduled to begin in the next few weeks. I'm hopeful that it will be complete in time for the town's annual Victorian Festival celebration.

The fundraising efforts will continue for a little while longer. You can click to donate on the Facebook page: Preserve Northville's Öld Glory. Thanks to all who have contributed - your generosity supports the flag restoration, as well as my belief there is much more good in the world than we hear about. It is everywhere around me. I wish everyone lived in my world where, it is as good as it gets.

Denise Jenkins works at Preservation Dental and was one of the organizers of the flag mural fundraiser. She can be reached at denisemjenkins@aol.com.



Jeff VonBuskirk and "Maid-en Michigan" Emily Ryan (both front center), along with all the rest of the American flag wavers from the Independence Day Parade, in front of the flag mural on the Marguis Theatre, which will be restored in the coming weeks.

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State Senate 15th District hopefuls share their views on topics

The state Senate 15th District includes: Commerce Township, Highland Township, Lyon Township, Milford Township, Northville (part), Novi, Novi Township, Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake, West Bloomfield Township, White Lake Township and Wixom.

Republican Mike Kowall is the incumbent and was first elected in 2010. He faces challenges from Republicans Matt Maddock and Ron Molnar. Democrats Michael Smith and Tom Crawford will also be on the ballot. The top vote-getters in each political party will face off in the November general election.

Crawford did not respond to the questionnaires emailed to candidates. Due to print space limitations, visit www.novinews.com to read the entire Q&A.

Why are you seeking this elected position?

Mike Kowall: I want to continue standing up for hard-working constituents to make our state an even better place to live, work and raise a family. We have accomplished so much over the past four years, but I do not believe now is the time to let our foot off the gas

Matt Maddock: I'm tired of electing Republicans who claim to be conservative but when they get to Lansing, they vote to increase our fees and taxes every chance they get. My opponent has 29 percent conservative rating and 12 Democrats have a higher ranking than him. Apparently, there seems to be two Republican parties today: the Republicans who vote with the Democrats to slowly but surely increase taxes and government, and the Republican conservatives who won't. Michigan families have all taken a pay cut. It's time we give government an appropriate reduction. too. I want to make Lansing more effective while consuming less. Ron Molnar: As a

state senator, I can get more done for this state and our roads.

Michael D. Smith: My passion for public service, and interest in helping the citizens of Oakland County and the metro Detroit area have inspired me to run for Senate in the 15th District in Oakland County.

Why are you the best qualified for this position?

Mike Kowall: My experience as a small business owner and local elected official provides me with the background needed to govern effectively. I believe Lansing needs a lot of common sense, which I bring to the table.

Matt Maddock: I have an unwavering commitment to my conservative principles and the Republican Party platform. I am an honest and transparent Christian with a long reputation of integrity. I am not attracted to wealth or power. I am a humble man, and I'm a successful father and business owner who has decided to step up to the plate to lead our state and fellow legislators to the "right" direction of less taxes. I'm a bondsman. If you've ever watched Dog the Bounty Hunter, you know what I do. I'm not going to Lansing to get pushed around either.

Ron Molnar: I am best qualified because of my knowledge and experience. I have built roads, designed roads, even named a road after my daughter. As a road builder, I have worked in every aspect of the field. This includes driving bulldozers, road graders, excavators and earth moving equipment, as well as building manholes, etc. When the lobbyists from the road builders association come to Lansing, they will find it difficult to

bully me.

Michael D. Smith: I have the combination of experience, work ethic, integrity and passion that makes me the best qualified to dedicate to continuing to make Oakland County and Michigan an attractive place to work, live and raise a family.

What is your single top priority if elected, and how would you address it?

Mike Kowall: Jobs and the economy. Unemployment, down significantly from the 14 percent mark just a few vears ago, remains high. We must focus on creating the environment for businesses to grow and thrive

Matt Maddock: I will place the well-being of all Michigan families before every vote I make. Our spendthrift government continues to tax us even as we're losing families to more competitive states with better job opportunities. I know several families from my church alone who have been forced out of Michigan because they cannot keep jobs. I want to make Michigan an economic powerhouse again, and we must reduce the size and scope of our government so we can compete with other states to retain our businesses. I will lead fellow legislators to make Michigan more competitive by reducing our tax burden.

Ron Molnar: Roads. I would volunteer to be placed on the state's transportation committee and also volunteer to chair that committee.

Michael D. Smith: We need to focus on emerging sectors by helping businesses expand and by creating incentives for businesses to move to Michigan. We need to provide a system of getting graduates from local Michigan colleges to stay in Michigan and to utilize their talents through incubators during college and other job shadowing experiences. Too many times, students come to Michigan and leave with their knowledge due to the job market. We need to find out the emerging markets and develop strategies for greater vocational education systems through internships and externships to get the

experience current businesses are looking for in employees.

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

Mike Kowall: The foundation for Michigan's resurgence has been laid in the last four years. Now it's our duty to build on those reforms to continue Michigan's improving economic climate to make our state attractive to find a good paying job and raise a family. I believe we must budget with common sense priorities (roads/ infrastructure, public safety and education).

Matt Maddock: No. Our state is the only state in the nation to have lost population. Michigan families are still experiencing declining incomes while our state government continues to grow. I think it's immoral to continue to raise our taxes a billion dollars plus every year while we continue to lose population and businesses. The right way to grow our tax base is to make Michigan an irresistible place to do business so we have businesses and people diving back into our pool (state) because the water is nice and warm, and we're competitive again due to a reduced tax burden.

have a strong governor and he needs more support from the state senate. I plan to assist the governor during my elected term.

Michael D. Smith: No – we are heading in the wrong direction. I believe the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act should be amended to include protections for sexual orientation. We cannot have any form of discrimination and everyone needs to have equal protection for all matters. I believe in samesex marriage and equality. I believe we need to better fund education, mental health, Medicaid, job placement programs and other programs to help students and seniors. We need to be more responsive to the needs of our residents and be better stewards of our

MIKE KOWALL

Years in the community: Has lived in the district since 1980 Residence: White Lake Age: 62

Party affiliation: Republican Website: www.ElectKowall.com Profession: State senator, small business own-



Molnar

Maddock

Educational/professional background: Before joining the Legislature, Kowall was president of Accurate Woodworking Inc., a family-owned business, and served on White Lake Township Planning Commission for nine years. Kowall graduated from Henry Ford High School in Detroit and later attended Oakland Community College.

Relevant community/political involvement: Serving his first term, Kowall, R-White Lake, was elected to the Michigan Senate in November 2010. He served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 1998 to 2002 and most recently was the supervisor of White Lake Township.

RON MOLNAR

Years in the community: 15 years **Residence: White Lake** Age: 59

Party affiliation: Republican Profession: Road builder Education: Detroit Institute of Technology

MATT MADDOCK

Years in the community: 43 years Oakland County, 14 years in Milford Residence: Milford

Age: 48

Website: www.mattmaddock.com Party affiliation: Republican Profession: Bail bondsman, private detective Educational background: Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Oakland Community College. Relevant community/political involve-

ment: Oakland County Republican Party Executive Committee, 11th Congressional District Committee Member, Past Board Member of Citizens for Traditional Values, Milford Village Parks and Recreation, President Michigan Professional Bail Agents Association.

MICHAEL D. SMITH

Years in community: Lifelong (minus college years)

Residence: White Lake

Age: 33

Website: www.smithformisenate.com Party affiliation: Democrat



Profession: Deputy city clerk for the city of Clawsor Education: Grand Valley State University, bachelor of science in liberal studies: emphasis in leadership and diversity; Oakland University, master of public administration; Oakland Univer-

sity, post master certificate in local government management Relevant community/political involvement: Elected as a precinct delegate since 2008; elected and served as Walled Lake school board member from 2011-13; member of Oakland County Democratic Party and Michigan Democratic Party.

priorities? The governor has stated he thinks it will take more than \$1 billion per year for the next decade to make needed infrastructure repairs. How should the state fund this? Provide specifics. Mike Kowall: Yes, this is a top priority. The bottom line is Michigan's

infrastructure is deteriorating rapidly from a serious lack of investment. We are left with two options, invest now or put off a huge hill that we will stick our kids with later. On July 3, I was pleased to report news of \$4.35 million in



Ron Molnar: Yes. we



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state grants to go to fixing roads in my district, but we still have much left to do.

Matt Maddock: Let's give each one of the 18 state departments a 5% across-the-board, evensteven reduction in funding and put that \$2.5 billion into the road fund. I assure you, virtually every Michigan family has had to cut their budgets but our state government has continued to increase their budges 4-7% every year while taxing us another billion dollars plus in new taxes each year for the last eight years. We then need to create a mandatory "line item" road budget to be funded just like we fund our corrections department. And it shall be funded first.

Ron Molnar: The road improvements are my number one priority. The secretary of state should

charge \$100 for a renewal of a driver's license. The driver has the option to lower this amount by volunteering for specific civic duties. -\$10 if you agree to be a registered voter, additional -\$1 for every election participated in (we will find an increased amount of voters in primary elections and small school board elections, -\$10 if you are an organ donor, -\$10 for bikers that agree to wear helmets, etc.

Michael D. Smith: We need to first look at other issues with roads. We need to re-evaluate the weight restrictions on our roads since Michigan is the only state in the nation that allows trucks to use our roads while carrying loads of 164,000 pounds while other states limit truck weight to less than half that amount or 80,000. I support a system that does not create an undue tax burden on those less fortunate. I think there needs to be greater parity in weight restrictions and taxation

and an evaluation of the wholesale tax.

Are there specific areas of the state budget you feel should be cut? Where and why?

Mike Kowall: When I took office, in January 2011, the State of Michigan was facing a \$1.5 billion budget deficit – now, in 2014, our budget is balanced and we have more than \$500 million in the State's rainy day fund. This is a \$2 billion budget turnaround in just three years.

However, I still believe we can and will find more efficiencies within state government that will reduce costs and benefit taxpayers. I look forward to working with my colleagues to implement more meaningful reforms.

Matt Maddock: Yes. I want to cut the budget of all 18 state departments 5% across the board this year and 2% the following years until our state starts to gain businesses and population again. Then, as our population grows, we can start to build our tax base the fair way by encouraging more people to do business and live in Michigan. I'm sick and tired of our legislators increasing our taxes every year as we lose jobs and family members to more attractive states with less of a tax burden. We're competing with seven states with no income tax.

Ron Molnar: The removal of the bottle return law is costing the state money from out of state people returning their bottles here. We are one of the few states that have not repealed this law. This part of the budget should be redirected for recycling.

Michael D. Smith: I think we should cut the salaries of the appointees and all of the high-level employees of the government. We need to work together and take cuts just like everyone else. We need to evaluate how our tax dollars are spent and look at waste and cut waste in departments. We need to be more open with our citizens and find out better methods and practices to save money.

Are there any areas (excluding roads since that was addressed previously) where you feel additional financial resources should be placed in the state budget?

Mike Kowall: Yes, I believe we must budget with common sense priorities. This means focusing on roads/infrastructure, public safety and education. We must have a small social safety net to offer a hand up to those in need, but not a handout.

Matt Maddock: No. Let me explain. Georgia has 100,000 more people than we have and they provide their state services for \$10 billion less than we do. I don't buy the line that we have to continue to increase taxes a \$1-1.5 billion every year. If they can provide their state services for 20% less, we can too. It just takes leaders with the fortitude to say no more taxes or fees. I'm going to Lasing to say no. Enough is enough. You're going to have to make do with a little less, like all of us have.

Ron Molnar: To encourage tourism.

Michael D. Smith: Public education is very important and a quality public education is paramount to the success of our children and our state economy. The children we are educating will be the future CEOs, educators, doctors, nurses, engineers, artists and leaders. Investing in education should be the top priority of our state government and over the last few years, the Michigan Legislature has drastically cut funding for our public schools. Our public education system should be providing the opportunity for K-12 students in Michigan to meet the evolving needs of the global marketplace.





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Former Novi High School coach Todd Krygier is now behind the bench with the USHL's Muskegon Lumberjacks. MUSKEGON LUMBERJACKS

FORMER NOVI COACH 'JACKED' ABOUT JOB

Krygier enters second season with USHL Muskegon franchise

When it comes to coaching hockey, Todd Krygier isn't afraid to dive in head-first.

After coaching Novi High School's team for seven seasons, which included an MHSAA Division 1 state championship in 2011, Krygier decided to take a different plunge and is now entering his second season with the Muskegon Lumberjacks of the SHL, a Tier I junior league.

It's a balancing act for Krygier, who makes a two-hour commute back and forth from his Novi home while also working as a State Farm agent in Northville and juggling a family of five.

"It was fun," said the 48-year-old Krygier, who played 10 NHL seasons after graduating from the University of Connecticut with a degree in finance. "It's the highest amateur league in the country below college. The reality is that it's harder to make the USHL than it is to play (NCAA) Division I col-lege hockey. This year we'll have 17 (USHL) teams, but there's 59 Division I teams, so's there's not as much to go around as there is in Division I hockey. It's extremely competitive. It's an exciting brand of hockey. There were 35 guys drafted in the NHL this

By Brad Emons

Staff Writer

year, which was a record number. We had one on our team (Woodhaven's Matt Iacopelli, to the Blackhawks in the third round). It's a real high level and it's a lot of fun.'

Despite a slow start, Krygier nearly guided the Lumberjacks into the playoffs, missing by a point on the final day of the season. Muskegon finished 30-25-5 (65 points) and fifth in the USHL's Eastern Conference.

Getting the call

John Vanbiesbrouck, a 19-year NHL goaltender and the Lumberjacks' general manager and director of hockey operations, and Rob Murphy, the team's director of business operations, convinced Krygier last September to give coaching in the USHL a try.

"I think there's an adjustment period for everybody from whatever league they go from and to, whether it's pro, amateur, college," Vanbiesbrouck said. "But I don't think it was a big learning curve for him at all. Todd's a hockey guy, played at the highest level. I just think that adaptation takes a little bit. Certainly coaching high school in Novi and dealing with this age group fit really well for him.³

Vanbiesbrouck saw numerous positives when he hired Krygier.

"Todd is very straight forward," he said. "I think he that he doesn't mince his words, which is what I believe this age group needs, just that direction and he's straight. That's one thing I really like about Todd. His coaching qualities are what I would say are really up to speed as far as what is taking place and the moment.

'He's not really trying to bring something from the past," he added. "He's moving forward and doing what everyone is doing today. He's trying to apply his research and experience and trying to do that for the players. As coaches, you have to adapt to a lot of things, whether you have the players that can pull it off or have to teach a specific part of the

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Northville coach Boshoven testing his CrossFit capacity

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Northville wrestling coach Bob Boshoven has given new meaning to the term "being fit as a fiddle.

The 52-year-old high school accounting teacher, a 1980 Northville grad, will compete July 22-24 in Carson, Calif., as one of the 20 qualifiers worldwide in the male 50-54 age group at the 2014 Reebok CrossFit Games, which has gained a niche TV audience on ESPN

CrossFit is a strength and conditioning program with the goal of improving and enhancing endurance, stamina, strength, flexibility, power, speed, coordination, agility, balance and accuracy. It advocates a varied mix of perpetual aerobic exercise, gymnastics, including body weight exercises, and Olympic weight lifting.

Practiced by members of its 10,000 affiliated gyms, CrossFit, Inc., workouts feature high-intensity interval training regimens posted daily on the company's (or an affiliated gym's) website.

During the past year, Boshoven has been a regular member of Northville



Bob Boshoven can be found training regularly at Northville CrossFit. TRACI KELLY

CrossFit, located at the corner of Seven Mile and Northville roads.

"It started with me trying to get the

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CC sophomore Piot wins GAM Junior by 13 strokes

By Greg Johnson Correspondent

James Piot is having a good summer. The Canton 15-year-old, who will be a sophomore at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High this fall, shot 4-under-par 67 Friday on the Championship Course at Brighton's Oak Pointe Country Club to easily win the sixth Golf Association of Michigan Junior Stroke Play Championship.

He topped the tournament that featured age-group play and also crowned a girls overall winner in Anika Dy of Traverse City, a boys 12-and-under winner in Cameron Cowland of Dexter and a girls 12-and-under winner in Traverse City's Anci Dy, sister of Anika.

"I just keep trying to shoot as low as possible and win tournaments," said Piot, who was the youngest player in the field at the Michigan Amateur earlier this summer and recently qualified for a trip to Texas to play in the U.S. Junior Amateur.

Piot shot 72-70-142 and tied for sixth individually in last month's MHSAA Division 1 state finals as the Shamrocks finished runners-up, one stroke behind



Canton native James Piot, who will be a sophomore at Novi Detroit Catholic Central, won the GAM Junior by 13 **strokes.** greg Johnson | gam

team champion Swartz Creek, at Michigan State University's Forest Akers East.

His closing 67 in the GAM Junior left him at 6-under 137 for the 36-hole

ALL-AREA BOYS LACROSSE TEAM

CC's Van Acker earns Player of the Year nod

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Having an abundance of lacrosse talent usually makes for an easy time picking the All-Area squad, but it's actually quite the opposite.

What about when you have three All-Americans to choose from? How about nearly every player on the team earning all-state status?

Choosing the Player of the Year was made easier thanks to nearly every coach pointing to Jack Van Acker of Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and saying, "He's the best there is."

Van Acker, a senior attack for the Shamrocks, is an All-America selection who also earned just about every other honor you can get, from first team all-state to the team's most valuable player award. He picked up 78 goals and 28 assists in 20 games while leading his team to the second-place finish in the state.

"We played the fourth strongest schedule in Michigan and the 10th strongest in the Midwest," CC coach Dave Wilson said, noting the Midwest ranking consisted of 564 teams this year.

First team Alec Melucci Northville

He had a remarkable junior season, scoring 106 total points while scooping up an impressive 143 ground balls. His play earned him All-America, first team allstate and all-KLAA honors.

"Alec is the best overall athlete on the team," Northville coach Greg Durham said. "He is one of the best finishers I have ever coached. Everyone double-teamed Alec in the second half of the season and he still put up great numbers



Novi-Detroit Catholic Central's Jack Van Acker was named Player of the Year.

against great teams." Sean Stanners Catholic Central

The senior picked up an amazing 87 points and was awarded second team all-state honors.

"He'll be playing at Seton Hall next season," said Wilson, who noted the Shamrocks will miss Stanners' play and leadership next year. **Zach Woods**

South Lyon

The senior attack earned himself 40 goals and 36 assists as the team's best player as well as an all-region and third team all-state selections.

"Zack is an all-around attackman who looks to get his teammates involved," South Lyon coach Jeremy Napier said. "His teammates love him because he can control the ball and maintain a possession, he can dodge, draw a slide and get his teammates the ball and he can score from mid-range and finish up close."

Woods will continue to play lacrosse at Genesee Community College — a top-five team in the NJCAA — in Batavia, N.Y. Sean Birney Catholic Central The senior is an AllAmerica midfielder who earned first team allstate honors. He collected 39 goals and 10 assists and was one of the final four players in the running for team Player of the Year honors. He will be attending University of Detroit Mercy on a lacrosse scholarship. Jake Fuller Northville

The senior played four years on varsity and played approximately 40 minutes in every game this year. He scored 53 points, which earned him second team all-state honors.

"Jake is just an absolute warrior in every game," Durham said. Fuller will play lacrosse at George Washington University next season. Marc Longe Catholic Central

The senior was a key part for the Shamrocks put together in 2014. He was awarded third team all-state honors. Tommy McMaster Novi Junior

The junior earned first team all-state honors after totaling 56 takeaways and scooping up 158 ground balls while scoring five goals and handing out eight assists. "Tommy is the best

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player on my team," coach Eric Hoffman said. "He not only is my best close defenseman, he also plays longstickman for us. He does everything asked of him and more. He could not be replaced by anyone on the team. I can't say enough about him." **Travis Sparling Novi Senior**

The senior earned first team all-state honors thanks to 31 takeaways, 99 ground balls, three goals and eight assists.

"Travis is one of the best take-away defenders I have seen," Hoffman said. "He times his checks better than most I have seen."

The four-year varsity player will move on to play at the University of Detroit Mercy. **Casey Copp**

South Lyon

The senior picked up 52 ground balls, had 16 takeaways and, despite being one of the most aggressive defenders in the area, was only hit with two penalties.

Copp, who was an honorable mention allstate selection, will continue his career at Michigan State University next year.

"Casey is an intense, fundamental defender who values positioning and footwork above all else," Napier said. "He doesn't miss scoops and throws one of the best clearing passes in the state of Michigan. His best asset is that he's always on the field." Alex Justice Northville conference and honorable mention all-state honors. If that weren't impressive enough, Justice also scored twice from the goalie position this year. **Alex Jarzembowski**

Catholic Central

The sophomore earned himself first team all-state honors as a faceoff specialist and his play in the midfield was nothing to scoff at, either. **Andrew Caris**

Catholic Central

The sophomore earned first team allstate honors for his longstick play this season.

Second team John Cooke Northville

An honorable mention all-state selection, he made the most of his senior season as he came back from an injury after missing the first four games. He'll continue his career at Albion next season.

David DiRado South Lyon

The junior picked up 50 goals and 12 assists, earning his team's offensive MVP award as well as honorable mention all-state honors. The left-hander scored a goal in each game he played this year, including eight against Salem. **Ryan Wonders**

Huron Valley Junior

The junior led his team with 37 goals and seven assists. He has been on the Huron Valley varsity squad for two seasons and was an all-KLAA selection. **Keith Pravato Novi**

The senior was considered the best shooter on his team. He scored 21 goals and had 15 assists, while picking up 59 ground balls. His play earned him honorable mention all-state honors. He will play at Canisius next year. **Ryan Moore Novi**

The junior earned honorable mention allstate honors in just his second season playing the game. He scored 26 goals and picked up eight assists while scooping up

player, the senior was tasked with stopping the opposition's top attackman each game. He earned Eagle of the Year honors for his team and was an all-KLAA selection.

Daniel Baldwin Northville

The junior became one of the best defenders in the area. He earned himself all-KLAA and third team all-state honors. He picked up 84 ground balls and has been chosen as a team captain for next season. **Kam Rakowski South Lyon**

The junior became the first player at South Lyon Unified to play every position in a single game: midfield, attack, longstickman, defense and goalie. He picked up five goals and five assists, scooped up 25 ground balls, caused 10 turnovers and won 60 percent of his face-offs. Joel Trent South Lyon

South Lyon

The freshman goaltender earned a 9-3 record while fashioning a 6.75 goals-against average and stopping 60 percent of the shots he faced. He was named the team's defensive MVP and underclassman of the year.

Alex Capara Novi

The senior had 23 goals, nine assists, scooped up 181 ground balls and he won 212 face-offs. He was named second team all-state for his play. **Peter Chew**

Northville

The senior did all the little things to make a team successful that don't end up on a stat sheet, but coaches took note as his play earned him all-state honorable mention honors as a specialist.

Ryan Tague South Lyon Senior

The senior won 68 percent of his face-offs, while putting up 19 goals and 15 assists. His play earned him third team all-state honors as a specialist. He will play with teammate Zach Woods at Genesee Community College in New York next



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The junior goaltender had a save percentage of .650. "Alex has worked hard to become one of

hard to become one of the best goalies in the area," Durham said. Justice earned all-

49 ground balls. Jake Hovey South Lyon

Making the most of his senior season, he picked up 18 goals and 14 assists, earning himself team MVP as well as all-region and honorable mention all-state honors. **Dave Brown Huron Valley** A three-year varsity season. Eric Schell Huron Valley

The senior won 75 percent of his face-offs and scored four goals and had six assists.

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

WOLFPACK WIN JAM



The Northville Wolfpack sixth- and seventh-grade girls basketball team recently captured the Walled Lake Slam Jam against competition from Walled Lake, Livonia and Lansing. Team members include: (back row, from left) coach Steve Grant, Morgan Thompson, Jenna Lauderback, Chloe Zulcosky, Hannah Grant, Jane Berry and assistant coach Steve Thallman and (front row, from left) Alyssa Knoth, Tara Beason, Ellie Thallman and Nicole Martin. Also on the team is Julia Straky.

CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF OFFICIAL PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST PRIMARY/SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Primary/Special Election to be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2014. The test will be conducted at **4:00 PM on Thursday, July 24, 2014** at the Novi City Clerk's Office, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

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Fledgling rowing program makes big splash

By Dotty Garrity Correspondent

It all started in October 2010, when four Northville families met at a coffee shop to talk about the sport of rowing.

The high school-aged children of these families had discovered the sport through summer programs in Ann Arbor and were hoping to continue with the sport during the school year.

Some four years later, the Northville Rowing Club has almost 40 members and boasts accomplishments normally reserved for much more experienced teams.

Having just completed the spring scholastic rowing season, NRC rowers earned medals at state, regional and national levels. While natural talent often plays a role in the success of an athlete, the NRC coaches feel strongly that their rowers are seeing the fruits of hours and hours of labor on rowing machines.

"Success on the water comes from time on the erg," said Van Papoulis, the club's director of rowing. "The rowers earning medals this season spent many hours on rowing machines over the winter."

NRC offers winter conditioning to all its athletes. Practices are held in a classroom at NHS dedicated to the rowing team, which houses more than 15 ergometers, or rowing machines. Coaches offer two sessions per day, all winter long.

Senior rower Emily Tatge medaled at every level of competition.

At the Michigan Scholastic Rowing Association state regatta, Tatge placed first in the women's varsity single. Regionally, Tatge also won a silver medal at the Midwest Scholastic Rowing Championships in Nashport, Ohio, which earned her the opportunity to compete at the recent Scholastic Rowing National Association regatta, where she made it onto the podium again, this time with a bronze medal.

When asked about her accomplishments this season, Emily credits the support of her family and hard work.

"I went to winter conditioning practices five days a week," she said. "I also went to Crossfit."

Tatge recently competed in her final high school rowing championship, a national event in Sarasota, N.Y., where she placed sixth of eight boats in the finals. She will be attending Michigan State University



Cameron Ulrich (from left) Dilan Varghese, Laki Papoulis and Emily Tatge all competed at Michigan Scholastic Rowing Association state regatta.



Ashwath Muruganand (from left), Cameron Ulrich and Emily Tatge at the National Schools Championship Regatta in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

hard, definitely harder than I would have if left to my own device," he said.

device," he said. NRC featured some newcomers added to the medal finishers this season, as junior Cameron Ulrich and sophomore Ashwath Muruganand came out strong in the men's junior varsity double.

"There's a friendly but competitive environment on this team," Ulrich said. "That, along with hard work and dedicated coaches, helped us improve each race."

At the Midwest, the pair earned a bronze medal, which qualified them to travel to the recent National Schools Championship regatta, where they placed seventh of nine in the finals. the last couple of seasons."

An "eight" boat holds eight rowers and a coxswain – the person who steers the boat and keeps cadence for the rowers.

For an eight to be successful, all eight rowers must be in perfect synchronization, with equal technical ability and giving 100-percent effort with each stroke. With a team of less than 40 rowers, with mixed gender and ages, that's tough to come by.

When you look at teams with very successful large boats, those teams usually nave over 60 rowers. The boat is filled with rowers of the same gender and general build (and) height," NRC assistant coach Mark Breeding said. The team competed in three out-of-state regattas, along with regional and national regattas. The team's small boats consistently finished in the top three at each competition. NRC also has a large novice women's class coming up the ranks which should be exciting to watch in the seasons to come.

tunity to try a new sport without having to have years of experience to make the team.

In its first season as a club, more than 75 percent of NRC rowers hadn't ever been out on the water in a shell (boat). Even the coxswain position allows for a unique individual to be part of team.

"I was just this little guy who didn't like athletics, in general," senior coxswain John Garrity said. "Laki (Papoulis) suggested I try being a coxswain. He said I didn't have to be big or strong."

be big or strong." The coxswain, also known



Northville's Emily Tatge earned a bronze medal at the SRAA National Championship Regatta in Princeton Junction, N.J.

or even other boats. You have to pay attention and try to anticipate what other boats might do," Garrity said.

Papoulis will be leaving the team this season, with the graduation of his youngest from Northville. His presence will be greatly missed, as he is credited with starting this organization.

"I attribute my success to coach Papoulis," senior rower Dilan Varghese said. "His continuous hard work and infectious drive for rowing kept my mind on the right track and focused on the sport".

ing Michigan State University in the fall, where she hopes to row.

Seniors Dilan Varghese and Laki Papoulis have achieved great success at state and regional level competitions for the past couple of years. This year at the state regatta in Grand Rapids, their men's varsity double placed third. While they qualified to compete in the finals at Midwest, they didn't finish in the top three.

Laki attributes at least part of his success to his father Van.

"My dad kept me working

Ulrich also earned a silver medal at the state regatta in the men's varsity single.

"We are still evolving as a club," new head coach Russ Miller said. "With a small team, it is sometimes hard to create a very strong eight or even four. It is the opportunity for individuals to row a single or double, with another equally dedicated rower, which allows for the success we've seen in

The addition of the rowing team to Northville High School has given students the opporas the "coach in the boat," is responsible for steering the boat while directing rowers on how much effort is necessary to train and compete successfully. No small task, an "eight" is almost 60 feet in length, can weigh about 250 pounds and can cost in the neighborhood of \$40,000 brand new.

The coxswain is the one person who can see where the boat is headed, as all the rowers are facing backward. That's plenty of pressure on one person.

"I've seen novice coxswains run into hazards in the water rocused on the sport."

Miller will lead the NRC into the future with his current staff of assistant coaches. In the past four years, the club has built an infrastructure of boats and equipment that should allow it great success in the future. Miller has a plan to see continued success with the smaller boats, while building a strong squad of fours and eights.

You can learn more about the Northville Rowing Club, which is open to any male or female Northville High student, at www.northville rowing.com.

GOLDEN MILER

Northville's Jason Ferrante, who will be a senior this fall, recently took fifth in the Fifth Third Bank Golden Mile for high school boys at the Cherry Festival of Races held in downtown Traverse City, Ferrante, whose personal best is 4:26 in the 1,600-meter run, ran 4:22.28. Traverse City Central's Anthony Berry took first in 4:14.53. Ferrante was 10th last month in the 800 run (1:54.23) at the MHSAA Division 1 track state finals and was a member of Northville's fifth-place 3,200 relay team. He also finish 175th overall in the 2013 MHSAA Division 1 cross country state finals. TRACI KELLY



MU softball coach lands Novi outfielder

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Madonna University dualsport coach Jerry Abraham has spent the off-season diligently replenishing his women's softball roster.

Abraham announced three new additions to his 2015 softball squad with the recent signings of Mallory Daschke (Novi), Julia Cavagnini (Livonia Churchill), and Erika Randall (Livonia Stevenson).

Daschke, an outfielder who hit .377 with 18 RBIs and 35 runs, comes to MU after graduating Cum Laude with the President's Education Award and picking up eight KLAA scholar-athlete awards. She lettered in both basketball and softball for the Wildcats.



On the diamond, she was selected as Novi's top outfielder and earned the senior leadership award in 2014. Daschke

was the basketball team's sportsmanship

ball team's sportsmanship award winner as a senior as well.

"We were fortunate to get Mallory late in the recruiting process," Abraham said. "She's a center fielder with good range who has great speed in the field and on the bases. She hit lead-off for her team in high school and has the potential to possibly turn around and possibly train as a slap hitter here. Mallory is also a great student who has the ability to challenge for a position in our outfield."

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event, 13 shots ahead of runnerup Pierce Morrissey of Canadian Lakes and a winner of the tournament for the third time in the last four years.

Morrissey shot a second

consecutive 75 for 150, while David Scupholm of Grosse Pointe Farms shot 75 for 151 to take third.

"I made five birdies and one bogey and just hit a lot of good wedges," Piot said. "I didn't putt the best, but I managed to hit it close and make a bunch of birdies."

Meanwhile, Anika Dy, the

girls winner in the top age bracket (13-15) turns 13 Saturday, but chose to play up a bracket after winning the 12and-under title last year.

The incoming eighth-grader at Traverse City West Middle School shot a second consecutive 75 for 150 and topped 76-shooting Abbey Pierce of Bloomfield Hills by three

shots.

Kamryn Johnston of Flint was third with 81 for 166.

"I was expecting to shoot lower, but a couple of bogeys and a double(-bogey) ruined it," Dy said. "I still played pretty good. The course is really nice and super hilly. It got me tired."

Dy's little sister Anci won the 12-and-under with a ninehole round of 42 to give her a two-day total of 82. Maggie Pietila of Brighton was second with 45 for 95.

Cowland took the boys 12and-under by shooting a second-day 41 for a 77 total, two shots better than Chris Comito of Macomb, who shot 40 for 79 and three up on Neil Zhu of Novi, who shot 40 for 80.

GOING THE DISTANCE



Northville graduating senior Rachel Coleman capped her stellar high school career at the Brooks PR Invitational held June 21 at the University of Washington. Coleman, who is bound for the University of Michigan, finished seventh in the 1,600 with a time of 4:50.87 in the Seattle meet that featured some of the nation's top high school runners. Sarah Feeny (Ogden, Utah) won the event in 4:39.42. Coleman helped lead Northville to a runner-up team finish in the MHSAA Division 1 girls track and field state finals after winning the 1,600 (4:45.76) as well as taking second in the 3,200 (10:24.58). She also ran a leg on the Mustangs' second-place 3,200 relay (9:01.99). Coleman was also 10th individually in the girls cross country state finals as the Mustangs captured the team crown.

SOCCER CHAMPS



The Novi Parks & Recreation Thunder soccer team, coached by Tim Pompo, celebrates after finishing in first place in the WSSL Division 1 girls under-12 spring league with 5-0-3 record. The Thunder were second in the league both in goals scored and goals against. They entered the final game of the season in second place, facing a must-win situation against the first-place team from Dearborn. The Thunder scored early and often to win 5-1 and capture first place. Team members include: Ashley Craig, Rachel Jennings, Shannon Jennings, Emma Pompo, Jillian Pompo, Emma Roy, Lilian Villeda, Mehreen Singh, Ann Stone, Emily Saiditswitz, Lauren Saiditswitz, Carly Summers and Alison Torres.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Maybury races

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

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 a 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 Park. 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 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 top 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, facepainting 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.

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game. There's always diversions, but I think Todd handled all those things very well and, quite honestly, I thought he did a wonderful job."

Getting acquainted

In Muskegon, there was very little honeymoon period for Krygier. It was more like a shotgun wedding.

"It was a really difficult process to start, because when I got hired a couple days before training camp, we didn't know any players," Krygier said. "We had to evaluate over 200 hockey players and put a team together. It was a constant process and we turned over our roster 75 percent last year. Finally, we went on a run at the end of the year, which put us in position to make the playoffs. Our playoff spot came down to the last game of the year. We ended up losing to Green Bay by a goal, but I look at it as a relatively successful season, even though we didn't make the playoffs, for a number of different reasons as far as how we started and what we had to start with.

'Things started to fall into place the last month and a half of the season," he added. "It just took a while. I think where we're starting this year compared to where we were last year is like night and day. We're going to have a very good team this year. We're going to have excellent returning players and some really good draft picks that we're familiar with and know. So it's a little bit easier to put the pieces of the puzzles together."

Professional career

Krygier can draw from many of his coaching and playing experiences, which included 543 NHL games in which he scored 100 goals and added 143 assists. Krygier played for the Hartford Whalers, Washington Capitals and Anaheim Mighty Ducks.

After playing a season and a half with Anaheim, Krygier was re-acquired by the Capitals during the 1995-96 season. In 1998, Krygier helped the Capitals reach the Stanley Cup finals, setting up a key game-winning goal in the Eastern Conference finals against Buffalo. The Caps were eventually swept by the Red Wings.

Krygier played his last two seasons with the Orlando Solar Bears of the International Hockey League before going into coaching. After guiding Compuware's AAA mite team to a Michigan Amateur Hockey Association title in 2012 and finishing his last season at Novi, Krygier put his coaching toe back in the water, this time with some of the country's most promising junior players in the USHL. 'They're all 16- to-20-yearolds," Krygier said. "We had 10 players in high school. Five were seniors and five were juniors. That was half of our



Todd Krygier played 10 seasons in the National Hockey League before going into coaching at the high school and junior ranks. MUSKEGON LUMBERJACKS

team who were in high school. Probably out of the other half, 75 percent of those guys just graduated from high school. There were a couple of other guys who had been in the league that were out of school.

The whole thing is, and I've said it all along to people who don't understand it or haven't been in the game, it's the same game no matter what level you're at. The players are just bigger, faster, stronger and more skilled. If I was coaching college, it would be no different than coaching Muskegon. If you're coaching the pros, it's no different. The systems may be tweaked differently and managing pros may be different than managing amateur players, but at the end of the day, the X's and O's don't really change. It's just managing the team and managing players, creating a team and building a team.'

Building blocks

Krygier sees promise going forward with the Muskegon franchise, which is owned by Ron and Joel Friedman, who are based in Long Island, N.Y.

"It was a great experi-

Long Island, N.Y., for the Long Island Gulls and work their way all the way up to play in the USHL. There's not an organization in the country that does that.

"(They're) committed. I'm really blessed to be able to coach in this organization."

Krygier sees nothing but good things ahead entering the 2014-15 season with the Lumberjacks.

"It's really growing," he said. "They average around 2,000 (fans), but in the last month when things really fell into place, we were averaging over 3,000 per game. We think there's a lot of room for growth and, if we have success, just like anywhere, the better we'll do attendancewise."

Krygier, meanwhile, will continue to rack up the miles on his car with not only his coaching duties, but also his scouting duties for the team. He'll often make a pit stop in East Lansing to visit with his son Brock, who will be a redshirt sophomore defenseman this season for Michigan State.

Krygier often catches Brock's Sunday games in person at Munn Arena and goes online to watch others (while offering Brock some fatherly coaching advice when they hook up). "I'd commute back couple times a week, depending on the schedule," Krygier said. "It worked out well. There were a lot of people that had it tougher than I did. I just had to drive two hours. "I look at it that I get to stay in Michigan, so I'm happy.'

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.

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

ence," Krygier said. "I loved it and look forward to doing it again. Thankfully, I get another opportunity to do it again. We have a great ownership group out of New York. (They're) the only owner in the USHL and in the United States that has a youth hockey organization, a AAA youth hockey organization from squirts all the way to midgets. They also have a Tier III team and they have us as a Tier I team. (The) organization is set up where a kid could play in

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wrestlers in here, trying to find something more fun in a different way for them – for one, get stronger, and two, improve their conditioning," Boshoven said. "I couldn't get enough of them to come in, so I figured if we could start a CrossFit club at the school that maybe it would pick up speed. And more kids would be exposed to it word of mouth and to get more wrestlers in.

"Then last June, we started a high school CrossFit program. And I figured if I'm going to be the club sponsor and be able to talk about it intelligently, so I should try it and do it. And within a week, I just fell in love with it."

Multi-athlete

Boshoven, who competed in football, baseball and wrestling in high school – he also played hockey at Northwood University – quickly caught onto to the sport, which began in 2007.

A regular who competed in national age-group wrestling tournaments, Boshoven got hooked on CrossFit and decided to fulfill his competitive juices when he began a two-step qualifying process and ultimately earned him one of the coveted 20 spots at the Reebok Games (out of a starting age-group field of 2,000).

"Every February, Reebok hosts a CrossFit Games Open," Boshoven said. "Over the course of five weeks, on Thursday night, they announce what the workout is. You have until Monday night to perform the workout in front of a certified judge, get it verified by an affiliate owner and send in to the worldwide database. And then they rank you each week based on how you perform.

'It's a different workout each week. At the end of the five weeks, the young guys, then the top 44, in each of the 17 regions around the world, go to regionals. For the old guys, they have what they call the masters qualifier. If you're in the top 200 in the world, then three weeks later we did a similar thing at the Open right within our own gym. Then, on Thursday night, they announced four workouts and you had until Monday night to do all four of those workouts. Not only do you have to be judged by a certified judge, you had to film all of it, because when it's all done, they ask for one of the films to be sent in.

"If you finish in the top 20 in the world from that, then you go to the Games" he added. "I finished 11th in the world in the Open, then from the top 200 I finished 20th and that qualified me. I got *the* last spot available to go."

All body types

CrossFit does not discriminate when it comes to body type. There are no weight classes.

"In some of the strength events, the bigger guys have an advantage, but when you get to some of the endurance and agility events, then little, nimble guys, the guy with the great gas tank, or a gymnastics background guy, has an advantage," said Boshoven, who stands 5 feet, 9 inches and weighs a compact 194 pounds. "And the idea is that you get good at everything."

Strength events run the gamut from such disciplines as the clean and jerk, power clean, squats, etc. Endurance events can include running (including a half-marathon), swimming (including ocean water) and a variety of agility exercises.

The Reebok CrossFit Games, which offer \$10,000 for first place, \$5,000 for second and \$3,000 for third for each age-group placer, will be held over three days. There will be three workouts the first day and two more the second. Boshoven's age-group field is cut from 20 to 12 for the final day, which includes two more workouts.

It's like Forrest Gump said: "Life is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you're going to get."

"Dave Castro, the (event) organizer, puts out a teaser of what might be coming up for everybody," Boshoven said. "He showed a picture the other day on the Reebook CrossFit website of a seagull and then showed the waves crashing into the beach."

Shown on TV

Boshoven was first exposed to CrossFit watching it on TV. That's when he saw former Northville High gymnast and pole vaulter Julie Foucher competing.

Foucher, ranked among the top women in the world, was the overall female runner-up in

2012 and finished fifth in both 2011 and 2010. (She sat out the 2013 season to concentrate on her medical school studies in Cleveland, Ohio, but is one of the favorites this year to win the \$275,000 first-place prize.)

"I'm watching this and I said to myself, 'I swear she was a gymnast and a pole vaulter,"" Boshoven said. "And then they flashed up that her hometown was Northville, Michigan. I said, 'I told you.'

"I had been watching it for a couple of years. One of my wife's (Lorie) co-workers' husband was a coach. She kept talking, 'Dennis wants you to try it.' I said, 'Lorie, I'm warning you, I've seen it. And if I try it, it's the kind of thing I'll get addicted to. I'll be doing it nonstop.""

During the school year, Boshoven jumped in head-first. He could be found at Northville CrossFit for its 5:30 a.m. class five or six days a week. In preparation for this year's CrossFit Games, he's doing one workout in the morning and another in the late afternoon during the summer.

CrossFit classes

"The classes last one hour and they're normally in three phases," he said. "You'll do stretching and warming up of specifically what you're going to be using that day. You'll do a strength and skill session in the middle where, again, you're going to work on the basic skills that you're going to use that day and working on your strength with that. And then the last part is called the workout of the day ... anywhere from three minutes to 20 minutes. It's series of skills where you have this many to do as fast as you can, and or, do in 15 minutes as many as you can."

Boshoven has worked construction and spent three years of his life in the Army, including a stint in intelligence in Central America. So CrossFit tests him daily both mentally and physically.

"The workout of the day is competitive," Boshoven said. "You want to beat the last time you did it. You want to beat the guy next to you, because there's always somebody a little bit better than you. Probably three or four days a week, it would take me pretty much to my conditioning limit, where I'd feel absolutely fatigued. And one or two days a week, it would literally drive me to the floor. When it was done, I'd collapse on the floor and it would take me a while to roll around the floor and be able to get back up."

Boshoven feels he has found a new lease on his sporting life.

"I've been in athletics since I was 7 years old, been either participating, coaching or preparing," he said. "The last year, doing CrossFit, has been handsdown the most fun I've had in athletics and the most productive. This never becomes a grind because you never know what you're going to run into. Every month, we do something in here that I've never done in my life. I'm 52 years old and I'm running into things and doing all kinds of firsts in my life ... at 52.'

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Realtor Association attorney warns of 'coming soon' ad issues

The National Association of Realtors published information for NAR members regarding advertising properties as "coming soon."

Some "coming soon" advertisements involve unlisted properties which may or will be listed with a broker in the near future, while others relate to properties that are subject to listing agreements where property is available to potential purchasers only through the listing broker and not available, temporarily or indefinitely, for showing or purchase through other MLS participants. In either case, "coming soon" properties are commonly withheld from the MLS.

"The first important step in advising a seller-client on whether to advertise a property as 'coming soon' is to identify the client's best interests, as defined by that client," said National Association of Realtors General Counsel Katie Johnson. "Failing to act in the client's best interest and failing to disclose the pros and cons of a limited marketing plan, such as 'coming soon' advertising, can violate state real estate license laws and regulations, MLS policies, and the Realtor Code of Ethics."

For most sellers, getting the highest possible price on the best terms is their best interest, and maximizing exposure of their property to potential buyers advances that interest. MLSs compile property information in an orderly manner and distribute that information to MLS participants who have buyerclients actively seeking to purchase property in the location served by the MLS. Restricting the marketing of a seller's property to only small networks, private clubs, or even to national websites without also making it available to other area brokers and agents and their buyer-clients through the MLS limits that property's exposure and consequently the seller's ability to attract competitive offers.

"It's important that sellers understand the implications of various ways of marketing the property so that they can knowingly determine the choice that best serves their interests," said Johnson, "If a broker determines that "coming soon" advertising is in the client's best interest and confirms that the client understands the possible consequences, then it is imperative for the broker to know the real estate license laws and regulations of their state to



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ensure that such advertising is in compliance. A broker who fails to comply with state laws and regulations risks facing disciplinary action from licensing authorities, as well as the possibility of litigation from unsatisfied clients."

Many state license laws impose certain duties on licensees including the duties of care, loyalty, good faith, and honest and fair dealing. An unsatisfied seller could allege that a broker breached one of these duties if the broker did not seek to obtain the highest possible price for his or her client where the client didn't understand that the marketing of the property might not achieve the highest price.

Recently, the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies, Real Estate Division, issued "CP-44 Commission Position on Coming Soon Listings" clarifying that a licensee's existing duty to "promote the interests of the seller or landlord with the utmost good faith, loyalty, and fidelity" requires Colorado licensees to advise clients during the negotiation of the listing contract of the benefits or risks of limiting a property's exposure through "coming soon" advertising. The

broker's motivation for such limited exposure of the property must be for the seller's benefit - not the licensee. The Commission Position concludes by requiring licensees to describe in the listing contract the marketing plan agreed upon by the broker and seller prior to any marketing being performed.

In South Carolina, advertising a property as "coming soon" before entering into a listing agreement with the seller violates South Carolina license law.

In addition to complying with state license laws, brokers advertising a listed property as "coming soon" must ensure the advertising complies with their local MLS rules. Consumers benefit from MLSs because MLSs help aggregate and evaluate numerous factors that can affect a property's fair marke value. MLS information facilitates appraisal preparation, comparative market analyses, and broker price opinions that help consumers ascertain a property's fair market value. Sellers often rely upon those valuations when setting listing prices, and buyers rely on them when making offers to purchase. Those valuations are especially useful when they include information about comparable properties, including sales prices, days on market, and property conditions. Withholding that market information from the MLS impedes the consumer's ability to receive useful estimates of value.

Johnson advised brokers to research the license laws and regulations in their states for guidance regarding "coming soon" advertising, and to check their local MLS rules to ensure compliance.

Finally, adherence to the NAR Code of Ethics is an important consideration for brokers when advising clients on whether or not to advertise properties as "coming soon."

Realtors must remember to promote and protect the interest of the clients, present a true picture in their advertising marketing and other representations, and make property available to other brokers for showing to prospective purchasers when it is in the best interest of the seller," said Johnson. Failing to do so harms the reputation of the broker and Realtors generally and may result in disciplinary action from the broker's local association of Realtors.

W. Canada has appeal to retirees

Q: I am thinking about retiring in Vancouver or Victoria, British Columbia, because of the mild climate. What area will be more costly, assuming I want a water view?

A: A tough question since it always depends on the location and the size of

and the size of your residence. For example, if you want to live on a coastal inlet around Butchart Gardens in Victoria, your home will easily start in the



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millions. If you live in a high rise condominium in downtown Vancouver, or, for that matter, North Vancouver, it can be even more expensive. In short, real estate is extremely high in these areas because of the proximity of the mountains, the Pacific Ocean and the City landscape. A good local Realtor is a must if you are thinking about moving to those areas. I would also consider the tax and healthcare ramifications of you doing so.

Q: Is Calgary really the Denver of Canada for real estate investing? My husband is being transferred to an oil company there, and I am thinking about getting a condominium in the Center City as he, obviously, has business interests there.

A: Calgary is not only known for the stampede, but for oil, cattle and tourism, and, like Denver, the precursor to the Rocky Mountains, in this case the Canadian Rockies. Rapid transportation abounds and there is a substantial construction boom in high rise condominiums in and around the downtown area. There are also a number of mixed use residential apartments in the downtown area, so what you may want to consider is buying a condominium, at a pre-construction priced discount, which you may be able to receive, given the number of high rises that are going up, but as in buying any condominium, you must find out as much as a you can about the developer and his track record. Perhaps, however, it is best to rent first to explore the real estate scene. **Robert M. Meisner** *is a* lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95, plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is avail-able in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95, plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

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

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

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

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

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

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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

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\$183,000	30080 Wildbrook Dr #	\$70,000
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\$304,000	30485 Woodgate Dr	\$115,000
\$202,000	WHITE LAKE	
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\$55,000	17685 Briar Ridge Ln	\$693,000	15626 Lexington
\$137,000	17905 Briar Ridge Ln	\$796,000	12940 Mercedes
\$70,000	48927 Freestone Dr	\$477,000	15866 Norborne
\$86,000	50532 Laurel Ridge Ct	\$672,000	19768 Seminole
	16736 Lyonhurst Cir	\$330,000	WAYNE
\$151,000	16745 Lyonhurst Cir	\$320,000	4329 Adams Cir
\$129,000	16088 Morningside	\$156,000	33971 Annapolis St
\$257,000	50676 Northstar Way	\$687, 000	36864 Greenbush Ct
\$150,000	50754 Northstar Way	\$604,000	WESTLAND
\$135,000	50825 Northstar Way	\$629,000	1145 Alvin St
\$245,000	49130 Parkshore Ct	\$670,000	6738 Bison St
\$160,000	940 Scott Ct	\$185,000	31761 Conway Dr
\$128,000	50198 Teton Ridge Rd	\$599,000	692 Easley Dr
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\$250,000	340 Burroughs St	\$198,000	7769 Manor Cir
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Car Report

'Big House' Soccer Match Will Top Off Chevy's 'Futbol' Emphasis





The synergistic power of Chevrolet's new soccer-based marketing platform will be on full display in August when Manchester United, the world's most famous soccer club, comes to the University of Michigan's "Big House" stadium in

Ann Arbor to play Real

Chevrolet is its most global: the Cruze sedan, whose popularity is growing both in the United States and many other countries

> We're talking here about the world outside of Europe, that is. Even as GM withdraws Chevrolet from Europe so that it doesn't compete with Opel and Vauxhall there, company executives are counting on the England-based Manchester United soccer franchise to help vault Chevy to worldwide awareness. Man U says its global fan base is almost 700 million people, nearly half of whom live in the Asia-Pacific region that has become crucial to Chevrolet's expansion

plans. "Man U provides a global stage for our brand, in particular in markets where we want to grow," Chevrolet CMO Tim Mahoney told me. "Early last decade, virtually all Chevrolet sales were in the United States. Now, more than 60 percent of them are somewhere else.'

Thus the focus on the Man U deal, which now has put the Chevy golden bow tie on the jerseys of soccer icons such as Wayne Rooney -- hallowed brand real estate that has been occupied officially only by four other brands before Chevrolet.

This month Chevrolet launched a global campaign around the long-in-themaking sponsorship that includes a web site where visitors can sign up to get one of the shirts and a video that looks at the history of Man U shirts stretching back to the Nineteenth Century. There also was an app by which fans could submit their

likeness to be on a Man U virtual jersev on the first day.

Soon after the end of the World Cup in Brazil, Chevy also is bringing the Man U team to the United States to play the L.A. Galaxy at the Rose Bowl in Los

gotten slices of the rapt attention around the tournament by hundreds of millions of fans worldwide. One ad that has played on Univision in the United States, for instance, illustrates how the passion for the game and the incumbent nationalism

communities. And Chevy and Man U said that "club legends" will be working with coaches and children in developing regions around the world, including in Bandung, Indonesia.

All of these soccer-related campaigns



Chevy's most global vehicle: Cruze

Angeles in the new Chevrolet-branded shirt. Then comes the Big House match in August.

"That's a way to reach a fan base here that we haven't connected with," Paul Edwards, U.S. vice president for Chevrolet, told Marketing Daily:

Added Mahoney: "When we looked at globalizing the brand, Man U provides a global stage that is effective even in the United States."

Chevy also has competed vigorously during the World Cup season with the dozens of other big brands that have

of the World Cup run from generation to generation -- in this case father to daughter -- and has run in contextually relevant matches featuring Argentina and Brazil

"We're on Univision now as much as Honda and Ford are," Mahoney said. "It's an important part of who we are, and it's complementary to our Man U efforts."

Chevy also is collaborating with an outfit called One World Futbol Project to donate and distribute 1.5 million nearly indestructible soccer balls to organizations working in developing

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also are part of a much larger new initiative by Chevrolet, "What Do You #PlayFor?" It's a social and digital effort that begins in earnest with all the attention around soccer this summer but is intended to be flexible and extendable to other sports-themed campaigns.

"The idea is to tap into the power of play," Mahoney explained. "It's a platform that fosters creativity and ingenuity. It works against soccer, motorsports, cricket, hockey and baseball. We wanted a platform that spanned all of those sports."



By Dale Buss



Madrid in a sold-out venue.

Nearly 110,000 soccer fans there will pay homage to the reality that "futbol" is the hottest new branding platform in sports, even in the United States, and that Chevrolet has put itself front and center with campaigns that appeal not only to Americans but to prospective Chevy customers around the globe.

Lately, Chevrolet has produced a flash of soccerrelated marketing that is streaking like a mean header toward General Motors' goal of globalizing the brand. The launch of the \$70-million Manchester United jersey deal and Chevy's role in World Cup fever are ratcheting the brand significantly closer to its goal of universal ubiquity.

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Sure, your annual review can be nerve-wracking. But it can also be a great opportunity for you to further your professional future and impress the boss with your dedication and drive. Rather than focusing on your anxieties about how your performance will be evaluated, come up with some questions for your manager that will help your career development and improve your chances of glowing reviews in the future. Here are six questions to get you started:

1. What steps do I need to take to reach the next level?

Don't beat around the bush if you're interested in moving up in the company, let your supervisor know. If you follow her advice, she'll likely take note of your dedication and ambition and keep you in mind when filling or adding positions. There's a good chance that she'll also be impressed by your commitment and loyalty, and she'll know that you intend to stick around and help the firm grow.

2. What are my department's priorities for the coming year, and how can I help meet them?

In addition to demonstrating that you're a team player and invested in the corporate goals, the answer to this question will help you meet expectations for your next annual review. Knowing exactly what your employer wants to accomplish will help you set your own goals and align them with those of the organization.

Asking this question highlights your concern for the company's well-being and your willingness to be part of the solution. It also demonstrates your interest in the welfare of the organization as a whole, and not just your role within it. To really

Your review questions can help you decide where you are at



impress your manager, do some research into industry trends and competitors before the annual review so you can discuss the firm's challenges in detail.

3. What skills or training would you recommend to improve my performance?

Even if your job title hasn't changed in the past few years, chances are your job description has shifted or grown with time. Whether it's technical training or a public-speaking workshop, your manager might have some suggestions for upping your game.

If your review contains suggestions for improvement, don't get defensive. Rather, show you're keen to address your shortcomings by asking your manager for advice on how to better your performance. For example, if you were told to demonstrate more initiative or creativity, ask for concrete steps you can take to develop those skills. Consider proposing a mentoring relationship, if your boss doesn't suggest it first.

4. What were the department's biggest successes over the past year?

It's easy to get fixated on criticism in a performance review. If you start to feel flustered or upset by the negatives in your evaluation, take a step back and nudge the discussion in a more positive direction with this question.

By asking your boss to list the team's accomplishments, you're giving him a reminder that you had a hand in those wins.

5. What can I do to help my coworkers and management?

This is a particularly useful question to ask if you've just received a glowing annual review. Even if your manager already thinks you're a rock star, it never hurts to drive home the point that you're a master team player. It shows you're concerned about more than just yourself and that you want colleagues and the entire company to succeed as well. And you never know when your bid to help may turn into an offer for a leadership position.

6. Can we schedule a follow-up to discuss this further?

No matter how much you prepare for your annual review, the meeting will likely contain a few surprises. Tell your manager that you'd like to think about all the feedback she's provided, and schedule another meeting once you've had time to carefully consider what's in your evaluation. At the follow-up meeting, you can ask any further questions you have.

Instead of dreading your annual review, consider the one-on-one with your manager as an opportunity to move your career forward. Relish the praise, but focus on the constructive criticism so you can perform even better in the next six to 12 months. By asking the right questions and acting on the answers, you're setting the stage for your next evaluation and future professional success.

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