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Motown sound

The band Sound Alternative will be bringing its Motown sound, along with a little R&B and funk to the Town Square stage in downtown Northville this Friday as part of the city's Friday Night Concert Series.

The show kicks off at 7 p.m. and runs about two hours.

Future performers in the concert series, which runs every Friday night through August, include the locally popular Shawn Riley Band on Aug. 1 and Steve King & The Dittlies, known for their classic rock covers, on Aug. 8.

Bring a chair or blanket, and enjoy the free concert.

The Summer Friday Night Concert Series is managed by Northville Parks & Recreation. For more information on the series, visit www.northvilleparks andrec.com/ SpecialEvents/ 2014FridayNight Concerts.htm, or call 248-349-0203.

Yack files suit to block Evans' candidacy for county executive

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

Canton Township Trustee Tom Yack has filed a lawsuit alleging county officials broke state election laws by allowing Warren Evans' name to appear on the Aug. 5 primary ballot as a Wayne County executive candidate.

Yack said Monday he believes Evans, by state law, had to become a resident of Wayne County 30 days prior to the April 22 candidate filing deadline. Yack said Evans changed his residency from Washtenaw



Yack

County to Detroit and filed his candidacy just one day before the deadline.

Yack, through Warren attorney John F. Harrington, filed a lawsuit last Friday against the Wayne County Election Commission and Wayne County Clerk

Cathy Garrett.

"I think election law is pretty important, and I do believe it was broken in this case," Yack said. "He (Evans) filed on a particular date when it was too late in the game."

Richard Kaufman, campaign manager for Evans, issued a response on Evans' behalf.

Warren meets all the requirements to qualify him to run in the August 5 primary for Wayne County executive. This is a meritless, desperate challenge that is being leveled against the frontrunner," the statement said. "All information regarding

Warren's residency in Wayne County has been known for months and they have waited until the eve of the election, after thousands of the voters have cast their ballots, to make it. Wayne County residents should be offended by such backroom politics."

It wasn't clear how quickly a ruling on Yack's complaint could come in Wayne County Circuit Court. Harrington said a showcause hearing is expected Friday in Chief Judge Robert Colombo Jr.'s courtroom.

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Northville resident Lynn Stringer stands next to his '32 Ford Deluxe Roadster. The first Ford vehicle with a V-8 engine.

RARE RIDES

Northville to host special Concours preview

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Every vintage car that is restored and put on show has a great story behind it. Some of these stories and cars will be on display this weekend at the third annual Northville Concours d'Elegance Preview Event.

By Lonnie Huhman

Staff Writer

The North Center Brewery

Although not quite open yet,

'We're excited to be here in

Co. has gone from a crazy idea

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bring with it unique tastes.

should be open this fall and will

Northville. We could have gone

to any number of places in Michigan to start this, but we chose

soon becoming a reality in

downtown Northville.

Two such local stories come from vintage car owners Lynn Stringer and Howard Pavne, both of Northville. Both have had a love for cars and working on them practically their entire lives.

"I've been a car person my whole life. It's just something that interests me," said Stringer, who is retired from Ford Motor Co.

For Payne, the love started growing up in Indiana and seeing the Auburn Cord automobile plant. He took a trip

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The dash of the '37 Cord is a sight to behold for those interested in vintage car design.

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New downtown brewery on tap for this fall

Northville because it's a great city with a perfect layout for walking traffic, with a deep community feel and history," said owner Kevin DeGrood, who has has put together a team that he said has been on the customer end of craft beer for many years.

North Center's goal is to offer a complete lineup of beer that is appealing to all craft brew drinkers from the first timers to the seasoned veterans.

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North Center Brewery's Kevin DeGrood stands where the future bar area will be inside this new craft beer business in downtown Northville.



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"I think it would take a pretty brave and courageous judge to rule in our favor," Yack conceded Monday, saying it isn't likely new ballots would be printed and old ones discarded because absentee voting already has begun.

"We ask instead that any votes (for Evans) should not be counted," Yack said.

Yack, a Republican Canton township trustee and former 20-year Canton Township supervisor, said he is supporting a GOP candidate, Fred Bolden, for the post of Wayne County executive.

A phone call to the Wayne County Elections Office hadn't been returned Monday afternoon. Evans, in the Democratic primary, faces candidates including incumbent Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano,

state Rep. Phil Cavanagh, Ŵayne County **Commissioner Kevin** McNamara and Westland Mayor William Wild.

Yack's lawsuit claims Evans was not a "qualified elector" in Wayne County on the filing deadline because he hadn't established residency 30 days prior. Evans changed his residency from Salem Township to Detroit on April 21.

Yack said the issues facing Evans are similar to those that forced Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan to mount a write-in campaign in his quest to seek election. He said others, including former state Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, also paid a price when they didn't follow proper election procedures.

Yack said he has "no malice" toward Evans, former Wayne County sheriff and Detroit police chief.

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there as kid with his father and they found a "treasure trove of seven 1936 and 1937 Cords all open.

"They were just waiting for a kid like me to crawl through and explore," he said.

He did just that and ever since his love for cars and their designs has stuck with him.

Stringer will be showing a '32 Ford Deluxe Roadster with a V-8 at the preview event and Payne a '37 812 Cord Beverly. Stringer's car was the first V-8 motor in a Ford vehicle. Payne's is one of 400 manufactured.

The '32 Ford Deluxe was a car Stringer always wanted and looked for, so when he finally got his hands on one he dedicated himself to making it the best it could be.

Payne said he hunted for the Cord for a long time before finding one four years ago. He has been working on it ever since and up to the last



Northville resident Howard Payne does some last minute touch ups on his 1937 812 Cord Beverly.

minute of the preview event he still was making improvements to make it almost perfectly original. They both have many stories to tell.

Preview event

The Northville Concours d'Elegance preview event takes place from 3-9 p.m. on Saturday, July 26 on Main Street between Hutton and Center streets. The event includes a rare, vintage car exhibition featuring nearly 30 pre-World War II vehicles, including a 1937 812 Cord, a 1935 Ford Deluxe Touring Sedan, a 1936 Packard, and a 1947 Cadillac Convertible. Live

music will also take the stage throughout the afternoon and evening.

This year, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Ford Mustang, there will be a special exhibit featuring Ford Mustangs through the years. The exhibit will be on Main Street between Wing and Center Streets, and on North Center Street.

This annual Northville Concours d'Elegance is sponsored by Reliable Carriers, Tom Holzer Ford, Varsity Lincoln, Coldwell Banker Weir Manual, Roush Performance, Thornton and Grooms, Jack Doheny Companies, Northville

The day's schedule is as follows: 3-7 p.m. Rare, Vintage Car Exhibit and Special Exhibit Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Ford Mustang 3-5 p.m. Musical Performance by The Dave Bennett Quartet 6-9 p.m. Musical Performance by The Tom Allport Band

Collision, and Davis Auto Care.

As for the main event in Plymouth, shuttle service is available toand-from downtown Northville to the Inn at St. John's from 9:30 am-5:30 pm on Sunday, July 27. The shuttle leaves from the southeast corner of Cady and Center Streets. Please see page A7 for more information about the main event.

For more information on the Northville Concours d'Elegance Preview Event, visit www.downtownnorthville.com.

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DeGrood said at any given time there will be 10 beers on tap with two of them leaning toward the experimental side and/or seasonal. Among many varieties there will be amber ales, pale ales, and seasonal flavors.

"We want to make sure that we always have something that you will not only enjoy, but also remember all while keeping in mind the most important rule - if you like it, then it is a good beer," DeGrood said.

Originally from Wixom, DeGrood is a Detroit Catholic Central graduate and now lives in Livonia. He's enjoyed the

Northville community for many years and he's glad to be part of it. He's a graduate of the University of Detroit with a chemical engineering

degree. His love for brewing beer started as a hobby, but grew as more and more friends of his expressed a love for his creations. He's decided to take it to the next level.

The brewery will be 2,200-plus square feet with brewing tanks on site and it will seat up to 46 patrons inside the new building at 410 N Center Street. The brewery's interior has cool feel with reclaimed wood highlighting the decor and wide open glass windows giving great views of downtown.

It's not going to be a restaurant, however. The focus will be on the beer and its quality. A good color palate of beers will be the mainstay, De-Grood said.

At this point the one hang up in getting the doors open is obtaining a parking agreement figured out with the city, which is something that is still being negotiated. Once that is worked out the next step will be getting the liquor license from the state.

The plan is to open in October or November.

To learn more about North Center check out its web site at www.north centerbrewing.com/beer.

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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

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 |uly || - |3 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.

PLEASE RSVP THREE DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT



Get the facts about RESA Education Enhancement millage proposal

oters from school districts across Wayne County including all Northville Public Schools residents, regardless of county of residence - will be asked to consider a countywide, two-mill, six-year education enhancement millage proposal as part of the upcoming Tuesday, Aug. 5 statewide election. If approved, these millage dollars will provide additional operating funds beyond the state and local funding already received by the more than 30 Wayne County school districts - including Northville – that are part of the Wayne County **Regional Educational** Service Agency (RESA).

When Proposal A was approved by voters in 1994, the Michigan Legislature included a countywide enhancement millage option so school dis-



tricts would have a potential revenue source if their communities want to generate additional funds for their district beyond state allocated resources. Under Proposal A, individual school districts are prohibited from asking voters to consider general operating millages beyond the 18-mill non-homestead levy, and for a limited number of districts, a hold harmless levy. The enhancement millage is a millage that, if approved, is assessed on all taxpayers in the county and distributed on a perstudent basis to each public school district in that county.

Education enhancement millages have come under consideration by Michigan school districts in recent years due to the continued cuts in state education funding over the past decade. If school district boards of education representing more than 50 percent of a county's K-12 public school students request that an enhancement millage proposal be brought forward to voters, state law requires it to be placed on the ballot for the next statewide election. While the Northville Board of Education, at its April 15, 2014 meeting, unanimously voted against the resolution for the proposed enhancement millage to appear on the ballot, the 50 percent threshold was exceeded in Wayne County, with school districts representing 57 percent of students enrolled in K-12 school districts voting in favor of the resolution.

Northville Public Schools will receive additional funding of approximately \$379 per-pupil if the Wayne County Education Enhancement millage is approved by voters.

By law, the enhancement millage must be collected county-wide from residents of districts assigned to Wayne RESA, and distributed on a per-pupil basis to each public school district in Wayne County. As a result, some communities such as Northville – will generate more tax revenue from the tax collection than what will be distributed back to the school district, while other communities will generate less tax revenue from tax collection

than what will be distributed back to the local school district. For example, the two-mill increase would generate just over \$5 million in tax revenue from Northville taxpayers in its first year, with Northville Public Schools receiving back \$2.8 million, or approximately 56-cents for each \$1 of Northville tax revenue collected.

Under the millage request, property owners across Wayne County would pay an additional \$200 each year for every \$100,000 of the taxable value of their property.

In addition, our Board of Education is mindful that the Northville community has supported two important Northville Public Schools millage proposals over the past four years including the Sinking Fund Capital Improvement millage in May 2011 to make muchneeded repairs and upgrades across the district and the Technology Bond in November 2012 to provide students and teachers with new interactive classroom technology.

Northville school district voters are encouraged to take the time to become informed about the Wayne County Education Enhancement millage proposal and its potential impact on Northville Public Schools, as well as all of Wayne County. For more information, visit the district website at www.northvilleschools.org.

Please vote on August 5.

Mary K. Gallagher is superintendent of Northville Public Schools.

LIBRARY LINES

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

AWAKEN YOUR INNER POET: TEEN POETRY CRAFT

Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m., Monday, July 28

Details: Teens entering sixth through12th grades can be creative with various poetry styles using a variety of artistic formats and media, including collage, book spine poetry and black out poetry. Call to register.

LOLLAPALOOZA PUPPETS: THE FROG PRINCE

Time/Date: 2-2:45 p.m., Tuesday, July 29

Details: All ages enjoy this delightful fairy tale puppet show. There will be 100 free tickets available 10 minutes prior to program. Due to space limitations, no special groups please.

The Music of George Gershwin

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 30

Details: Enjoy some of the greatest music of the 20th century by this pop/jazz composer, and learn about his meteoric rise to fame, presented through slides and recorded music by Stuart Johnson, local jazz historian and lecturer. Please call to register. 248-349-3020.

YOUTH SUMMER READING PROGRAM: FIZZ, BOOM, READ!

Time/Date: Continues through Summer

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

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TEEN SUMMER READING: SPARK A REACTION!

Time/Date: Continues through Summer

Details: Teens entering sixth 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.

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. DROP-IN SUMMER STORYTIME

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Four vie for their party's nomination for county commission 9th District seat

Four candidates are running in the Aug. 5 primary election for their party's nomination for the Wayne County Commission 9th District seat. Tom Berry and Terry Marecki are vying for the Republican nomination. Timothy J. Ölszewski and Patrick O'Neil are competing for the Democratic nomination. The primary winners will face off in the November general election. All but Olszewski responded to a Livonia Observer candidate questionnaire. The 9th District includes most of Livonia, Northville and Northville Township. The district is currently represented by Republican Laura Cox, who is running for the Michigan House of Representatives

How can Wayne County work more closely with local government to save money and resources? Be specific.

Berry: Partner with the Detroit Crime Commission and Detroit to remove blight before it gets out of control. Start legal proceedings against those that are in arrears for back taxes of blighted properties. Collect what is owed quickly or have the property repaired or removed. Explore a partnership between the 43 communities and Wayne County to maintain our parks.

Marecki: Recently I was made aware of a company called Munirent. It is a service that works with local governments to lease heavy duty equipment to other local governments. Wavne County needs to be involved with our local governments, not just operating out of the Guardian Building. Working as partners instead of separate entities.

O'Neil: Over the decades, the relationship between cities and counties has become well established. Each has their separate functions and revenue base to pay for those functions. Larger governmental units like Wayne County are already big enough to get economies of scale so forming a joint venture with a city will not give any benefit to the county.

Provide at least three serious ideas for budget reform. **Berry:** Sell off some of the

waste water treatment facilities

to other communities or joint authorities. Reduce pension contributions (some of them are 4-1) for county employees. Review take home vehicle and reimbursement policies. We have to pay to maintain vehicles and only essential employees should have this benefit.

Marecki: 1. Get rid of appointees. Make all non-union positions civil service positions so the Commission has oversight. 2. Stop overspending, no more jail projects, building purchases, race track boondoggles. 3. Make administration more accountable to Commission. Lower the amount of money/spending amounts that needs Commission approval.

O'Neil: Structural reforms are more important than changes in budget policies. There needs to be direct monitoring by elected officials of all county agency spending. All county spending must be available for public scrutiny. Pensions should not be underfunded.

What are the top three priority issues that the County **Commission should address** and what actions would you, as a commissioner, take?

Berry: I would lead by example and cut commission salary. I would partner with State officials to share ideas and solutions, to try and prevent bankruptcy before it happens. I would set up a County Hot Line for employees and residents to report waste and to offer their ideas to curb spending and save tax dollars

Marecki: Outside of budget: Roads money should be spent on roads – not on three-mile street car projects in Detroit. Wavne County needs to put their checkbook online so everyone can see exactly how their tax dollars are being spent. We need to make our streets safe. Public safety needs to be top priority in the budget.

O'Neil: In addition to those listed in the question above, the county must restore confidence in its residents that the tax dollars it received are used appropriately. Tax dollars are a public trust held by elected officials.

They have a duty to be more careful with this money than they need be with their own money

What can the county do to help promote new business arowth?

Berry: Explore the expansion of our riverfront properties to new business ventures. Showcase the thriving downtown areas in the communities that have them. Create partnerships with Dan Gilbert and other investors like him, to show the advantages of doing business and opening new business in Wayne County. Cut the red tape.

Marecki: Work with local governments, don't pick winners and losers. Allow the market to dictate the growth as opposed to handing out grants and incentives for the hot business type of the month

O'Neil: All the methods of promoting business growth have been long established. The county has been doing for years what other counties across the nation have been doing. It would be presumptuous for me to claim that I have a method than no one else has thought of.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

Berry: I have partnered with people from all parties and backgrounds in the past 34 years with great success. I'm a strong no nonsense guy. I have fresh ideas and will lead by example. Fair pay for fair work. Everybody has to share this responsibility. The commission needs a hard working leader not another career politician.

Marecki: I have a proven record of balancing municipal budgets, and of cutting the budget in my own shop. I am the only candidate with a proven record of being fiscally responsible. I have a history of working well with constituents and area leaders and getting things done. I will serve this district well

O'Neil: I understand what representative government is. It is not what I want. It is what my constituents want. I will try to get a sampling of the opinions of the voters before I vote on controversial issues.

MEET THE COUNTY **COMMISSION 9TH DISTRICT** CANDIDATES

TOM BERRY

Age: 61

Address: 9971 Hambelton, Livonia How long have you lived in the district: About 14 years

Education: Wayne County Community College, Oakland County Community College, Central Michi-Berry gan University

Employment: Retired from the Detroit Police Dept. after 34 1/2 years as a lieutenant. Currently working for Farmers Insurance as a fraud investigator. WDIV Detroit safety/crime expert. Family info: Kathy and I have a blended family consisting of eight

children and seven grandchildren.

Community Service (limit to past five years): I established and fund the "T Berry" scholarship award in 2007. I give two \$500 dollar scholarships each year to High School Seniors who are dependents of Detroit Police Officers. As part of my gratis duties at WDIV, I provide our viewers with how to protect themselves. Elective office held (including years): None

Social media: On FB: Tom Berry 4 Wayne County Commissioner Email: Tomberry4Commissioner@aol.com

TERRY MARECKI

Age: 57

Address: 16519 Ronnie Lane, Livonia How long have you lived in the district: I have been in Livonia since I was 6 months old Education: Bachelor of Science in Dietetics - Madonna University



Marecki

Employment: Livonia City Clerk

Family info: Married to Mark. Mother to Jordyn, 33; Brynn, 23; Aaren, 21; and Andrei, 21. Grandmother to Vincent, 7, and Aleksander, 5

Community Service (limit to past five years): Advisory Board to the Community Opportunity Center, Member to the Livonia Community Foundation Board, Member of the Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast Committee. Trustee on Committee on Planning and Mission Effectiveness- Madonna University, Honorary Board Member of the LPS Education Foundation

Elective office held (including years): Livonia Board of Education 2001-2004; Livonia City Council 2004-2010 (VP - 1/1/08-12/31/09); Livonia City Clerk 2010-present

Social media: Facebook- Terry Marecki for Wayne County Commissioner

PATRICK O'NEIL

Age: 69

Address: 36693 Munger, Livonia How long have you lived in the district: 24 years Education: BA Wayne State University, JD University of Detroit



Employment: Retired attorney Family info: Married to Lynn, a retired Livonia

teacher, two adult sons Kyle and Cory Community Service (limit to past five years): Chairman of the Board of Directors, Hegira Programs Inc., Board Treasurer, Health Professionals. Inc., Board Member of Care Link, Inc., school tutor Elective office held (including years): Inkster City Council 1975 to 2000









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State committee vows to do better on veteran affairs

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The Michigan Military and Veterans Affairs Agency is on track to better serve the more than 600,000 people in the state who have served in the military.

That was one of the main messages from the meeting of the Senate Appropriations State Police and Military Affairs Subcommittee held Monday afternoon at Northville Township Hall. The meeting was led by state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton. Meetings



Sen. Patrick Colbeck (right) and Sen. Sen. John Pappageorge, R-Troy, look over some data during the meeting held Monday at Northville Township Hall.

are occasionally held outside of Lansing to give people in the community a better opportunity to be involved.

Another message was that the Michigan State

looking at untested rape kits. According to analysts, more than 1,000 have been reviewed and they expect that number to increase to 7,000 by next May. The state police also said improvements have been made at helping distressed cities around the state with crime prevention. According to the MSP, crime has gone down 18 percent in Detroit and 10 percent in Flint - both cities where the MSP has had an increased presence.

Police are on track with

Since becoming chair of this subcommittee, Colbeck said he has taken an approach to state budgets that has involved changing the format of the MSP and Department of Military and Veteran Affairs budgets to examples of "value-formoney" budgeting. The budgets now also track the performance of each department on a quarterly basis to ensure that tax dollars are being spent wisely. During the meeting, the subcommittee focused on the last quarter of the fiscal year that is coming to a close soon. "This is a different approach to looking at these important areas." Colbeck said. The approach is looking at each core service and measuring its improvements or citing the lack of, Colbeck said Improving veteran care has become a priority.

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Veteran services

Anne Zerbe, MVAA's legislative and data analyst, said a big goal of its budget is improving outreach and working to better help veterans through different services. The MVAA said it has connected with at least 200,000 veterans statewide. This agency was created by Gov. Rick Snyder early in 2013 as a way to modernize the delivery of veteran services statewide.

"We have improved them," she told the subcommittee, which also includes Sen. John Pappageorge, R-Troy.

The plan was to reach 150,000 veterans about the MVAA's opportunities for outreach and communication of benefits. Zerbe said the MVAA has done better than expected by connecting with at least 200,000 vets.

Some of its other initiatives and programs have better as well. Since May 2013, the Michigan Veteran Homeowners Assistance program has distributed \$2.5 million to 423 grant recipients. It

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The 1937 Cord had front-wheel drive and hidden headlights. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

St. John's ready to host prestigious Concours

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Car enthusiasts and the automotive press got a sneak peek last week at a few of the hundreds of cars that will be on display in Plymouth Township later this month during one of the world's most prestigious car shows.

A 1952 Plymouth Fury convertible, a 1957 Imperial Crown Sedan, a 1948 Lincoln Continental and a 1954 Ford Comete Monte Carlo once owned by Henry Ford II were among the show vehicles Tuesday at the Concours d'Elegance of America preview at the Inn at St. John's.

The 36th annual Concours, with nearly 300 antique, rare and collectible cars, trucks and motorcycles, is planned for Sunday, July 27; it will be the fourth Concours hosted by the Inn at St. John's.

"I think everyone really enjoys this show at this location," said H.D. "Buck" Mook of West Bloomfield, owner of the Comete, who spent a 30year career as a designer at Ford and is a longtime Concours exhibitor.

Mook's Comete, built by Ford of France before that company was acquired by another company, was a standout Tuesday, with a handmade body by the French company Facel, a V-8 engine and a fourspeed transmission. Mook bought it for \$800 in 1967 and it was restored over a sevenyear period beginning in the early 2000s.

"The restoration cost me as much as my house did," Mook said. He's not sure that Henry Ford II, the grandson of Henry Ford, drove it much. "He had a lot of cars at his disposal," Mook said.

Concours events

The Concours, which was held for more than 30 years at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills before moving to St. John's, includes several related events in addition to the July 27 show: an exhibition



Wally Donoghue's 1931 Lincoln has coachwork by Dietrich, which only made 65 autos with this body. Donoghue has found that there are only seven left, just four of which are in good condition. Other than tires and convertible top, all, including the paint, is original.

of auto-related art, seminars on collectibles and car design, an auction of collectibles, a Concours kickoff dinner the night before the exhibit and more.

Last year, the event attracted about 10,000 visitors to St. John's.

Event logistics – last year's

Concours attracted about 10,000 visitors – require cooperation from Plymouth and Plymouth Township officials, the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and local civic

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DETAILS

What: The 36th annual Concours d'Elegance of America, an exhibition of rare, antique and collectible vehicles When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sun-

day, July 27 Where: The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth Township

Why: Hundreds of restored rare cars, plus some motorcycles and trucks, from exhibitors around the country and the world. The show, on the Inn at St. John's golf course, is expected to attract about 10,000 people.

How: Tickets are \$25 each (children 12 and under free with adult admission). Price includes parking at the ACH plant at M-14 and Sheldon, round-trip shuttle service and program guide. For more information, call 248-643-8645 or visit www.concoursusa.org.



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Northville to fix sidewalks, water main

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

In the coming months, the city of Northville will make repairs to a variety of sidewalks throughout town, as well as a water main that was originally fixed last summer.

Sidewalk repairs

More than 40 different sidewalk locations within the city will be repaired this summer as part of an annual infrastructure improvement program.

To get started on this work, the Northville City Council approved a contract with Goretski Construction Co., which has been doing this work for the city for the last five years.

"Every year the city does approximately \$35,000 worth of sidewalk repairs. These repairs are spread throughout the city, addressing problems called in by residents or identified by city staff," said James Gallogly, Northville's Public Works director.

This program has taken place every year since 1997.

Gallogly said Goretski is fast and performs quality work. Some of the locations for the work include near Our Lady of Victory Church and School and along Elmsmere Drive and Rayson Street.

East Street water main

The city needs to go back and correct a problem with the water main underneath East Street. According to Gallogly,

last summer the city council awarded a construction contract to Lawrence M. Clarke, Inc., for the East Street Water Main Replacement Project. However, shortly after the completion of the asphalt overlay on this roadway, a storm came through Northville and runoff exceeded the capacity of the storm sewer in the road.

"East Street is a steep road between Elm and Baseline and near the bottom of the project water was forced out under the rim of a storm sewer manhole, forcing its way through the asphalt material," Gallogly said. "A repair for this area involves milling and the placement of a new asphalt surface on approximately 200 feet of roadway."

The city believes that the cause of the storm water being forced through the asphalt was "Every year the city does approximately \$35,000 worth of sidewalk repairs." JAMES GALLOGLY director, Northville Public

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"The city, which has had on a few occasions replaced a manhole lid on a storm sewer manhole after a significant rainstorm, requested that a new bolt down casting be placed on the manhole. Without the ability of getting relief by pushing the lid off the structure, the storm water forced its way under the casting and through the asphalt,"

Gallogly said.

In addition, he said, "The downstream storm sewer was videoed and it was found to have a significant amount of large asphalt chunks in it. This asphalt was retrieved, tested and found to be new and similar to the type asphalt used on the project. This asphalt caused a large amount of obstructions in the pipe, reducing its capacity and contributed to or caused the problem."

Because of this, the two parties involved (the city and contractor) will a share the cost for the correction.

"The cost to make this correction is estimated to be \$18,000," Gallogly told the council. "Because both the city and the contractor may have contributed to the cause of this problem, it was negotiated that this cost be split 50/50 with the contractor or \$9,000 each."

According to Gallogly, had the storm sewer manhole casting not had a bolt down lid, the water being forced through the asphalt would never have happened and it is highly possible that the asphalt found in the storm sewer pipe was carelessly deposited there by the contractor during construction causing capacity issues.

"Therefore, through negotiations it was agreed that the impacted area should be partially milled and the roadway resurfaced under a shared cost arrangement," he said.

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has also done a better job of fully developing veteran claims. Its goal was for this fiscal year, starting in fall 2013 up to this point, was to develop at least 20 percent of the claims, but currently it's at 54.7 percent.

One area of concern discussed during the meeting is the state of the Michigan National Guard armories. The more than 40 armories around the state have become, in many instances, financial burdens for the state. The locations are jointly operated by the state and federal governments.

According to Brig. Gen. Michael Stone, who is the assistant adjutant general, installations, for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, this is a problem not only in Michigan, but around the nation. Many of the armories in state are old and inefficient. To fully modernize all the armories in Michigan it would take around \$600 million.

The National Guard lacks the one million square feet in needed armory space within the



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Stone said they are realistic about the financial situation and have taken a sensible approach of seeing what can be done, like shutting down ones that are a big burden and opening newer, improved armories. A couple of these have been closed down, such as the one in Flint because it was basically falling apart.

In replacement, Stone said they are looking for new locations to set up shop that would still be in the area of the old one, but come at a cheaper cost with more capabilities and room. More will probably be closed and the number of guard troops will be decreased over the coming years, so a close eye will remain on the National Guard situation.

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NORTHVILLE **POLICE BRIEFS**

FedEx package stolen

A package sent ahead by a Northville couple on vacation was reportedly stolen before they arrived home.

The theft at the home on Washington Circle was reported July 18 to Northville City Police. FedEx confirmed the package had been sent and delivered to the home. Inside the package were some personal documents and medications that the couple did not want to take on the plane.

There were no known witnesses to the crime.

Mailbox blown up

A home on McDonald Drive in the city of Northville was the scene of a mailbox explosion.

The incident occurred overnight July 19-20. The owner found his mailbox in pieces on the road with fragments and residue left behind by what appeared to be a firework, possibly a M-80, according to police reports. A neighbor heard a loud noise around 3 a.m.

There are no suspects at this time.

Raise the Roof



Novi residents Lawrence and Sue Perlin, a Haven board member, attended Haven's inaugural gala - Raise the Roof - at the Troy Marriott. The gala preceded the groundbreaking ceremony June 18 for Haven's new Family Justice Center. Located in Pontiac, Michigan's first Family Justice Center is partnering with other Óakland County agencies to help victims of domestic and sexual violence by providing counseling, shelter, career services, medical career and prevention education programming. JULIE YOLLES

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and service clubs.

"It truly is a fantastic event that brings people to the Plymouth community," said Wes Graff, chamber president. Wally Donoghue of

Salem Township was on hand Tuesday with his 1931 Lincoln with a body by the coach builder Dietrich. Only 65 were made, Donoghue said, and only seven still exist.

"I sort of kept my eye on this car over the years," said Donoghue, who first saw the Lincoln – the very same care – at a show in 1957. "I

couldn't really afford to buy it until 1999. Donoghue helps out with the Concours, writing some of the display boards and organizing the show of collectibles in downtown Plymouth, scheduled for 7-10 p.m. Friday, July 25, during the free Music in the Air concert in Kellogg Park.



"It is a Doozie!" was part of the marketing for the 1929 Duesenberg. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Classical Plymouth

On Concours day, Donoghue will be showing off his 1912 Overland, complete with musicians from the Michigan Philharmonic, who will be setting the mood with classical music.

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By Kurt Kuban, Staff Writer

If you have a 'thing' for the Mitten State, you probably don't want to miss the 6th Annual Buy Michigan Now Festival Aug. 1-3 on the streets of downtown Northville. The familyfriendly festival will showcase dozens of Michigan entertainers, businesses, and products. The goal of the event is to educate people about all the business and retail opportunities our state has to offer, and get them to support local, independent businesses that are the backbone of the state's economy.

The annual festival will kick off on Friday, Aug. 1 with a "Family Fun Day," that will feature plenty of activities and prizes for the kids, as well as an opportunity to meet the FOX Sports Detroit Girls.

During festival hours there will be more than 100 vendors and exhibitors featuring a wide variety of products and services but with one thing in common – they are all Michigan based. They will be lined up and down Main and Center streets.

According to Buy Michigan Now Festival founder Lisa Diggs, the vendors come from more than 60 different communities.

"We have grown every year. We have exhibitors from just about every corner of the state," Diggs said.

Northville has proven to be a perfect location for the annual festival, according to Diggs, who lives in nearby Livonia.

"Number one, Northville is just a charming, quaint downtown. Secondly, our whole Buy Michigan Now campaign is about promoting local, independently-owned businesses. More than 90 percent of the businesses in downtown Northville are just that," Diggs said. "The other reason Northville is perfect for this is because of its proximity to Detroit, Ann Arbor and Lansing. We've been able to draw from all three over the years."

As it turns out, the festival has cast an even wider net. According to Diggs, every year they ask festival-goers to sign a pledge to support Michiganbased businesses, and they have been able to track them all across the state. people who want to buy and learn about Michigan products. And they are willing to drive a ways to do it."

The event will also feature plenty of entertainment and activities, including the Kids Zone, which will be located on North Center Street. It will feature games, arts and crafts, contests, mascots, and more. While there, parents and children are invited to enter to win prizes ranging from Tubby's gift cards to giant Fathead decals, and even a two-hour lounge party at Activ8 gaming lounge in Ferndale.

Not all the fun will be reserved for the kids, however. There will also be plenty of activities planned for adults, too. They include:

- The Michigan Wine & Beer Garden (located in Town Square on Main Street). Adults 21 and over will be able to enjoy Michigan craft beers and wines offered by the Northville Chamber of Commerce during select hours (Aug. 1: 2-10 p.m., Aug. 2: 1-10 p.m. and Aug. 3: noon-3 p.m.). Proceeds from beverage sales benefit the Northville Chamber and the Buy Michigan Now campaign.
- Music on the Main stage (located in Town Square on Main Street) is filled with music from local artists, throughout the weekend, including Northville's Friday Night Concert Series headliners, The Shawn Riley Band (7 p.m.) and Saturday's Festival headliners, Mainstreet Soul (7:30 p.m.)
- Northville's First Friday Experience (participating Northville galleries, shops and restaurants). Beginning at 6 p.m., guests can experience a unique and memorable evening filled with art exhibits/demonstrations, shopping and dining.
- Special events during the festival, various Michigan authors will be on hand making appearances and signing copies of their books including Tom Daldin and Jim

An addition to the festival this year will be the Fox Sports April in the D bobbles of Red Wings Jimmy Howard and Pavel Datsyuk, and Pistons Andre Drummond and Josh Smith. Guests will be able to take photos alongside the popular statues, and even upload those photos to a gallery on the festival's mobile app.

Guests who text BUYMINOW to 57780 will gain access to the mobile app, which features maps, exhibitor lists, entertainment schedules, and other helpful information. Those who text will also automatically be entered to win prizes. Visitors who prefer competition to random drawings can compete in the festival's new Prize Quest game. The game invites guests to visit as many exhibitor booths as they wish. Each exhibitor then gives them a special code which they enter into the app to earn points. Top point gainers will automatically win prizes. The Grand Prize is a two-night stay in a Straits View room at Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island.

Ultimately, Diggs hopes people who attend the festival over the weekend will gain a greater appreciation of Michigan-based businesses.

"This event is about the fact that if you support local businesses, those businesses will hire more local people and help the economy grow. We all benefit from that," said Diggs. "Yes we want people to come and enjoy themselves with all the activities we've got going on, but we really want to educate them about the wonderful businesses and products this state has to offer."

The Buy Michigan Now Festival takes place August 1-3. Main and Center streets in central Northville will be closed to allow for pedestrian traffic throughout the weekend. **The Buy Michigan Now Festival is scheduled to run during the following hours:**



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LOCAL NEWS

Horsing around: Local woman, 21, starts riding biz



Trainer Maria DeCapite (right) helps Elyse Salmon of Northville prepare her horse for training. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



By David Veselenak Staff Writer

Maria DeCapite spends most of her time in a place most other Livonia residents don't – a stable.

The 21-year-old Stevenson High School and Schoolcraft College graduate runs her own business teaching horseback riding lessons, something she's desired to do since she was little.

"I got horseback riding lessons when I was 7 years old as a Christmas present," she said. "I haven't stopped since. I started showing and getting into things like that. I always knew I wanted to be a horse trainer."

She began her own business two years ago after another horse barn she worked at on Seven Mile closed. That closing was DeCapite's opportunity to begin as a professional, something that's not common in the horseback-riding world for someone her age.

"It's not typical," she said. "Most of the time, it's not a bunch of 21-yearolds out there."

DeCapite currently leases a facility on Eight Mile in Northville Township, where she hosts lessons and keeps several clients' Arabian horses.

On a typical day, De-Capite will wake up and head to the stables to feed the horses, as well as do other prep work before her students come later in the afternoon. Her workday tends to stretch close to 12 hours during the week, plus she'll make a stop at the stable to feed other days as well.

"Every day except for Thursday and Friday, I'm here feeding horses at about 8:30 a.m.," she said. "I teach lessons out here until 7 or 8 at night."

She still spends time as an employee elsewhere, working at a sta"You can never learn enough. That's something I'm really big on. I still go take lessons ... from other trainers."

MARIA DECAPITE

ble in Wixom a few days a week and finding time for her own riding lessons, something she said is crucial to her.

"You can never learn enough. That's something I'm really big on," she said. "I still go take lessons myself from other trainers."

Riders see success

In the past few years, her students have succeeded at multiple levels, including success at the regional level.

One of those students, 15-year-old Northville Township resident Elyse Salmon, came to DeCapite after riding at another stable near Ann Arbor. When Salmon's family moved, she began taking lessons from DeCapite at her former barn and moved with her as she began teaching on her own.

She and her horse, Bayou Boy, recently won a regional championship in a competition between many other riders from surrounding states. Her win came after changing the type of riding she does, going from jumping to hunter pleasure riding, which Salmon said is all about the showing of the horse.

"We were pretty new, just a few months," she said. "It was a great ride."

She attributed her success to the lessons taught by DeCapite and the dedication she puts in for her students.

Inside DeCapite's office space at the barn

are photos all over the wall of competitions, as well as several sashes won by the horses from her barn at recent competitions.

A friend of Salmon's, 12-year-old Autumn Kern-Downey, and her mother, Susanne Kern, traveled to Northville from Dayton, Ohio, to visit and to receive help from DeCapite on purchasing a horse herself.

Kern said they have been back to Michigan several times and enjoy stopping in and working with DeCapite when visiting, especially as Kern-Downey has started taking lessons herself just a few months ago.

"We've gone with them to shows and seen what it's like," she said. "We come four times a year to visit with our friends and see Maria."

Not just horses

In addition to her love of equestrian work, De-Capite has also set her sights on another career field for her post-horse days – dentistry, a field her family has been involved with for many years.

She's waiting to hear back from several fouryear schools before knowing where she'll attend in the fall.

"It kind of made sense as something for me to do," she said. "God forbid, I get hurt badly. This isn't forever. You can't do it until you're 70 years old. You have to be smart about it."

But she is not eager to start filling cavities anytime soon. She plans on working with horses for many years to come.

"It's been a lot of hard work, don't get me wrong," she said. "But I have been very lucky to do it. I love it."

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No Moms Allowed Camping Trip celebrates 25th year

By Karen Smith Staff Writer

A group of area fathers will take their children next week on the 25th annual No Moms Allowed Camping Trip.

The group of about 30 will head July 24-30 to Pioneer Park in Muskegon County, continuing a tradition that has forged strong relationships between the dads and the children, created lasting memories and given the moms a little time to themselves.

Kristen Smith, 29, who is now married and a teacher for Hudsonville Public Schools, wouldn't dream of missing the trip with her dad, David Quenneville of Livonia. Her husband Steven, a financial analyst, has also been going along since they started dating.

"It's been a nice thing to look forward to every summer," Smith said, adding she enjoyed spending time with her dad, who sometimes worked long hours at Ford Motor Co., and with the other campers, some who were relatives and some who became as close as relatives over the years.

The trips, she said, engrained in her a love of camping and the outdoors.

Bonding time

Maureen Casey of Novi, who works at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia, said she was the one who suggested 25 years ago that the dads take the kids camping without the moms.

The dads, all friends from high school and college, used to camp together and bring their wives along before any of the kids were born. But that changed after the babies started coming. "We thought it was really



The group at Port Crescent in 1992.

good bonding time (for the dads and kids); at least that's what we told ourselves," Casey said, laughing.

The moms, none of whom really liked to camp, would all get together for dinner while their families were away and tackle projects they couldn't otherwise get done.

"We all took advantage of that time our husbands and our kids were out of the house," Casey said. She would hold her annual garage sale and get rid of things she knew her kids and husband Mike would never miss. Another mom spent all her time gardening, without having to stop to make meals. "We all got to do things that we wanted to do and not feel guilty," she said.

Campers have come and gone over the years, but a core group of five dads and their kids have gone annually for at least 23 years — Richard Quenneville of Novi, his brother David Quenneville of Livonia, Richard's brother-in-law Jeff Berry of Brownstown, friend Mike Casey of Novi and friend Dave Parker of Westland.

The first year, it was a dads and daughters only trip. But the second year,

NOTICE OF PRIMARY/SPECIAL ELECTION

AUGUST 5, 2014 CITY OF NOVI when Berry invited Richard Quenneville to attend for the first time, Quenneville told him: "I have to bring my son if I've coming."

That was when the trip officially became known as the "No Moms Allowed Camping Trip." The group posts a sign each year at its camp site saying so.

Richard Quenneville said he didn't think it was fair to leave his son home. "He liked the outdoors as well," he said.

New moms grandfathered in

Richard Quenneville's daughter, Michelle Vigna, 29, of Howell now has two little boys: Brayden, 2, and Tyler, born June 4. She was the first of the kids to get married and have children.

It was decided all of the daughters could continue attending, even after they became moms themselves. "They are all grandfathered in," Richard Quenneville said, adding, however, that the group still excludes the grandmothers. Asked why, he said, "It's just the tradition."

The group has camped all over the Lower Peninsula in tents, pop-ups and, on occasion, trailers. The dads prepare all the meals. "We eat like kings the entire trip, three to four meals a day, usually some fairly elaborate stuff," Richard Quenneville said. "We all take turns cooking; everybody also has to clean up."

The cooking has become more elaborate over the years; the group now uses a 20-foot by 10-foot portable pavilion as a mess hall.

The dads also share parenting responsibilities. "We agreed early on, they're all our kids," Richard Quenneville said. And rules about washing hands, brushing teeth and adhering to a strict bedtime are all enforced. There is only one duty

There is only one duty the dads don't share: changing diapers.

"When Leander Berry (Jeff's son) joined us, he was still in diapers," Richard Quenneville said. "That became a new rule: You can bring him if you want, but you're doing all the diapers. Last year there was a little one wearing diapers and the rules still applied."

One of the boys, a young teen at the time, came down with appendicitis, was taken to an area hospital for emergency surgery and returned to the camp site, not wanting to go home. "His mom was on the phone begging him," Richard Quenneville said. "He agreed he would stay out of the lake."

Another trip, it rained the entire week and the temperatures dropped into the 50s. Richard Quenneville remembers wearing every piece of clothing he brought, just to try to stay warm.

The group was at popular Otsego Lake at the time and they insisted the horrible weather was not going to ruin their fun, which always includes sports like the annual bocce ball tournament. "We had 10 different tarps stretched over trees, the size of a small play field. After a day or so the place was empty besides us, but we had a riot," Richard Ouenneville said. "We refer to that trip as tent city."

Extended family

Another year, someone invited along for the trip broke the cardinal rule and brought his wife. "He knew the whole story, he was told not to come back," Richard Quenneville said. "The kids were livid that he had brought her. They were not at all happy; they complained the entire trip."

It turned out, the moms were right 25 years ago: The camping trips were good bonding time.

The dads shared their struggles with each other over campfires at night, Casey said: "There were divorces, businesses lost — it was like therapy for those guys."

The kids benefited from having an extended family, attending each other's weddings and baby showers when they grew up. "The kids had blood cousins, but these people are their families," Casey said.

And the kids and their dads each forged strong relationships. "As they got older, things went from, 'Dad read me a story' to 'We just don't know what mortgage lender to go through,"" Casey said.

As the 25th anniversary trip approaches, Richard Quenneville said the group's excitement is building for another memorable week of good times with good friends. Summer just wouldn't be the same without it.

"It's been a huge part of all of our lives," he said.

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18:270 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18 AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 1905 OF THE I-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT AND SECTION 2303A OF THE OST, PLANNED OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT TO PERMIT AND REGULATE ABOVE GROUND STORAGE TANKS.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing. The proposed text amendment is available for examination and review at the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Any written comments must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 13, 2014.

Novi Planning Commission Michael Lynch, Secretary

Published, July 24, 2014



To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi – Oakland County, Michigan: Notice is Hereby Given that a Primary/Special Election will be held in the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan on TUESDAY, August 5, 2014. **The Polls will be open 7 a.m. until 8**

p.m. All Polling Places are handicap accessible and Braille and audio versions of voting

instructions are available for the Polling Places listed below.

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2	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	41415 W. Nine Mile Road
3	Village Oaks Elementary School	23333 Willowbrook Road
4	Novi United Methodist Church	41671 Ten Mile Road
5	Orchard Hills Elementary School	41900 Quince
6 & 7	Holy Family Catholic Church	24505 Meadowbrook Road
8	Crosspointe Meadows Church	29200 Meadowbrook Road Temporary
		location
9 & 11	Brightmoor Christian Church	40800 West Thirteen Mile Road
10	Fox Run	41000 Thirteen Mile Road
12	Maple Manor	31215 Novi Road Temporary location
13	Novi Meadows ITC Building	25345 Taft Road
14	Faith Community Presbyterian Church	44400 West Ten Mile Road
15	St. James Catholic Church	46325 West Ten Mile Road
16	Novi Public Library	45255 W. Ten Mile Road
17 & 18	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road
19	Thornton Creek Elementary School	46180 West Nine Mile Road
20 & 21	Deerfield Elementary School	26500 Wixom Road

The August 5, 2014 Election will be conducted in all precincts and includes the following:

STATE Governor

Congressional: Legislative:	United States Senator and Representative in Congress State Senator and State Representative
County:	County Commissioner
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STATE PROPOSAL - PROPOSAL 14-1

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF AMENDATORY ACT TO REDUCE STATE USE TAX AND REPLACE WITH A LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION SHARE TO MODERNIZE THE TAX SYSTEM TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES GROW AND CREATE JOBS

Charter Amendment Proposal 1

Shall Sections 4.4 and 4.5 of the Novi City Charter, which currently provide that the Mayor and Councilmembers are paid on a per meeting basis, be changed to provide that a Councilperson will be paid \$4,500 per year and that the Mayor will be paid \$6,500 per year, effective upon adoption of this amendment, with a corresponding deletion of the provision in Section 5.7 of the Charter stating that the salary of an elected official shall not be changed from the day the official is elected until the end of the official's term of office?

Only Precincts 17, 18 and 19 will vote on the following:

WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and distributed to local public school districts within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 2.00 mills (\$2 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2014 to 2019, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately \$80,000,000 when first levied in 2014.

Absentee ballots are available to qualified electors in the Novi Community School District at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. The City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, August 2, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining an absentee ballot. The deadline for the City Clerk's Office to receive applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 2, 2014. Persons qualified to vote by absentee ballot may obtain a ballot in person at the City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Monday, August 4, 2014 and must vote that ballot in the City Clerk's Office. You may verify your voter registration, sample ballot and polling location at **www.michigan.gov/vote**

Maryanne Cornelius, MMC Novi City Clerk

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar information to cstone@gannett.com by noon Monday to be included in Thursday's publication. The calendar is also available online at www.hometownlife.com.

Brightmoor Christian Church

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. Pre-register.

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, pastor, 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 Parks and Recreation held a Family Campout on July 12 with 11 families at Maybury State Park. The Friends of Maybury held a horseshoe throwing contest and supplied prizes for these lucky winners (from left): Olivia Zaremski, Adrianna Schwartz, Elise Marsh, Gavin Zelenock, Samantha Zelenock, Avery Craig and Scarlet Foley.

Passages Obituaries, Memories & Rememberances

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BRYJA, WALTER R.

Age 81, passed away July 13, 2014. He was born on July 30, 1932, in Dearborn, son of the late Walter & Jeannette Bryja. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon and was a dedicated member of the International Order of Alhambra and the Knights of Columbus where he was a proud 4th degree Knight. He is sur-vived by his beloved wife, Patricia; his loving children: Kimberly (Tim) Muczynski, Michael, Patricia (Chris) Szatkowski, and David (Martha); his grandchildren: Mary, Christian Jr. and Evelyn; his siblings: Terry (Sonny) Glab, Jeannette (Robert) Butcher, Thomas (Janice) and Robert (Diane). Walter was preceded in death by his son Wally in 1962, his parents, two brothers

DRANSFIELD, GALE H.

Age 81, passed away July 16, 2014. He was born on July 3, 1933, in Detroit, son of the late Benjamin and Ethel Dransfield. He was a Detroit business owner of Foremost Photographic. Gale was an avid outdoorsman and a master gardener. He enjoyed boating and woodworking. He was a talented handyman and enjoyed building dollhouses for his granddaughters and airplanes for his grandsons. Gale was the consummate salesman. He had a great sense of humor and could sell anything. Gale was an excellent delegator and knew how to get things done. In his view, nothing was impossible. He lived life to the fullest and loved to laugh. He will always be remembered as a loving and devoted spouse, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He is survived by his loving spouse, Carol; his daughters, Cindy (Peter) Roth, Sue White, Sherry (Kevin) Shannon; his son-in-law, Tom Murphy; his former wife, Lynn; and extended family member, Beth Chapp; his step-daughter, Elaine (Rayburn) Boland; and his

KORBUT, ENNETH A

KENNETH A. Beloved Brother, Cousin and Uncle, age 60, of Milford, Michigan died July 13, 2014, at the home of his cousin Kevin Lawrence also of Milford. Kenneth was born December 26,

1953, in Detroit, Michigan. His parents were Chester and Eleanor Korbut. He was married

to, and later divorced from, Henrietta Anaya. Kenneth worked as a journeyman carpenter in the construction business. Over the course of his life, he lived in various locations in both California and Michigan. He enjoyed surfing, camping and spending time with his friends.

Kenneth is survived by his sister Patricia M. Drew of Laguna Niguel, CA; by his niece Michele Smith and her two children Alyssa and Dylan Smith of Hun-tington Beach, CA; by his cousin Kevin Lawrence and his two children Alexis Lawrence and Kelly LoGiudice, and by his cousin Michael Faivor of Austin, TX. Kenneth is also survived by his friend Ronald McNally. Kenneth was predeceased by his brother, Jim Korbut, 62, of Seal Beach, California on April 20, 2013. Kenneth graduated from Warner Middle School in Midway, CA in 1968. While he was a student Warner, he was elected the Christmas Snowball King which recognized him as being the school's most popular male student. Kenneth played varsity football during his junior and senior years at Fountain Valley High School from which he graduated in 1972. There will be a memorial service for Kenneth on Sunday July 27, 2014, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Highland Adult Activity Center on 209 N. John Street in Highland, MI. For more information on the memorial service, please telephone Kenneth's cousin, Kevin Lawrence, at (248) 755-1195. Consistent with the wishes of his sister, Kenneth's cremains will be returned to CA and - at a later ceremony -- scattered into the Pacific Ocean. The family is requesting that memorial donations be made to support the college education of his niece's daughter, Alyssa Smith. Please make all donations payable to Alyssa Smith and send them to the following address: Alyssa Smith, 5772 Venturi Drive, Huntington Beach, CA 92649. All memorial contributions to Alyssa's college education will be gratefully acknowledged and wisely spent.

LAMB, ROSS

Age 87, of Curtis, died Monday, July 14, 2014 at Helen Newberry Joy Hospital in Newberry. Ross was born in Detroit on July 4, 1927. He graduated from Pinckney High School and then Michigan State University. He was president and CEO of Sherwood Industries, a design and machinery manufacturing company. Ross was a member of the Sharonville Ohio Masonic Lodge of F & A Masons #0204. Survivors include his wife Alice of Curtis; son and daughter-in-law Thomas (Janice) of Howell, daughters and son-in-law Rebecca (Marc) Shima of Reno, Nevada and Bonnie Thompson of Seney; and his brother James. Also surviving are his six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren with another expected soon, along with numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. According to his wishes, cremation has already occurred. A memorial service will be held at Germfask United Methodist Church in Germfask, MI on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Ian McDonald officiating. Friends may call at



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WISTERT, NANCY SCOTT

August 11, 1929 to July 21, 2014 Nancy Scott Wistert passed peacefully in her sleep on July 21, 2014. Nancy was born in Detroit, Michigan to Ellen Hushen Scott and Dr. Robert Scott. She was a strong student and during the war when her father was stationed in San Antonio, Texas, Nancy attended St. Mary's Hall college prep where she was an excellent athlete, and was recognized as one of the best high school girl's tennis players in the state. After graduating from St. Mary's, Nancy attended the University of Michigan, where her Rita Hayworth-like hair and beauty caught the eye of Alvin Wistert, a U of M football star. They married in 1949 and moved to Northville to begin their life together. Nancy and Al had two daughters of whom they were proud, Kris and Bev. Nancy was a founding member of the Northville Mother's Club and stayed active in that organization for many years after the girls were grown. She was a fabulous cook and the hostess of so many wonderful holiday meals with family and friends around the big kitchen table. She was also a generous and doting but regretfully, long-distance grandmother, who filled her wooden horse with quarters for her grandchildren to find upon arrival, and she never missed sending caramel apples to the grandkids in the fall to remind them of Michigan. Nancy started what turned into a surprise career late in life at Regency Travel in Ann Arbor, becoming an outstanding professional travel agent handling much of the complicated international travel arrangements for U of M faculty and staff for over 30 years. This kept her super-smart mind engaged and sharp for her long life. Nancy was preceded in death by her parents and her devoted husband, Alvin. She is survived by her daughter Kristen Neeser and her grandson, Jason, Northville, her currently of daughter Beverly Vandegrift and and husband Steve, her granddaughters Carly, Jenna and Mara of Austin, Texas. Also surviving her are her dear cousins Betsy and Susan Hushen of Novi, MI. The rest of the family is thankful that Kris was able to move back to Michigan to lovingly care for Nancy since she suffered a stroke in late 2010, and that Nancy was able to spend her last few years in her home. Being a very private person, Nancy did not want a public service. A small, private celebration of her life will be held at her home in the near future.

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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 and Bible Study.

Friday: 9:30 a.m.; Sweet Fridays on the second and fourth Fri-

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and three sisters. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, July 30 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Online guestbook:

www.phillipsfuneral.com



COOPER, DORA JEAN H. (ASHER)

Age 83, of Fowlerville, died after a battle with pancreatic cancer under the care of her family and St. Joseph Mercy Hospice at her home on Sunday, July 13th, 2014. She was preceded in death by her high school sweetheart and husband of 58 years, Raymond H. Cooper, Sr; parents, Gerald and Anna Eve (Wisner) Asher; brother, James Asher and Glorianne Connolly, sisters. Rosemary Asher and Jerry Lou Reynolds. She is survived by four children, Cheryl (Richard) Morse of Fowlerville, Raymond H. (Carol) Cooper, Jr. of Brighton, Carol (Frank) Kersanty of Howell, Gerald (Kathryn) Cooper of Fowlerville; grandchildren, Ericka Morse, Richard Morse, Jr., Angela White, Christina Cooper, Leia Kersanty, Joseph (Nicole) Kersanty, Amy Fleck, Kyle Cooper, Eric Cooper; Great grandchildren, Hunter and Cooper White, Matteah and Noah Brody Kersanty, Brody Kersanty, Colton, Caydence and Logan Fleck; brothers-in-law, Charles Cooper Sr. and Robert (Helen) Cooper, Sr. of Highland, Frank (Marie) Cooper, Jr. of Ruskin, Florida; many special nieces, nephews and dear friends. A special thank you to St. Joseph Mercy Cancer Center and Hospice, employees at Comfort Care in Brighton and the many volunteers from Meals on Wheels. A Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, MI on Saturday, July 26, 2014 at 2 PM with gathering beginning at 1 PM. Interment of ashes to follow at Highland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospice, Howell, to Livingston County Senior Nutritional Program or to American Cancer Society. For further information phone Lynch & Sons at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneral Directors.com



Samantha Kristen (Brian), (Sean), Jaquelin, Sean, Ryan, Katy, Madeline, Matthew, and Delaney and his step-Josh, Richard, grandchildren, Ethan, and Stephan. Gale is also his greatsurvived by grandchildren, Elliana and Emmalyn. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Sandra Murphy and his son-in-law, Brad White. Visitation was held on Sunday, July 20 from 4:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. with a funeral service on Monday, July 21 at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com.

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DYKES, REBEKAH IRENE "BECKY"

Age 30, July 21, 2014. Funeral at Lynch & Sons, Milford, Thursday, July 24, 12 p.m. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFu neralDirectors.com

EDWARDS, PATRICIA 79, of Canadian Lakes & formerly of Milford, died July 16, 2014. Services held at Lynch & Sons. LynchFuneralDirectors.com

May you find comfort in family and friends

LACH, VIRGINIA D. Age 93, a lifelong resident of Northville, passed away July 18, 2014. Online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



May you find loving comfort in your time of loss.

the church 1 hour prior to services. Condolences may be expressed at: www.beaulieufuneralhome.com



SCHNEIDER DR. ROBERT P. PINKNEY, MI

His Legacy... Dr. Robert Phillip Schneider, age 79, of Pinckney, MI, died July 19, 2014, while surrounded by family. Dr. Schneider was born to Jacob and Rose (Morofski) Schneider in Detroit, MI. On June 14, 1970, he married the love of his life, Alice, in Detroit, MI. Dr. Schneider was a family physician in the South Lyon area who loved his wife, children, and going to work to care for his patients. He firmly believed that the doctor / patient relationship was something special. Robert and Alice worked together many years before retiring in 2012. Robert belonged to many medical associations and also on staff at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and DMC. He enjoyed family trips, walking and jogging, and being out on the lake with his dogs. Robert will be dearly missed by family and friends.

His Family... Robert is survived by his wife, Alice; sons, Ronald (June) Schneider of Shreveport, LA, and Jay Schneider of Toledo, OH; Sister Charlotte (Herbert) Feldman; grandchildren, Jeffrey and Jacob; nephews and nieces, Mark, Gary and Jeanette; long-time friend and business associate, Dr. Patrick Brennan; and many special neighbors and friends.

His Farewell... A private Natural Farewell has taken place. Family and friends will gather for a Memorial Service Thurs., July 24, 2014, from 4-5:30 p.m. with Service beginning at 5:30 p.m., at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. Memorial donations are suggested to ALS of Michigan. Please leave a message of comfort for Dr. Schneider's family at 1-877-231-7900, or sign his guestbook at www.borekjennings.com

TOMLINSON, BARBARA

Of Milford, Nurse, parishioner of St. Mary's, passed away on July 14, 2014, after an eleven month battle with brain cancer. LynchFuneralDirectors.com In Memoriam



ZACHARIAS, DR. K. Who passed away Aug. 1st 2006. Dear husband of Mariann. I live everyday in sorrow without you. You were the light of my life. Miss you so! Mariann



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RELIGION

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days - A Ministry for Moms of All Ages.

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study with pastor Troy Ogle and Surge Youth Group.

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 Summer Sunday School

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

a.m.

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

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

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

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

Hope Lutheran Church

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

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake.

Livonia Church of Christ

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

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)

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:**

Novi

11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month. Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m. Sundays.

Orchard Grove Community Church

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

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile. 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).

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HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL www.hsrcc.net at the corner of Winans Lake & Musch Rd. 810-231-9199 Fr. John Rocus, Pastor Weekend Liturgies Saturday 4:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. se visit our Shroud of Turin Display and Book & Gift Sh

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CROSSPOINT **COMMUNITY CHURCH** 1850 S. Commerce Rd. Walled Lake, MI 48390 Sunday Services: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Wednesday Evening: 7 p.m. All Ages Rev. Kenneth Warren - 586-531-2021 www.cpccnow.com

Whitmore Lake

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH 10774 Nine Mile Road Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

Milford

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH Preschool, Pre-K & Kdg. - Mo. Synod 620 General Motors Rd., Milford Church office: (248) 684-0895 Summer Services: Sunday 9:30 am, Monday 7 pm ible Study: Sunday 8:30 am, Monday 8pm **Rev. Martin Dressler**

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

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

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



Sundays 9:15a & 11:15a www.brightmoorcc.org omething for the entire famil

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 44400 W. 10 Mile., Novi, 248-349-2345 1/2 mile west of Novi Rd. www.faithcommunity-novi.org

WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM "Children, Youth and Adult Ministries"

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

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

Parish Office: 347-7778

aturday: 4:30 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Fr Boh LaCroix Pastor Fr. Beto Espinoza, Associate arish Office: 349-8847 • www.holyfamilynov HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL 40700 W. Ten Mile Rd. • 248-427-1175 Sunday Worship 7:45 am & 10 am Healing Service Wednesday 11:45 am Rev. Ann Webber, Rector

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375

holycrossnovi@gmail.com

OAK POINTE CHURCH 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi

Saturday Worship 5:15 p.m., Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Casual, contemporary service Phone (248) 912-0043 www.oakpointe.org









SEMCOG's 2014-15 officers are (from left) Jeff Jenks, first vice chair; Phil LaJoy, vice chair; Joan Gebhardt, immediate past chair; Kathy Vosburg, chairperson; Rodrick Green, vice chair; and Karl Tomion, vice chair. Also included is Robert Clark, vice chair.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 5, 2014

To the qualified Electors of the Township of Northville, County of Wayne, notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held in the Township of Northville on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing the candidates(s) to the following offices

Governor

United States Senator Representative in Congress - 11th District State Senator - 7th District Representative in State Legislature - 20th District Wayne County Executive Wayne County Commissioner - 9th District Delegates to County Convention Judges of District Court - Non-incumbent: 23rd, 25th, 32A, Judges of District Court - Incumbent: 28th, 34th

and, to vote on the following Proposals:

State Proposal: 14-1 – Approval or disapproval of amendatory act to reduce state use tax and replace with a local community stabilization share to modernize the tax system to help small businesses grow and create jobs.

Northville Township Millage Increase Proposal for Public Safety (police & fire) and Shared Services (Parks, Recreation,

Northville Township Millage Renewal Proposal for Public Safety (police & fire) and Shared Services (Parks, Recreation, Seniors, Youth), and General Operating.

Plymouth/Canton Community Schools - Pct. 7 ONLY - Operating Millage Renewal

Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) Regional Enhancement Millage Proposal

The full text and a "sample" of the Primary ballot is available at the Northville Township's Clerk's department and on the township's website: www.northvillemich.com

> Statement as Required by Act 278 of Public Acts of 1965 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

	Wayne County, Michigar	n, Township of Northville	
Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Year Increase Effective
County of Wayne	11/03/2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	08/07/2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	11/02/2010	0.25 mills	2015
Wayne County Comm. College	11/06/2008	1.25 mills	2020
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	11/06/2012	$1 \mathrm{~mill}$	2022
Northville Public Schools	11/08/2011	18 mills	2021 non-homestead only
	05/03/2011	1 mill	2015
Plymouth/Canton Schools	09/07/2004	18 mills	2014 (non homestead only)
Northville Township	08/03/2010	5 mills	2013
I	08/03/2010	.4575	2013
	08/03/2010	.1176 mills	2013
	08/04/2009	.90 mills	2029

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLLING LOCATIONS:

Precincts 1 & 15 Precincts 2,8,9,13 Precincts 3 & 4 Precincts 7 & 12 $\,$ Precincts 6 & 11 Precinct 10 & 14 Precinct 5

Moraine Elementary Silver Springs Elementary Northville High Meads Mill Middle School Winchester Elementary **Ridge Wood Elementary** Kings Mill Clubhouse Northville Township Hall

46811 Eight Mile Road 19801 Silver Springs Dr. 45700 Six Mile Rd. 16700 Franklin Rd. 16141 Winchester Dr. 49775 Six Mile Rd. 18120 Jamestown Circle

SEMCOG assembly elects new leadership slate

» Jeffrey Jenks, First

Vice Chairperson; Mayor

Pro Tem of Huntington

Woods. He will become

the chairperson in 2015-

Chairperson; Mayor of

» Robert Clark, Vice

» Rodrick Green, Vice Chairperson; Trustee for

» Jeffrey Jenks, Vice

Superior Charter Town-

Chairperson; Commis-

sioner for Huntington

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SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, recently elected a new slate of leaders at its general assembly.

Schoolcraft College Treasurer Joan Gebhardt of Livonia, outgoing chair, officially passed the gavel to incoming chair Kathy D. Vosburg, a Macomb County commissioner.

In addition to Vosburg, SEMCOG's slate of officers for 2014-2015 in-

Woods; » Phil LaJoy, Vice Chairperson; Canton Township supervisor. » Karl Tomion, Vice Chairperson; Commissioner for St. Clair County.

» Joan Gebhardt, Immediate Past Chairperson and Schoolcraft College treasurer.

Vosburg is currently serving her sixth twoyear term as Macomb County commissioner, representing District 8 (Lenox and Chesterfield Townships, the Village of New Haven and the City of New Baltimore).

In her remarks at the General Assembly, Vosburg outlined her four priorities for the upcoming year - moving the Regional Transportation Plan forward, implementing the Regional Green Infrastructure Vision, adopting the region's first Nonmotorized Plan, and setting SEM-COG's legislative priorities.

"I will be promoting the benefits of active membership during my year as chair," she said. "I look forward to a great year.'

Also at the General Assembly, SEMCOG announced its Regional Ambassador Award winners. This is SEMCOG's highest honor for individuals and organizations who make unique contributions to the quality of life in southeast Michigan. This year's recipients are:

» Brvan Barnett. Rochester Hills mayor, for his leadership on SEMCOG's Green Infr structure Task Force, adopting Southeast Mich-

Oakland County resi-

free financial counseling

under a new Community

Economic Development

Association of Michigan

Oakland County Treasur-

Andy Meisner is pleased

grant awarded to the

er's Office. Treasurer

to announce that the \$25,000 grant to establish

a Financial Empower-

County will offer free

ment Center in Oakland

one-on-one counseling for

Oakland County taxpay-

ers on personal financial

matters. The counseling will be done by counselors from JVS of Southfield, a community-based

nonprofit organization. "Sometimes families need help tackling fi-

nancial challenges and

turn," Meisner said.

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"This grant gives us an-

other tool to help families

plan a budget, assist with

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City model currently

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Grant to fund financial

counseling in county

igan's first Green Infrastructure Vision, and embracing this environmental work in his community. In a recent citizens' survey in Rochester Hills, residents said that the environment was the most important reason they chose to live in Rochester Hills.

» Dan O'Leary, Washington Township supervisor, for his leadership chairing SEMCOG's **Transportation Advisory** Council and adopting the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan, which directs \$36 billion in transportation funding over the next 25 years to maintain and improve the region's transportation system. In his community, he embraces collaboration, and has worked with Bruce Township officials to assist with their assessing and water service, saving money for both communities.

» Detroit Riverfront Conservancy. Formed in 2003, its mission is to develop public access to one of southeast Michigan's greatest assets the Detroit River while also fostering economic development. The vision is to develop 5.5 miles along the river from the Ambassador Bridge to Gabriel Richard Park, transforming it into a destination that is changing the image of Detroit.

» William Davidson Foundation. Named after William Davidson, the late former owner of the Detroit Pistons, chairman and CEO of Guardian Industries, and a noted philanthropist. The foundation grants funds to support culture and the arts, education, health care and other projects in and around Detroit and southeast Michigan, all important elements to a thriving region.

SEMCOG is the only organization in southeast Michigan that brings together all governments to solve regional challenges and enhance the quality of life for the seven-county region's 4.7 million people.

Precinct 16

All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

44405 Six Mile Road

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Charter Township of Northville

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE ELECTION NOTICE AUGUST 5, 2014 PRIMARY

To the qualified electors, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Primary Election will be held in the City of Northville, Counties of Oakland and Wayne, on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:

STATE	Governor
CONGRESSIONAL	United States Senator, Representative in Congress
LEGISLATIVE	State Senator, Representative in State Legislature
COUNTY	<u>Oakland County Only:</u> County Commissioner
	<u>Wayne County Only:</u> County Executive, County Commissioner

and for the purpose of electing: DELEGATES TO COUNTY CONVENTION OF THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES and for the purpose of voting on the following proposal(s):

STATE

Proposal 14-1 Approval or Disapproval of Amendatory Act to Reduce State Use Tax and Replace With a Local Community Stabilization Share to Modernize the Tax System to Help Small Businesses Grow and Create Jobs **INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency Regional Enhancement Millage Proposal For names of candidates, fell text of proposals or any other information, please Full text of the millage proposals may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk, City of Northville, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, telephone (248) 349-1300, or on the Sample Ballot posted on the City's website at <u>www.ci.northville.mi.us.</u>

Oakland County Treasurers Statement as required by Act 278 of Public Acts of 1964 Amending the Property Tax

<u>Limitation Act</u> I, Andrew E. Meisner, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of July 9, 2014, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the City of Northville, in said County, is as follows:

	Local Unit	Voted Increase	Years Increase Effective
	City of Northville	1.00	Unlimited
	*	1.0	Unlimited
		1.92	Unlimited
		0.1	2008 - 2017
		.2415	2012 - 2021
	Northville Public Schools	.2	2011 - 2015 Incl.
		1.0	2011 - 2015 Incl.
		20.91	2012 - 2021 Incl.
	County of Oakland	.2415	2012 to 2021 Incl.
	Schoolcraft Community College	.50	Unlimited
	Wayne County Regional		
***	Educational Service Agency RESA	1.8782	Unlimited

Wayne County Treasurers Statement as required by Act 278 of Public Acts of 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, Raymond, J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of July 18, 2014, the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Taxing Authorities	<u>Date of Election</u>	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	November 2, 2010	0.25 mills	2015
Northville Public Schools	November 2011	18.00 mills	2021 (non-homestead only)
	May 2011	$1 \mathrm{mill}$	2015

CITY OF NORTHVILLE POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THE AUGUST 5, 2014 PRIMARY ELECTION Precinct 1 Wayne County Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main St. Precinct 2 Oakland County Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center St.

The polls will open at 7:00 Å.M. and remain open until 8:00 P.M. Polling places are handicapped accessible and each precinct is equipped with Braille and audio voting instructions and ADA compliant voting equipment.

The City Clerk's Office, located in the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 2, 2014 for the purpose of obtaining absentee ballots and receiving absentee ballot applications for ballots to be mailed. On Monday, August 4, 2014, until 4:00 p.m., qualified electors requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person and vote the ballot at the City Clerk's office. Absentee ballot applications are available at the City Clerk's office, on the City's website at <u>www.ci.northville.mi.us</u>, or by calling 248-449-9913

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DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK ELECTION COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

being replicated nationally through the Cities for **Financial Empowerment** Fund, the initiative builds on services offered by the county treasurer to promote financial literacy, including on-site housing counseling for mortgage and tax foreclosure prevention, on-site referrals to the Accounting Aide Society and a multimedia financial literacy art contest for Oakland County high school students.

"Building upon a proven model from New York, this approach fits well with JVS' commit-ment to helping families become financially stable and self-sufficient," said Leah Rosenbaum, JVS president and CEO. "We are proud to partner with the Oakland County treasurer's office and CE-DAM to teach residents how to effectively budget, manage and save their money.'

For more information, please contact Meisner at 248-858-0624 or visit the website at oakgov.com/ treasurer.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Notice is hereby given that the City of Northville Election Commission will meet on July 30, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, to conduct business related the August 5, 2014 Primary Election.

The Public Accuracy Test for the August 5, 2014 Primary Election will be conducted as part of this meeting. The public accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Election law.

Annual fundraiser for Rainbow Connection set for Monday, July 28

The Rainbow Connection, along with Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, is hosting The Dobson, its annual signature event, Monday, July 28.

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The event celebrates 35 years of making dreams come true for Michigan children with life-threatening illnesses.

Patterson established the Rainbow Connection in the 1980s. He'll join master of ceremonies Dave LewAllen of WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) in welcoming more than 400 guests to an evening of live entertainment, dinner and a celebration sure to touch the hearts of all who attend.

The daytime activities

Judge Michael Talbot

has been appointed chair

of the Madonna Univer-

sity Board

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for those wishing to golf are at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester Hills. The evening at the Royal Park Hotel begins at 5 p.m. with complimentary premium cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment and a unique silent auction, followed by dinner and spectacular live auction.

Highlights of this year's live auction include a Detroit Tigers suite at Comerica Park, a Top Gun aviator experience in an SF-200 NATO attack fighter accompanied by a Top Gun pilot, an autographed, framed Miguel Cabrera jersey and dinner for four with Patterson at Cafe Via in Birmingham.

This year's Dobson ambassador, 12-year-old Rebecca, lives in Rochester and is excited to attend the Royal Park along with her family. Her dream is a trip to Atlantis in the Bahamas, where she can swim with the dolphins and have fun with her family.

All proceeds of The Dobson will benefit the children and families at the Rainbow Connection. To learn more about the Rainbow Connection, make reservation for The Dobson or donate to make dreams come true for kids like Rebecca, go to rainbowconnection.org or call 248-601-9474

- By Jay Grossman



Rebecca, 12, from Rochester is this year's ambassador for the Rainbow Connection.



Web Site At WWW.JANGURSKI.COM or WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/JANGURSKI



trustee since 2005. Talbot He will chair his first full board meeting in October.

Looking forward to his term as chair, Talbot described it as challeng ing. "We have a president, Sister Rose Marie, who is retiring after 14 years of extraordinary service, so the first year will focus on the search for her successor," Talbot explained. "The second year will involve assisting and supporting the next president in implementing strategies for the university's continued growth."

Madonna President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa said these are excitdonna has led to secure funds for academic programs, new buildings and other projects."

Judge Talbot appointed chair

of Madonna University board

Sister Kujawa recalled another connection. "Long before Michael became a board member, and even before I came to Madonna, his mother was one of Madonna College's first lay staff members."

In his 37th year as a judge, Talbot considers himself fortunate to have served in four courts;

Wayne Circuit, Detroit Recorder's, Detroit Common Pleas and currently the Michigan Court of Appeals. He also is wrapping up his work as special judicial administrator for the 36th District Court in Detroit.

Talbot is a trustee of Sacred Heart Major Seminary and the Archdiocese of Detroit Endowment Fund. He is the past chair of the Board of Education for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

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ing times. "We have ample opportunities before us to reflect on all that has been accomplished, while welcoming new leadership, particularly someone of Judge Tal-bot's stature," she said. "He brings exceptional organizational skills and a keen understanding of the Catholic education system and practices, gleaned through his own K-16 education. His deep understanding of Madonna's mission, vision and values, will serve us well.'

A member of Madonna's Foundation Board and emcee for several key university events, Talbot demonstrated his commitment to the school's success. His affinity for the Franciscan institution reaches back to his youth. "My relationship with the Felician Sisters began as far back as when I attended grade school at St. Michael's in Livonia," Talbot said. "And over the years I have been supportive of the various capital campaigns Ma-

> STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Nancy Linda Bergstrom Date of birth: <u>2.3.1933</u>

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Nancy Linda Bergstrom, Settlor of The Nancy Linda Bergstrom Revocable Trust, who lived at 41130 Fox Run Rd., No. <u>414 Novi, Michigan Street</u> died June 23, 2014.

Creditors of the decedent are notified Creators of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust and estate will be forever barred unless presented <u>Cynthia Jane Yorke</u>, 19125 Hillcrest St., Beverly Hills MI 48025, the Successor Trustee of The Nancy Linda Bergstrom Revocable Trust, established March 16, 2005, within A worths offer the date of within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice on July 24, 2014.

ATTORNEY: DANIEL C. MATSON (P17210); 202 E. WASHINGTON; PO BOX 190; DEWITT MI 48820 517.669.2095

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: CYNTHIA JANE YORKE; 19125 HILLCREST ST.; BEVERLY HILLS MI 48025; 248.910.7370

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OUR VIEWS

Westland's William Wild is the change Wayne County voters are looking for

OPINION

For the first time in many years, the race for Wayne County executive is competitive.

For Robert Ficano, who took over as the county's top leader in January 2003, re-election has almost been a given every four years. However, since his last successful campaign four years ago, much has changed. Ficano's administration has been embroiled in controversy and scandal. A top aide has gone to prison. Throw in the stalled jail project and an annual structural budget deficit that has brought on the threat of an appointed emergency manager and you can see why voters have soured on Ficano.

Ficano's weakened position has opened the floodgates to a number of challengers, but only a few rise to the level of serious consideration by voters in the Democratic primary. They are state Rep. Phil Cavanagh of Redford Township, former Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans of Detroit, Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara of Belleville and Westland Mayor William Wild.

While they have a variety of experiences and backgrounds, all of Ficano's challengers share a message of change and a desire to bring integrity back to Wayne County government. However, we believe one candidate stands out. We urge Wayne County voters to chose **William Wild** in the Aug. 5 Democratic primary.

Despite the criticism leveled his way, Ficano does deserve some credit for rebounding, putting new people in place and coming up with a deficit reduction plan. However, the damage is done. Voters no longer have confidence in county government. There needs to be change at the top.

Cavanagh has been an impressive state lawmaker and before that a county commissioner. McNamara, a current commissioner, has some good ideas. But neither has the executive experience we believe is needed.

Two candidates who stand out for their leadership abilities, executive experience and vision for the county's future are Wild and Evans. We believe both could provide a steady hand, right the ship and restore confidence.

Of the two, however, we believe Wild has the edge because he is the man who can provide the change voters are looking for. Serving as Westland's full-time mayor since 2007, Wild has taken over one of the largest cities in the county and turned it around, trans-



Westland Mayor William Wild fires up the crowd as he officially announces his campaign for Wayne County executive. We believe he would provide a fresh start for a county that needs new leadership. TOM WAKULA

forming a projected \$50 million deficit into a \$5 million surplus. He was able to work with the city's unions to get necessary concessions, while also maintaining services. He currently has a three-year running balanced budget. Those are the kinds of successes needed at the county level.

He is committed to getting the county's financial house in order, but realizes residents expect highquality services, particularly in law enforcement, road maintenance, health and human services, parks and recreation and economic development.

Another thing in Wild's favor is his business experience. He owns Scrap Busters, an auto recycling business in Wayne. He has the support of many local and regional business owners, including William Clay Ford Jr., executive chairman of Ford Motor Co.

Wild also has a young family and fits the demographic Wayne County should be attracting, not losing, as it has too often over the course of the last decade.

Cavanagh, McNamara and Evans all bring a fair amount of good ideas for change and county ties to the table. This year, however, that doesn't necessarily bode well with voters. They are looking for change and a fresh start.

We believe Wild has the skills needed to lead Wayne County. He would provide a fresh start for a county that needs new leadership. We urge voters in the Democratic primary to select **William Wild** as the nominee for Wayne County executive.

Marecki, O'Neil best choices for their party's nomination in county commission 9th District

Voters in the Wayne County Commission 9th District will choose between two Republicans and two Democrats in the Aug. 5 primary election to face off in the November general election.

We recommend Livonia City Clerk Terry Marecki for the Republican nomination and retired attorney



ents of the 9th District. Her opponent, Tom Berry, a retired Detroit police lieutenant who works as an insurance fraud investigator, is a political newVoters may remember Marecki's vote as a Livonia City Council member to place the question of annexing 414 acres of Northville Township on the ballot. While she is and has always been a good Republican who toes the party line, she has grown politically since that decision and can stand up to a lot of people,

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Patrick O'Neil for the Democratic nomination.

The district, which includes most of Livonia, Northville and Northville Township, is currently represented by Republican Laura Cox, who is running for term-limited John Walsh's seat in the state House.

Marecki, who formerly served on the Livonia City Council and Livonia school board, has the political experience and knowledge to best represent constitucomer fed up with the mismanagement of Wayne County government.

We think Marecki, who has Cox's endorsement, will be able to work with members of the Democraticcontrolled commission to get the best possible deal for constituents in the mostly Republican 9th District. including those in her own party.

O'Neil is a former Inkster City Council member who previously ran for Livonia mayor. Like Marecki, he has political experience and knowledge. His opponent, Timothy J. Olszewski, has been a no-show candidate who has not attended candidate forums or responded to candidate questionnaires or requests for interviews.

LETTERS

A winning formula

One of the strongest strengths of our community is the fact that so many of our governmental bodies strive to strengthen our services by forming partnerships with each other. This allows us to provide enhanced services to our residents while saving on expenses. This is clearly a winning formula for all of us.

I am proud to say that the City of Northville and the Charter Township of Northville have had longstanding agreements to share services long before I became mayor (no, I'm not that old). We directly share parks and recreation, senior services and youth assistance programs that benefit all of the members of our community. Together with other partners, especially the Northville Public Schools, we provide our residents with top quality services without costly duplication.

This August 5th, the voters of the Township will be asked to vote on a shared services millage. I support a "yes" vote on this question. Our whole community will benefit from this.

Chris Johnson Mayor

City of Northville

School funding needed

The argument I have seen most often for not supporting the Wayne County school enhancement millage is that the residents of some school districts will be "donor districts."

What the people that are making this argument are overlooking is that these same districts are already donor districts to the Michigan system of school finance. The 6-mill statewide education property tax and the sales tax collected within these school districts already exceed the school funding



Kurt Kuban, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor **Grace Perry,** Director of Advertising these districts get back. This is the system that Michigan residents voted for under Proposal A in the 1990s – to fund schools on a per-pupil basis. To not support the enhancement millage on the basis of the donor district argument is therefore misguided.

The enhancement millage is not a new concept. The residents of Midland and Kalamazoo counties already support such a millage. I will be voting to provide local dollars to partially make up for how the state government has fallen short in its support of K-12 students across the county and across the state. It is a shame that we have to do this, but many local districts have reached a point of crisis that the state is ignoring, and that is a bigger shame.

Douglas Coates

Northville

Don't deny students

Some portray the Aug. 5th countywide RESA enhancement millage proposal as "redistribution." If that's true, it's only because of legal necessity.

In 1994, Proposal A slashed property taxes and set baseline funding for schools. However, it allowed school districts this one option to increase revenue; but its authors knew that this would be difficult. Notably, this is the first attempt in Wayne County (for even less than what is constitutionally allowed); and as we've seen in opinion pieces and letters to the editor, countywide measures can be divisive.

Divisiveness only arises from a district-versusdistrict perspective, however. If you instead look at the proposal from a countywide perspective, you'd see that all Wayne County children would see more money in their classrooms.

This is needed because Proposal A made districts rely on a sales tax funded, Lansing-issued, state foundation grant (SFG). That grant, however, has not kept up with the inflated costs that districts face.

Worse, in 2010, Gov. Granholm "borrowed" from the School Aid Fund for non-K-12 budget items; and, since 2011, Gov. Snyder has pushed its money from K-12 funding to post-secondary institutions.

Indeed, since 2005, the SFG of NPS has effectively fallen, and PCCS's has only increased by \$41. Though districts employed oftentimes heart-wrenching costsavings, ever-increasing budget items (e.g. energy) outpaced the SFG and Lansing's frugality incentives. As a result, boards that represent three-quarters of Wayne County students voted to put this measure on the ballot.

The countywide enhancement millage is the only way for districts to increase revenue for operating costs. Though PCCS and NPS are considered "affluent" districts, they still have lower SFGs than other districts in Wayne County; and they only see increased revenue with higher student enrollment (again, with relatively lower SFGs).

So, under the law, to vote for the millage is to increase funding for students in Wayne County; to vote against it is to say that current (or even less) funding is sufficient.

There are no other options for children in Wayne County.

If you live in Wayne County and vote "no," don't complain about school funding.

Jon Forslund Northville

Trott no 'tea partier'

David Trott represents everything the Tea Party was supposed to be revolting against – a deep-pocketed Republican Party insider, endorsed by the entire GOP establishment because he is the establishment.

Trott is Eric Cantor. He is Thad Cochran. He is Mitt Romney, only without the charisma ... or the stature.

Any Tea Partier who votes for Trott is taking part in the marginalization of their own movement, allowing yet another arrogant, entitled multi-millionaire to think he can buy his way into Congress (specifically Michigan's 11th Congressional District).

Like Romney (one of his many endorsers), Trott is a member of the wealthiest 0.01% who made his fortune on the misfortune of others.

Trott's business model is more personal...and predatory. As described by the *Detroit Free Press* in May, Trott's mortgage foreclosure, eviction and property acquisition empire thrives when the economy tanks and housing markets dive. He's made millions doing the dirty work of banks and subprime lenders, and hundreds of thousands of Michiganders have suffered at his hands.

Of course, before the housing crisis, far more subprime and "risky" loans were made to workingclass and minority families, meaning they were most harmed by the foreclosure wave of 2007-2013. People like Trott see that as a feature, not a bug.

Ask any homeowner clutching a Trott & Trott letter, or who has spoken to a Trott lawyer, if the man behind the process shows any charity, forgiveness or tolerance. But be ready for a lot of words not safe to repeat.

Herb Helzer Northville

LOCAL NEWS

Family's tragedy spurs law to help addicts get treatment

Under a new law recently signed by Gov. Rick Snyder, families and health professionals can petition a court to involuntarily evaluate and treat adults who struggle with substance abuse.

'Substance abuse doesn't just harm the person struggling with addiction; it harms the families and friends of people in need of help, too," said state Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia, who introduced the legislation. "This law makes it easier to help those we love recover from drug use and repair families damaged by abuse."

Walsh introduced the legislation after meeting with Mark and Carol Garofoli of Livonia, whose 22-year-old son Mark committed suicide while addicted to heroin. The son could no longer think rationally and had

walked out of a rehab facility in Memphis, Mich., just two weeks prior to his death. His parents, and everyone else, were powerless to stop him because he was over age 18.

The Garofolis had shared their story with the Observer in the hopes of making the public aware that the law was not on family members' side. Walsh said he was unaware of the need for involuntary treatment for substance abuse until then.

Walsh introduced his proposed legislation May 24, 2012, the one-year anniversary of the Garofolis' son's death. It was modeled after the Marchman Act in Florida, as well as similar laws in other states such as Ohio.

It took the bill more than two years to work its way through the Legislature because of the concern lawmakers had over taking away an individual's personal liberty, Walsh said. He worked with the American Civil Liberties Union, the Michigan Department of Community Health, the Michigan Probate Judges Association and the Michigan Association of Substance Abuse Coordinating Agencies, among others, to protect individual rights and guard against someone being wrongfully committed.

House Bill 4486 now Public Act 200 of 2014 — requires proof of a substance abuse problem as well as the likelihood to cause harm to themselves or others before rehabilitation is mandated. Those petitioning for mandated treatment must also guarantee payment for



Pictured at the signing are (from left) state Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia; Carol and Mark Garofoli of Livonia; Gov. Rick Snyder; and Stacey Garofoli, the family's eldest daughter. On the desk are photos of the Garofolis' son Mark.

all associated health care costs.

"Our goal is to help family and friends improve the lives of those affected by drug abuse by allowing requests for much-needed medical treatment," Walsh said. "Not everyone can recognize and seek substance abuse help on their own, nor should they have to. Health professionals must present certified proof that patients require involuntary treatment, are dangerous to themselves or others and

would actually benefit

from rehabilitation. The type, duration and location of the patients' recovery efforts must also be prescribed by health professionals.

"Hopefully this will help bring families together to help overcome very challenging emotional, psychological and medical dilemmas,' Walsh said.

The final decision to mandate treatment is decided by a probate court.

Mark Garofoli said his goal is to spread the word to as many people in Michigan as possible, using all forms of media, so they know there is now a tool in place that can help. "The faster people know about this, the faster it could help save lives and spare families the heartache we are still going through every day," he said.

Local lawmaker: Change fireworks law back to the way it used to be

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

One local state senator is looking to turn back the clock on Michigan's fireworks law after hearing rashes of complaints from his constituents

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, said he plans to introduce a bill in the state Legislature in Lansing reverting the state's current fireworks law that allows for a wide array of aerial displays from private residents back to its previous form, which would ban the use of items such as Roman candles and bottle rockets.

"It has gotten completely out of hand," said Anderson, who represents Redford, Livonia,

Garden City and Westland.

Since 2012, residents have been able to shoot off aerial displays on the day of, day before and day after several national holidays throughout the year, though Independence Day is the holiday that sees the most activity. Since then, use has increased, triggering the legislation to allow local municipalities to set limits as to when fireworks can be shot off during the night, usually between midnight and 8

a.m. Anderson, who voted against the changes in 2011, said the number of complaints he's received from his constituents in the densely-populated communities he represents was enough for him to introduce legisla-

tion that would change the laws.

He said if residents continue to speak up, legislators may be more inclined to look at changes to the law, especially since it is an election year.

"Legislators sometimes listen better in election years," he said. "I know that people will do things that they normally wouldn't do when people are watching.'

Anderson cited several accidents that have occurred in recent years, including ones in Macomb County that took place earlier this month when a firework burned down a garage. He cited another incident that took place in Inkster last year, when a man severely damaged his hand while using fireworks.

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Trott holds 22-point lead on Bentivolio, poll indicates

By Todd Spangler Gannett Michigan

Having largely ceded the airwaves to his challenger, U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio's re-election campaign is showing signs of trouble as a new poll shows him trailing lawyer Birmingham David Trott in the Aug. 5 primary by 22 percentage points.

If accurate, it could spell the political end for Bentivolio, R-Milford, a veteran, former educator and reindeer farmer who made headlines two years ago when he was propelled into Congress following the abrupt resignation of then-U.S. Rep. Thad McCotter in a petition signature scandal

The exclusive poll, an automated survey of 802 likely Republican primary voters done by EPIC-MRA of Lansing for the Detroit Free Press, WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) and their outstate partners, showed Trott with a double-digit lead with both genders and among the 85 percent



Trott (left) and Bentivolio

who were at least somewhat certain of their support.

Perhaps surprisingly, Trott — widely considered the mainstream Republican candidate, having lined up the support of Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and other political heavyweights in the 11th Congressional District — also had a 52-34 edge with tea party supporters, who made up a whopping 79 percent of the poll respondents.

"That means Bentivolio isn't quite the darling of the tea party that he has been in the past," EPIC-MRA pollster Bernie Porn said. "He doesn't seem to have a lot of money or organizational support.'

The poll, taken July 12-13, had a margin of error of plus or minus U.S. HOUSE **11TH DISTRICT** QUESTION: If the Aug. 5 Republican primary election for U.S. House in the 11th District were held today, for which candidate would you vote?



SOURCE: Fax losive poll clope for the Fore Press, WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) and our statewide polling paraners. The survey was conducted July 12-13 by Larsing based EPIC-MRA, it was an 802 voter sample, with a margin of error of ++ 1.5 percentage points. Some 76% of respondents were 50 years old or older. Some 79% identified themselves as eeparty supporters. Respondents were eveniy split, 50% 50%, between women and men

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3.5 percentage points. It showed Trott, who has been criticized in some quarters for running a business that specialized in legal foreclosure services, leading Bentivolio 43-24, with 33 percent undecided.

When undecided voters were asked their choice if the election were held today, Trott's lead expanded to 53-31, with 16 percent undecided.

The poll indicates a surge of support for Trott with the primary just two weeks away. A poll done by Target Insyght for MIRS in Mav

showed Bentivolio leading 33-21 with 46 percent undecided. In June, Trott's campaign said an internal poll showed him with a 33-19 lead, with 47 per-

cent undecided The Free Press poll is even better news for Trott, who has been flooding people's mailboxes with direct mail, hitting the airwaves with ads, introducing himself to voters and, more recently, hitting Bentivolio as ineffective and refusing to face voters in

town hall meetings. In response, Bentivolio's campaign manager put out an email to supporters saying the "desperate" attack was proof the incumbent was in the lead. Bentivolio's campaign has yet to air a single TV advertisement, however.

Two years ago, after McCotter resigned following an investigation into fraudulent signatures used on re-election petitions, Bentivolio, a political neophyte, emerged as the only other Republican on the ballot.

A last-minute attempt to defeat him with a write-in candidate selected by establishment forces failed as tea party forces swarmed to his support.

This time, Trott has gathered an impressive list of backers — from the U.S. and Michigan chambers of commerce, to former GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney and many more. And the race represents one of several nationwide where establishment Republicans are trying to take back a seat from a tea party incumbent

Bentivolio, on the other hand, has failed to attract a level of national support from tea party and other conservative groups that could help him in his effort to maintain his seat.

According to the poll, Trott leads Bentivolio not only among tea party supporters 52-34, but also among tea party opponents, 58-23.

Bentivolio holds a 50-31 edge among voters age 18-34, but Trott leads the incumbent by no less than 17 percent among all other age brackets.

Among men, Trott leads 52-36, with 12 percent undecided; among women, 53-26, with 20 percent undecided.

"Obviously, there is a very concerted financing effort to push Trott and there's a lack of support for Bentivolio," Porn said.

"I think it's going to be real tough for him to turn it around. Where does he get the money? What's his message going to be? It seems like he's coming up against a really tough challenge."

Bentivolio targets veterans' medical care at South Lyon center

By Diane Gale Andreassi Staff Writer

U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio slammed the medical care given to veterans as he talked to patients and staff recently at South Lyon Senior Care and Rehab

An Army veteran who served in the Vietnam, Gulf and Iraq wars, Bentivolio said he knows firsthand the problems with getting adequate care from Veterans Administration health care

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facilities. He alluded to recent news reports about Rep. John Dingell, D-Dearborn, questioning the care veterans receive in the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System.

"I came to talk to my fellow veterans," Bentivolio said, adding that it's unacceptable for veterans to wait as long as 45 days for medical appointments at veterans hospitals.

"Once you get to see a doctor and they want to

send you to a specialist, Great Lakes Dermatology MICHAEL R. COHEN, D.O. Board Certified Dermatologist **Specializing in Diseases** w the Skin, Hair & Nails Invites uou to visit and receive the care you deserve.

the wait can be four months for physical therapy," he said. "This has been going on for 40 vears.

Bentivolio, R-Milford, is seeking re-election in the U.S. House 11th District. He faces a challenge from Birmingham lawyer Dave Trott in the August primary. Bentivolio, who ran as a tea party candidate, won the congressional seat in 2012 after then-U.S. Rep. Thad McCotter, R-Livonia, resigned following revelations his campaign staff compiled fraudulent petition signatures for his re-election.

'The tea party is a bunch of people who got together and said, 'Something is wrong with the country," Bentivolio said in a conversation with a South Lyon Senior Care and Rehab patient. "The best part is, they're asking questions. They want government to be a



U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, R-Milford, chats with Doris Dodds during a recent visit to South Lyon Senior Care and Rehab. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

tem. I'm not here to lie to you or to tell you a fancy story. My constituents want the truth."

Patients respond Rehab resident John

Talmage said he is always interested in getting an idea of what politicians are doing. "Some are insulated rom the wants, desires

Russell Maxwell, also a rehab patient, liked what he heard.

"I like everything in the right way," Maxwell said. "I'm a right winger. I don't believe in socialism and that's the way the current president is leaning."

During his tenure as congressman, Bentivolio said he was most proud

his office staff for receiving awards for their availability to constituents.

Bentivolio pointed to a bill he sponsored, the Safe and Secure Federal Websites Act of 2013, promoting privacy on federal websites. The bill was introduced to the House and is being revised.

Regarding the opportunity to meet Bentivolio, rehab resident Janet Bartsch said she appreciated the opportunity to hear the congressman, "because all we have to go on is what other people say that they say.'

Bentivolio concluded his visit with an invitation to everyone to contact his staff if they need help with any concerns.

"I don't care what your political party is, we are here to serve constituents in this district," he added.

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countable. The tea party is concerned about obligations to veterans and the Social Security sysand needs of the people," he said. "It's nice to get an idea of what they are about.'

of being recognized for transparency in his work representing his constituents. He also applauded

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Bloomfield Hills doctor leaps into congressional race

11th District U.S. Congressional candidate Dr. Anil Kumar is running in the Aug. 5 Democratic primary against Bobby McKenzie, Nancy Skinner and Bill Roberts. The 11th District serves Wavne and Oakland counties. See future editions for coverage on the other candidates in the race.

Why are you the best candidate to serve the people of the 11th District?

I have continuously lived in this community for 30 years and served as a doctor to the poor and sick. As a businessman, I have created jobs including my surgical center that currently employs 30 individuals. I have saved a hospital out of bankruptcy saving 600 union jobs. I am part of the clinical faculty at Michigan State University teaching students and residents. I understand public education and the need for more funding. I am a researcher and understand science and technology - I have three patents filed. I completely understand the Affordable Care Act and the need for a few reforms including capping deductibles. I am a passionate champion of women's rights and work with services to protect against abuse and human trafficking. With these qualifications and a call-

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ing to give back to society, I consider myself the best candidate to represent the 11th District in Con-

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monthly premium arrived for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act. Many also now have high deductibles that make them wary of getting medical care at all. How would you improve ACA?

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) is the best law passed for health care, but it's far from perfect. The ACA needs to make changes that give patients the maximum health care benefits for their dollar. The premiums are out of control because the cost of health care is still too high.

This can be corrected by eliminating the waste and abuse that account for billions of dollars lost every year. The ACA also mandates that insurance companies spend 85 cents for every dollar on direct patient care. Therefore at the end of the year, refunds may be due. High deductibles may in fact make patients avoid doctors and tests that may be necessary for diagnosis. I will propose capping deductibles and co-pays.

Give specific example of how you would help create jobs in Michigan.

1. I would arrange for federal assistance to provide infrastructure grants to repair potholes, bridges, etc.

2. I would encourage industries to invest in clean energy. A good example is Novi Energy, which uses bio waste to create electricity.

3. Oakland County is one of Michigan's largest health care providers. We can encourage small businesses to invest in industries that produce healthcare products locally.

4. Nurse training schools should be expanded to cover increased health care needs in our area.

5. Create jobs doing research in wave energy for our Great Lakes. These are grants that should be provided by the federal government.

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investing directly in students through federal student loan reforms, reducing tuition costs to make college tuition more affordable, and through holding colleges funded by the state accountable for their expenditures. Many students leave Michigan because they cannot find jobs. We should consider creating a debt forgiveness plan. As for businesses, they should receive a federal subsidy for employing new graduates. Because Oakland County is a large health care provider, increasing schools in this area will create a natural fulfillment of open jobs.

Give us one idea that is your own that would improve life for the families in Michigan.

We should recycle food products from restaurants that can be carted to bio energy companies that can use

such material to create electricity. For example, Novi Energy ingeniously uses byproducts of the food industry such as Gerber that can be used to create clean electricity that does not use landfills. Such innovative companies also creates jobs in the 11th District. What is the biggest

problem facing your constituents and how would you solve it?

The economy is the biggest problem facing my constituents. Oakland County is one of the wealthiest counties in the U.S. Some of the wealthiest cities in Oakland County are located in the 11th District. However, the district has faced severe job losses when it should be gaining jobs. We must find creative ways to create jobs and show industries that the 11th District is a great place to set up shop.

If elected, how would you overcome your lack of political experience to serve the people of Michigan?

While I have not held public office before, I have political experience from the medical world. I was elected chief of staff at North Oakland Medical Center. I have been elected to the executive committee board for Doctor's Hospital and Crittenton Hospital. I have politically maneuvered North Oakland Medical Center out of bankruptcy. By working with the city of Pontiac and McLaren Hospital, I was integral to creating Doctor's Hospital and saving 600 union jobs. I am also on the board of **Oakland County Medical** Society and a delegate to the Michigan State Medical Society which makes legislative recommendation to the State of Michigan



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Northville's Foucher has eye on CrossFit prize

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

In 2012, Northville native Julie Foucher held the distinction of being the world's second-most fit woman.

After taking a competitive sabbatical in 2013 to concentrate on her medical school studies in Cleveland, Foucher is back and more fit than ever, one of the favorites to capture the 2014 Reebok CrossFit Games, which start Friday in Carson, Calif.

The Reebok Games are a three-day, single-sport, multi-discipline open competition which now encompasses 17 different regionals worldwide. Since its humble beginnings, when a field of 70 gathered to compete in the first games in 2007, entries have risen every year – as has prize money, now \$275,000 for each winner.

Last year, 150,000 people entered the Crossfit Open – the initial stage – of whom 2,959 were UK athletes. A select few make it through to regionals, after which the true elite compete in California, with the winners proclaimed "the fittest alive."



Northville's Julie Foucher pushes a weighted sled in the 2012 CrossFit Games. GAMES.CROSSFIT.COM

A favorite along with Annie Thorisdottir, who was the 2011 and 2012 champion, the 25-year-old Foucher has been training vigorously with her coach of five years, Doug Chapman, who owns and operates Hyperfit USA, a CrossFit affiliate gym in Ann Arbor.

"I'm definitely even more fit than I was then ... just based on my times, my benchmark workouts and I was first woman at (Central East) regionals," Foucher said. "The nice thing about CrossFit is that it's very objective and it's very measurable. You can track your progress and the numbers don't lie, so I know I'm definitely fitter than I was two years ago."

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After graduating from the University of Michigan, Foucher began to pursue a medical career at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University in Ohio.

She just completed her fourth year and has three years remaining. She is in the midst of a two-year research program and took 2013 off from CrossFit competition to prepare for her boards. "I was still training, but not to the

"I was still training, but not to the same degree now that I am or that I have been this year," said Foucher, who can dead lift 350 pounds and clean and jerk 195. "But I've been keeping up some level of skill and mostly working on strength."

The 5-foot-4, 135-pound Foucher has ramped up her training this year and

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Buckley moves on

Novi grad will play at Junior PGA Nationals after victory

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Garret Buckley knew the lay of the landscape when he returned to play a National PGA Junior Series event last weekend at Westbrook Country Club in Mansfield, Ohio.

"I really liked the course. I played the same tournament last year and took second," said Buckley, who recently graduated from Novi High School. "I just felt confident – and said I wanted win that tournament from the day I left last year. So I just



Catch the rising wave of pickleball

Despite funny name, sport continues to grow

> Mary Barberio Correspondent

Stop by the Northville Community Center gym at the right time on just about any day, but beware – you might catch pickleball fever and you won't be able to help it. It's highly contagious. Take a seat in the bleachers and watch for a while.

You'll see that the game of pickleball is easy to learn and can be played by youngsters, oldsters and all those in between. You'll see agility, speed, sweat and maybe an acrobatic maneuver or two. There will be lots of camaraderie, wisecracks and barrels of fun. Laughter will abound and it won't be because of the funny name. The game of pickleball started almost 50 years ago in the state of Washington. It's a bit like tennis. It's played on a surface the size of a badminton court, either indoors or out. Throw in a paddle, a whiffle-like ball and a lot of terms like "kitchen," "poach" and "dink" and you have a game that has certainly caught fire in Northville and the surrounding area. Pickleballers can't seem to get enough play time. The regular players usually show up early and stay late and those who want to can turn it into a fast-paced, competitive game.

to suit that course."

Buckley certainly brought his 'A' game, capturing the boys 15-18 division by four strokes with a three-day total of 216.

The victory allows Buckley exempt status into the 39th Junior PGA Championship, July 29 through Aug 1 at Miramont Country Club in Bryan, Texas. The prestigious event, which features top junior amateurs from all over the U.S., will also include Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School senior Glenn Piot, who earned a spot by capturing the Michigan Junior PGA title earlier this summer at Bedford Valley Country Club.

Buckley, who is headed this fall to Loyola (Ill.) University – where he will study environmental science – on a golf scholarship, fired rounds of 71-71-74 to lead the field of 90, while 14-year-old Colin Bowles of Oceana, W.Va. was runner-up with a 73-74-73–220 total.

The Novi grad had to be precise on the par-72, 6,787-yard Westbrook C.C. layout.

"The course is awesome," said Buckley, who shot a 2-over 74 on the final day. "It played extremely firm. The greens were extremely quick. Even if you were hitting a short iron into the holes, you still had to be really careful where to put it. You had to land it, sometimes not even close to the pin, and just work it 50 feet just to get it to settle under the hole where you had makeable putts. There were a lot of challenges like that."

Buckley, whose father Dennis once had a single-digit handicap, began playing golf at age 5 before moving

Novi's Garret Buckley is headed to the 39th Junior PGA Championship, July 29 through Aug. 1, in Bryan, Texas. PGA JUNIOR SERIES

into competitive junior events at age 9.

During his final high school season, Buckley won the Kensington Conference tournament with a 71. He also finished third in the KLAA Association tourney with a 77. And after taking fifth in the district with a 73, Buckley failed to qualify for the MHSAA Division 1 state finals after placing a disappointing 21st at the regional with a 79.

"I just didn't have my 'A' game," Buckley said.

Following graduation, Buckley has enjoyed a productive summer, finishing 26th in the Michigan Open with rounds of 74-73-70-70 on his home course at Prestwick Village in Milford, where he is tutored by teaching pro Luke LaFave.

Buckley also played in the Michigan Amateur at Belvedere County Club in Charlevoix, where he missed the match play cut by only one shot with a two-day total of 77-76–153.

But earning a spot in the 39th PGA Junior Championship ranks as a career highlight.

"Probably my best tournament to date," Buckley said. "The only one that would come close would be my finish at the Michigan Open. This is by far the most rewarding."

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Nancy Kossak hits a forehand shot during a game of pickleball at the Northville Community Center. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



ALL-AREA GIRLS LACROSSE Huron Valley's Zigo scores top honor

By Jeff Theisen Sports Writer

It wasn't hard to find Huron Valley's Dominique Zigo on the lacrosse field - the senior was the player doing practically everything except tending goal.

The 2014 All-Area Girls Lacrosse Player of the Year finished with an amazing 97 goals, 18 assists, 113 draw controls, 68 ground balls, 22 successful checks, 19 caused turnovers, six interceptions and two blocks.

"Dominique has been an absolute pleasure to coach," coach Stephanie Anderson said. "She is a strong leader on and off the field. It is all or nothing with Dom. She always gives a 110 percent to what she does.

First team Kym Wysocki South Lyon United The senior goalkeeper

stopped 61 percent of the

360 shots sent her way. She also scooped up nine ground balls and had four interceptions. She was the team MVP and earned the Team Leadership Award. Wysocki earned second team allstate honors.

"Kym Wysocki kept us in a lot games by stopping a lot of shots," coach Aaron Skomial said. Samantha Nelson South Lyon United

The senior attacker earned second team allstate honors thanks to 63 goals, five assists and 23 ground balls. Nelson earned the team MVP award for attackers.

"Samantha Nelson put the team on her back and felt responsible to keep the team in all of our games," Skomial said. Hannah Burczyk South Lyon United The junior midfielder

filled the stat sheet with 30 goals, 14 assists, 57 draw controls and 23 ground balls. She was the team MVP for midfield-

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ers and was named allstate honorable mention. **Payton Taliaferro** South Lyon United

The senior defender and team captain caused 20 turnovers, scooped up 39 ground balls and had two interceptions. She was voted team MVP on defense and selected all-state honorable mention

"Payton Taliaferro stepped up as our defensive leader and kept our defense working together, even when we struggled using a new defense," Skomial said. **Natalie Williams** South Lyon United

The sophomore midfielder tallied 29 goals with six assists and 42 draw controls. She was awarded the Coaches Award from Skomial. Alanna Clark Novi

The junior centermidfielder notched 55 goals with 39 assists for the Wildcats, who went 9-6 overall and 5-5 in the

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Kensington Conference. Clark was 75 percent in draw control.

"(Clark) is a captain as a junior and is most definitely our most valuable player," coach Caitlin Warda said. "She plays offense and defense flawlessly and her efforts are absolutely never-ending. She strives to do her best and work with the rest of the team." Julia Clark

Novi

The senior defender collected ground balls at an 80-percent rate, winning possessions for transitions while also holding down the back end. She was a captain.

'Julia Clark is one of the smartest players we have on our team," Warda said. "Her stick skills for a defenseman are very impressive and she pushes herself to her limit in every single game. The encouragement and communication from her on the field is one of the major reasons we were so successful on defense this year." Gina Salemi

Novi The sophomore attacker struck for 56 goals with 24 assists and was 60 percent on ground

balls. "Gina's speed alone sets her aside from the rest of the team. She is the fastest player we have and has a shot with enough power to knock someone right out," Warda said. "Her intensity to win and do better is contagious and she is always looking for ways to execute.'

Megan Paul Novi

The senior attacker found the back of the net 50 times with 23 assists. She was also a captain. "Megan is one of our leading scorers and is not afraid to do what it takes

to make sure we score another goal," Warda



Huron Valley's Dominique Zigo is the 2014 All-Area Girls Lacrosse Player of the Year. HAL GOULD STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ALL-AREA GIRLS LACROSSE

PLAYER OF THE YEAR Dominique Zigo, Huron Valley

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JULY 17, 2014 - REGULAR MEETING **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES** DATE: Thursday, July 17, 2014 TIME: 7:30 p.m. PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Marv Gans, Trustee **ROLL CALL:** Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer Symantha Heath, Trustee Mindy Herrmann, Trustee Fred Shadko, Trustee **ABSENT:** Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Agendas: Approved 1. Approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items: Minutes – Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of June 19, 2014 2. Minutes - Historic District Commission Meeting of May 22, 2014 3. Financial Report – Second Quarter 2014 4. Investment Report - Second Quarter 2014 5. Resolution for The Senior Alliance Implementation Plan 2. Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements: Appointment of Mike Nolta to EDC/BRA – Approved Appointment of Lisa Anderson to Planning Commission – Approved B. Reappointment of Jim Morche' to Beautification Commission - Approved C. D. Reappointment of Joe LoPiccolo to Zoning Board of Appeals - Approved Northville Youth Assistance – Strategic Plan 3. Public Hearing: None 4. Brief Public Comments: Three members of the audience had questions or comments. 5. **New Business:** METRO Act Application - ExteNet Systems, Inc. - Approved Α. В. Concept Plan – Manor Reserve – Approved Township Hall HVAC Controls Contract – Payment No. 1 – Approved Whipple Street Sanitary Sewer - Construction Contract Award - Approved D. Ε. Liquor License - Chipotle Mexican Grill - Approved

F. Liquor License - Granite City Food and Brewery - Approved

- Public Safety Command Vehicle Purchase Approved
- Unfinished Business: None
- 6. 7. Ordinances: None
- 8. Check Registry:
 - A. In the amount of \$1,322,124.16 Approved **Board Communication & Reports:**
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and always helps with the double team if we have a turnover. She has ability to see the full field

and understand every position even though her primary position is attack. Her positioning is impeccable and her love for the game is contagious."

said. "She never gives up

Haley Parker Novi

The senior offensive midfielder contributed 28 goals with 23 assists.

"Haley Parker is one of our No. 1 playmakers on the team," Warda said. "She is quick on her decision-making and an allaround asset both on attack and on midfield. She knows how to make herself open and where to pass to next in order to keep the transition moving and the play alive." **Elizabeth Hansell** Northville

The junior attacker earned team MVP as coach Stacey Tardich called her the "best allaround player on the field.'

Shayla Croteau Northville

The junior defender was voted all-conference as well as team Most

Huron Valley: McKenna South Lyon United: Sam



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Any other business for the Board of Trustees: None

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m. 11.

A draft of the complete minutes will be available July 29, 2014 **Respectfully submitted:** Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 Ten Mile Road to consider:

CASE NO. PZ14-0028 1103 E. LAKE DRIVE - SUNDANCE GRILL & CANTINA

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF

NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Sections 2400 to allow construction of a 693 square foot addition and 526 square foot outdoor seating area along the building's west side to the existing non-conforming Sundance Grille & Cantina building with a on an existing lot with a reduced front yard setback of 24 ft and a reduced exterior side setback of 3 ft. The property is located west of Novi Road and south of 14 Mile Road.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires minimum front yard setbacks of 30 ft. (west/ East Lake Dr.)and an exterior side yard setback of 30 ft. (north/ Fourteen Mile Rd.)

CASE NO. PZ14-0029 43655 WEST OAKS DRIVE -HOME GOODS

The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(2)b.1.(a) (i)a to allow an oversize sign of 104.16 square feet located on the front elevation of a retail tenant suite. The property is located west of Novi Road and south of 12 Mile Road. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(2)b.1.(a) (i)a, permits a single wall sign of 65 S.F. maximum for each business storefront in the RC, Regional Center District.

CASE NO. PZ14-0030 27225 WIXOM RD - CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

The applicant is requesting variance from Section 2400 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of a parking lot with a reduced rear yard setback of 18 ft. The property is located north of 11 Mile Rd and south of Grand River Ave.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires that all off-street parking lots serving any use other than single-family residential having a minimum rear yard setback

CASE NO. PZ14-0031 21050 HAGGERTY RD - MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT

The applicant is requesting variances from Section 28-5(3), and 28-7(b)(2) of the Novi Sign Ordinance to allow additional signs as follows:

- (2) additional logo wall signs of 14 sq. ft. each
- (1) additional driveway entrance sign of 4.5 sq. ft.
- The property is located on the east side of Haggerty Road, and north of 8 Mile Road.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCE, Section 28-5(3) permits only one sign per parcel or building and 28-7(b)(2) permits only one driveway entrance sign.

CASE NO. PZ14-0032 43700 GALWAY DR

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES. Section 2400 to allow construction of a new covered porch addition with a reduced front yard setback of 23 ft. The property is located west of Novi Road and south of 9 Mile Road.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires minimum front yard setbacks of 30 ft.

CASE NO. PZ14-0033 44480 W. 11 MILE RD

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES. Section 2400 to allow construction of a new one-story living area addition with a reduced front setback of 25.5 ft. and a reduced aggregate side setback of 22.65 ft. The property is located east of Taft Road on the north side of 11 Mile Road.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires that a structure within an R-4 zoning district have a minimum front setback of 30 ft., and a minimum aggregate side setback of 25 ft.

CASE NO. PZ14-0034 LOT 15 PIONEER MEADOWS (PARCEL # 50-22-21-101-001)

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES. Section 2400 to allow construction of new single family homes with reduced front setbacks of 40 ft. (45 ft. required), reduced rear setbacks of 40 ft. (50 ft. required), reduced rear setbacks of 10 ft. (20 ft. required) and reduced aggregate side yard setbacks of 40 ft. (50 ft. required) on existing non-conforming lots. The applicant is also requesting an exception from Section 3107 which requires issuance of building permits within 12 months of approval of variances. The request is to allow the variances to remain valid for issuance of building permits within 18 months of approval date. The properties are located east of Beck Road and north of 10 Mile Road. Previous variance PZ13-47 approved setbacks and a variance remain valid for issuance of building permits within 18 months of approval date.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires that structures constructed within the RA zoning district have a minimum front yard setback of 45 ft., a minimum rear setback of 50 ft. and an aggregate side yard setback of 50 ft. The validity of Ordinances is limited to (1) year.

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LACROSSE CHAMPS



Novi's Tommy McMaster was named MVP as Team Total Elite Lacrosse team posted a 7-0 record to win the Pipe City Tournament held July 12-13 in Chicago. Team Total Elite, which qualified for the Dick's Tournament of Champions Tourney this December in Florida, is made up of players from Northville, Novi, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, Plymouth, Canton, Walled Lake Central, South Lyon and Okemos high schools. Team members include (front row, from left) Brennan Sweeney, Eric Hantz, Jerry Belanger, Joe Sullivan, Connor Sweeney, David DiRado, Kyle Robertson, Drew Schertzer and Kam Rokawski and (back row, from left) coach Ben Gjokaj, Ian Foster, Trevor McManus, Sam Horton, McMaster, Brian Griffiths, Alex Justice, Ryan Moore, Murphy Nye, Conner Stevenson and coach Dwayne Hicks. Also on the team is Ben Riley. NANCY GRIFFITHS

MUSTANGS HONOREES



The 2014 MHSAA Division 1 state champion Northville High girls soccer team, which finished 23-0, recently reaped a slew of postseason team and individual honors, including a Fab 50 National Championship and an NSCAA national runner-up. Among those recognized individually included (back row, from left): senior Megan Buckingham, Miss Soccer and Gatorade Player of the Year; senior Karen Lovelace, all-District and all-KLAA; senior Jamie Cheslik, Dream Team all-state and Division 1 all-state; junior Morgan Gozdor, honorable mention all-KLAA; and junior Jenna Baughman, all-district and honorable mention all-KLAA; and (front row, from left) senior Jenny Willerer, all-district; senior Gabby Mencotti, first team all-state and all-KLAA; junior Emily Maresh, first team all-state and all-KLAA; senior Lauren McBroom, honorable mention all-KLAA; and senior Ashley Peper, third team all-state and all-KLAA.

GRAND CHAMPIONS



The 26-member Northville varsity pom pon squad was crowned grand champions at the Mid American Pompon Camp, held June 19 at Davenport University in Grand Rapids. The camp consisted of learning a different routine each day and completing that routine in the evening. After three days at camp, the Mustangs took firsts in speed learning, kick line and original routine. MALORY MOSSOIAN

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 one-mile fun, which starts at 5 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit the Friends of Maybury State Park.

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 one-mile fun run.

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

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

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

Novi dedication

The Novi Athletic Boosters will hold their annual Tastefest & Silent Auction on Thursday, Aug. 28, at the Wildcats' football stadium with food and fun for the entire family.

The gates open at 5 p.m., with the new field dedication scheduled for 6:30 p.m. The season varsity football opener features host Novi against Brighton at 7 p.m.

For more information, visit www.noviathleticboosters.com.



Members of the Northville Broncos include (front row, from left) Karl Finkbeiner, Luke Skillman, Ben McCauley, Nate Wixon, Kevin Morrissey and Ryan Basford and (back row, from left) assistant coach Dave Brass, assistant coach Scott McCauley, Justin Gibbons, Grant Kiple, C.J. Baird, Riley Brass, head coach John Basford and assistant coach Jeff Wixon. Also on the team is Zac Osaer.

Northville Broncos capture Panther Classic tournament

Grant Kiple's walk-off RBI single enabled the 15-andunder Northville Broncos to earn their second baseball tournament title in three tries this summer with a 3-2 victory Sunday over the Mid-Michigan Fury in the finals of the Lakeshore Panther Classic held at Holland West Ottawa High School.

The Broncos, coached by John Basford, captured four of five games over the weekend and earned a spot in the finals after going 3-1 in pool play.

Northville trailed most of the game, but managed to tie it at 2-2 in the sixth inning.

The Fury, however, loaded

up the bases with two outs in the top of the seventh, when Basford went to his bullpen, bringing in reliever Ben McCauley, who promptly got the third out as shortstop Kevin Morrisey got the assist on a close play at first to keep the score tied.

In the bottom of the seventh, the Broncos went to small ball to score the gamewinning run.

C.J. Baird led off with a single and advanced to second on Justin Gibbons' perfect sacrifice bunt. Baird then took third on a wild pitch after catcher Luke Skillman had fouled off several pitches before striking out.

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Kiple followed by making contact on a first-pitch line drive to the outfield to end the game.

The Broncos allowed just 2.4 runs per game en route to the title and enjoyed their stay in Holland with a trip between games to Lake Michigan.

Rounding out the Broncos tournament championship squad were Riley Brass, Karl Finkbeiner, Nate Wixon, Ryan Basford and Zac Osaer.

Assistant coaches include Dave Brass, Scott McCauley and Jeff Wixon.

The Broncos will finish the season next weekend at the Pastime Tournament in Ann Arbor.

FOUCHER

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can often be found exclusively at Hyperfit.

"Earlier in the year, I'd say closer to 20-25 hours, but as the Games approach, it's like an all-day effort, five, six, seven hours a day, five days a week and, a couple of days, two or three hours," Foucher said. "And there's things like taking care of your body and making sure you're recovered. It definitely all adds up. And I've been lucky to have enough flexibility in my schedule this year to train like that."

Foucher, a 2007 Northville grad, was an accomplished athlete in high school, winning the MHSAA Division 2 gymnastics all-around title with a score of 36.675. She also competed in track as a pole vaulter.

When she got to Michigan, she decided she wanted to try something different when it came to fitness.

"I started after my sopho-more year in college," Foucher said. "I loved working out and I loved fitness, but I really didn't know what to do. I kind of fell back on a lot of running. I did some swimming in the mean time, but when I heard about CrossFit, actually from my boyfriend (Daniel Urcuyo), it sounded exactly what I was looking for, so we both joined the local CrossFit gym (Hyperfit USA), owned by Doug Chapman. He's been around for a long time and has a lot of coaching experience, so we just really got lucky to go out there.'

In June 2009, Foucher started competing and earned back-to-back fifth-place finishes at the Reebok Games in 2010 and 2011. The 2014 finals will be televised live on ESPN.

Foucher gravitated toward the sport because of the variety of all the different disciplines.

"That's what I really loved about it," she said. "I got really bored just running all the time or doing the same thing. It's something different every day. There's such a broad spectrum that we cover, so we're not trying to specialize in any one area. But we do gymnastics elements. We do weight lifting elements, endurance things like swimming, running, rowing. It's a little bit of everything."

Foucher gets coaching not only from Chapman, she's also worked with 1996 Olympic gold medal gymnast Dominique Moceneau.

She feels she's peaking at just the right time as she heads off to the West Coast. Last year's champion, Samantha Briggs of Manchester, England, did not qualify this year.

"I feel better than I ever have felt going to the Games in terms of my confidence," Foucher said. "In 2012, I would ask myself, 'Do I want to win?' There was still part of me that believed that I could. And this year, it's very different. I totally believe that I'm capable. I just want to go and give everything I have on every workout when I walk away. I hope to win and, if I do, I'll be very happy."

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Julie Foucher is working on her strength events in preparation for the 2014 Reebok CrossFit Games. DOUG CHAPMAN

PICKLEBALL

Stay hydrated. Play within your skill and



The Northville Stampede, an under-11 baseball team, were crowned champions of the Total Baseball NFWB Panthers Classic tournament on June 22. The team is coached by Tom Cotter and Todd Gattoni. Players are Nick Gattoni, Grant Gattoni, Tom Cotter, Dante Williams, Jeremy Rivers, Harrison Kestin, Harrison Neal, Jacob Bisdorf, Alex Goolsby, Stefan Do, Ryan Scott and Ian Duda.

INTER-CITY CHAMPS



The Novi Youth Baseball League Pony Division Green team defeated South Lyon Texas A&M, 13-1, in four innings Saturday to capture the inter-city championship. Shinyu Imamura pitched a complete game no-hitter, while Jacob Good and Luke Johnson led the attack with two hits apiece. Team members include (front row, from left) John Biberstein, Peter Koomen, Aidan Rosinski, Kevin Berg and Grant Pytel and (back row, from left) coach Biberstein, Raj Merchant, Jacob Good, Luke Johnson, Gavin Hudson, Shinyu Imamura and coach Johnson. Also on the team are Jason Wenner and coach Rosinski.

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But whether their game is fast and competitive or slow and sociable, everyone is moving, getting a good workout and having fun at the same time.

But what would happen if one of these players – let's call her Susie Q – who is having such a delightful time in her fast-paced game, speeds over to the sideline to return the hard-driven hit and doesn't see the ball that is rolling her way from the next court?

Suzie Q could step on the ball, twist her ankle and go to the floor in agony with a sprain, perhaps even a break. Or maybe her partner, Mortimer, who later in the game is attempting to return a lob, decides to backpedal. He loses his balance and reaches down with his arm to break his fall. There goes Mortimer, out for the season with a broken wrist.

Don't get benched like Suzie Q and Mortimer. Instead, heed Ben Franklin's sage advice: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." In sports, the importance of prevention and safety cannot be stressed enough. It doesn't matter if you're a beginner or a veteran. Take precautions to prevent such common sport injuries such as tendinitis, pulled muscles, sprains, breaks and head injuries. Follow the tips below:

Do

Wear proper court shoes. Wear proper eye protection/racquet sports eyewear. Warm up and stretch.

Learn to return lobs properly. Turn and keep your eye on the ball instead of backpedalling.

Call "ball in court" when your ball is headed toward another court.

Communicate with your partner to avoid collisions when going after the ball.

Stop if you feel dizzy or get tired.

Stop playing if injured and if appropriate, remember RICE (rest, ice, compression and elevation)

Stretch and cool down. Keep a cell phone handy in case of emergencies.

Don't

Don't play on wet or uneven surfaces.

Don't backpedal to play a ball.

Don't continue to play if a ball is rolling onto your court.

Don't step in front of your partner to play a ball that is clearly not yours.

Don't push yourself beyond your endurance.

Don't be a bad sport.

Now that you've caught the pickleball fever and you know about the do and don't list, get out there and play. Sweat a little, enjoy the exercise, have fun and at the end of your game be a good sport and bump paddles or high-five or whatever it is that your fellow pickleballers do when they meet at the net and congratulate each other on a game well played.

Mary Barberio is a Northville resident and an avid pickleball player. She can often be found on one of the courts in Northville or The Villages in Florida. She welcomes your feedback at mbarberio@comcast.net.



All three courts are busy during a session of pickleball last month at the Northville Community Center. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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SACKS BY JACK

Wixom boy starts business to help those fighting cancer

By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

Jack Stephens knows what it's like to have a parent battling cancer.

He was just 4 years old when his mom, Peggy Stephens, was diagnosed with inflammatory breast cancer — an ex-tremely aggressive and rare type of the disease.

He's watched his mother fight the disease, physically and tangibly, volunteering for various projects to benefit the **Inflammatory Breast** Cancer Foundation.

And he has worried.

Now 11, Jack is doing something to try to ease that worry for other children – those watching their parents fight cancer and those battling the disease themselves. Jack, who lives with his parents in Wixom, has started his own business - Sacks by Jack - to take some of the pain out of the experience.

"I want to help kids who have cancer or whose parents have cancer," Jack said July 12, while helping customers at his booth at downtown Plymouth's Art in the Park.

"I want them to have activities to take their minds off it."

Jack first formed his business two years ago for the Novi Home and

Garden Sale. Organizers were looking for young people with businesses and a family friend suggested to Peggy Stephens that her son get involved. She said she asked Jack, who was 9 at the time, if he'd ever thought of starting a business.

Jack thinks a bit differently than a lot of 11-year-olds. For instance, he knows he wants to be an archaeologist when he grows up. Inspired by Harrison Ford's Indiana Jones movies, Jack even dressed as Indiana Jones for Halloween one year.

When his mom asked him about starting a business, he thought for a minute, then came up with the idea of doing

something for the IBC. "I was shocked, but not shocked, you know what I mean?" she said. "Our whole family volunteers for the IBC, so he's seen that. He's such a neat, giving kid.'

Sacks by Jack sells soaps, personalized jewelry and activity bags filled with things for kids to do. The bags include a variety of activity books, colored markers and a 'Sock Monkey,' picked out by Jack himself. "He had very specific

things he wanted in there," Peggy Stephens said. "But every bag is a little different.

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Jack Stephens, 11, of Wixom runs Sacks by Jack, the business he started two years ago to help children who either have cancer or whose parents are battling cancer.

Aisin brings big gift for Northville to grand opening

Aisin, a world leading Tier One automotive components manufacturers, cut the ceremonial red ribbon at its new Northville Township headquarters July 14. The festivities included a ceremony and even some traditional Japanese drumming and dance.

In addition, Aisin World Corp. of America CEO Mike Saito presented Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix a \$50,000 check, which the township will use to build a new pavilion at Community Park on Beck Road.

"Today's activities are symbolic of Aisin's continuous investment in its customers and in the state of Michigan," said John Koenig, president of sales and marketing.



Members of Novi's Raion Taiko Drummers help celebrate the grand opening of the North American headquarters of Aisin World Corp. of America.

"The new North American headquarters for AWA and ATCA will enable our team to provide increased levels of efficiency, engineering services and product development for the benefit of our customers."

Koenig, who said the two companies expect to add 51 jobs in the coming months, said the move to Northville Township was necessitated by company growth.

"Business has been very good over the last few years and we expect



Aisin World Corp. of America CEO Mike Saito signs a ceremonial \$50,000 check as Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix looks on. The donation will be used to build a new pavilion at Northville's Community Park on Beck Road.

continued growth," Koenig said.

We not only outgrew our facilities, but it became logistically challenging to have our team located in two separate buildings. Now we're all

A N N U A L

According to company officials, Aisin has invested nearly \$250 million in Michigan since it first located in the state in 1984.

More than 700 people are employed at five Aisin Group company locations in Ann Arbor, Plymouth, Fowlerville and Northville Township.

Aisin is a \$31 billion company and the world's fifth-largest Tier One global supplier of automotive components and systems, such as brakes, transmissions, navigation systems, drive train, chassis, body, enginerelated parts, electronics and intelligent transportation systems. Worldwide, Aisin has 180 consolidated companies and employs 80,000 people.

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highlights eight women leaders across metro Detroit nominated by readers for the 2014 "Powered by Women" feature in the July-August issue, including St. John Providence Health System President and CEO Jean Meyer. She is a Northville resident.

The nominees are making a difference for their companies, hospitals and other institutions. These women are front-runners in the region, driving profits, adding employees and opening new opportunities for future business leaders.

The "Powered by Women" class of 2014 will be honored during a breakfast event that will be held Tuesday, Sept. 30.

For more information, visit www.dbusiness-.com.

Buy Nearby Guy unveiled

Michigan Retailers Association President and CEO James P. Hallan unveiled Michigan's newest mascot, Buy Nearby Guy, along with findings from a report on the effects of increased retail spending in Michigan.

The Buy Nearby Guy mascot represents MRA's statewide, yearround Buy Nearby campaign. The campaign and mascot - a giant blue shopping bag shaped like the state of Michigan serve as reminders to Michigan residents of the great shopping available in Michigan and the benefits that come from supporting nearby retailers.

East Lansing-based Anderson Economic Group has compiled data on the effects of buying from retailers in Michigan rather than out-ofstate online sellers. The report measures the

generated within the state, replacing out-ofstate retail purchases that create no jobs or investment in Michigan.

MRA launched the Buy Nearby campaign in April 2013 as a way to generate excitement about the great shopping opportunities in Michigan and the advantages of supporting retailers in Michigan.

The year-round campaign, celebrated the first Saturday of October with Get Caught Blue-Handed Day, is designed to encourage shoppers to buy in Michigan to improve the state's economy.

By choosing to Buy Nearby, consumers can support hundreds of thousands of Michigan jobs and boost local communities' economies across Michigan.

Schoolcraft PTAC expands satellite office network

The Procurement Technical Assistance Center of Schoolcraft College opened a second satellite office to serve Oakland County businesses with no-fee government contract consulting and free or nominal cost training programs focused on advancing the government contracting community in southeast Michigan.

Oakland County has a lot of business activity, growth opportunity and government contracting potential. We look forward to expanding the access to our program through this new location, while also complementing Oakland County's existing business services," said Jann Deane, program manager of the PTAC of Schoolcraft College.

The new office, located at the Oakland County One Stop Shop Business

tually host training events, special conferences and contracting seminars for businesses interested in government contracting with the local, state and federal marketplaces.

The Oakland County **One Stop Shop Business** Center will become the PTAC's third office. The PTAC of Schoolcraft College has two offices in southeast Michigan: » Main Center: Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia » Satellite Office: Automation Alley, 2675 Bellingham Drive, Troy

Firms interested in meeting with the PTAC of Schoolcraft College must call the Main Center at 734-462-4438 or email the PTAC team at inforeq@schoolcraft.edu.

Glen Eden opens cremation garden

Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia has a new cremation garden that was "created for memories to thrive,' according to Tom Habitz, general manager. The Garden of Grace features garden/cloister ambiances for natureenhanced connections with lost loved ones. Notable are the intimate cul-de-sac areas with perimeter graves on berms, encircling visitors for visual and physical closeness. The focal point of one cul-de-sac is a carnelian granite columbarium with a domed top.

The landscaping features traditional flower gardens against a backdrop grove of pine trees and the "music" of gently flowing waters nearby. The setting is available for committal ceremonies, as well as poignant visitation.

More information is available at 248-477-4460 or www.glenedenmemorialpark.org.







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ON THE GO: Technology helps Realtors keep in touch, find business leads

Over the years, Realtors have spent countless time and millions of dollars advancing real estate technologies and keeping up with the latest high-tech tools. The 2013-14 Realtor Technology Survey, conducted by the National Asso-ciation of Realtors' Center for Realtor Technology, found that Realtors con-tinued to invest in new technology for tinued to invest in new technology for their businesses in 2013 and spent more than they did in previous years.

According to the survey, brokers spent a median of \$1,410 on technology for their real estate business, up from \$1,122 in 2012, while agents spent a median of \$848, up slightly from \$822 in 2012. Technology that allows work to be done while on the move appears to generate the most interest among Realtors, who are highly mobile professionals. Smartphones and tablets ,iPads, Androids, Surfaces or Kindles, are the tools Realtors are most intent on pur-chasing; 29 percent of participants said they plan on procuring one of these tools in 2014.

"Technology has transformed the way Realtors do business, but in real estate, being high tech can never come at the expense of being highly accessible," said Mark Lesswing, NAR senior vice president and chief technology officer. "Advances in smartphones and social media have made it easier for Realtors to stay in touch with their customers, but maintaining a strong, personal relationship with clients is still at the heart of the business."

According to the survey, the vast majority of Realtors, 94 percent, use mobile devices to communicate with clients. In fact, Realtors spend a median 44 percent of their time corresponding with or doing work for their clients via their mobile devices. Use of iPhones continues to increase among Realtors; 52 percent of respondents now use iPhones. Thirty-six percent of respon-dents use Androids and 3 percent use Blackberry devices.

'Realtors tend to find the most value in technologies that allow them to conduct business quickly, conveniently and on the go," Lesswing said. "Embracing new technologies and online resources is a vital part of how Realtors identify, market and sell homes and guarantee that they are meeting their clients' needs.

The use of social media to generate eads and stay in contact with clients has also increased since 2012; 91 percent of all Realtors use social media. Seventy percent of those surveyed said that they use social media to build relationships and network, while 64 percent said they use the platforms for marketing and generating leads. The most frequently used social platforms were Facebook, 77 percent of respondents said they use the site regularly, followed by LinkedIn, used by 75 percent. The 2013-14 Realtor Technology Survey was based on data collected in January 2014. The survey was emailed to NAR members, including Realtor brokers, managers and agents, and generated 1,280 usable responses. The survey is available for free at crt.blogs.realtor.org



Realtors have joined other busy professionals in using technology. GETTY IMAGES/MOODBOARD RE

Alternatives exist in Calif. to San Diego

Q: What is happening to Dana Point, California, from an investment standpoint in residential real estate as opposed to investing in San Diego? A: These are two different

residential scenes, although, they both, of course, border the Pacif-ic Ocean. As I recently observed, the cost of residential units in San Diego and its coastal cities have flattened out in terms of appreciation, because of new construction and local taxes.

Coastal properties are still, of course, strong, however, in the Marina area, but the mega appreciation has not occurred. Dana Point, on the other hand, is a small coastal



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community which is in the process of spend-ing millions of dollars to redo their entire harbor development by tearing down the old shops and restaurants, and in town turning the one-way Pacific coastal highway, going through the city, to two-way traffic. Accordingly, look for major investment and appreciation in the next two years in Dana Point, though as in any situation, you need to get experienced real estate brokers to assist you in evaluating your investment opportunity.

Q: I hear that Banff, Alberta, Canada, is like Aspen in the cost of real estate for the socalled upper-crust. What can you tell me?

A: There is a street in Banff called Buffalo Street, which is along the Bow River, where the houses range from \$2 million to \$10 million. They are not that extravagant, but have a great location in a breathtaking picturesque town much like Aspen. Of course, Banff is in a Canadian National Park where elk and deer stroll everywhere with an occasional bear for excitement, especially, if you leave garbage unattended. Simply put, real estate is extremely expensive in Banff, but based on recent observations, new construction of residential communities is substantial and pre-construction opportunities may be available.

Robert M. Meisner is a law-

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In 2001, NAR established the Center for Realtor Technology to provide technology leadership, guidance and assistance to Realtor associations and members. Through its mission of evaluating, implementing and applying emerging technologies, CRT makes available informed industry insight, research and open-source applications.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 10-14, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities. addresses, and sales prices.

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\$65,000	1082 Paddock Dr	\$268,000
\$118,000	SOUTHFIELD	
\$25 8, 000	29510 Ashley Ct	\$168,000
\$118,000	19825 Magnolia Pkwy	\$97,000
	28096 Marshall St	\$59, 000
\$210,000	WHITE LAKE	
	4629 Coastal Pkwy	\$320,000
\$173,000	1499 Hillway St	\$258, 000
\$150,000	1974 Kingston St	\$150,000
	525 Teggerdine Rd	\$82,000
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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 31 through April 4, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

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

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

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

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Car Report

Toyota Sienna Exemplifies Why Minivans Are Still So Great



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With minivan sales showing more perk than they have in a while, Toyota is introducing a refreshed 2015 Sienna minivan with a passel of strategic improvements in the vehicle itself – and a marketing campaign that breaks significantly more interesting ground.

By Dale Buss



The 2015 Toyota Sienna

Toyota's just-breaking "Unexpected Adventures" campaign for the fall launch of the new Sienna is an internet-only campaign that uses fun videos that happen to be created by parents who already showed they were adept at exploiting the world of social media.

Meanwhile, the 2014 Toyota Sienna that it replaces showed me on a recent trip that it has absolutely everything families would need in an automotive platform. And so the improvements in the new model year – touches such as a feature that helps parents talk with kids in the rear of the vehicle without having to shout – only enhance what already is an outstanding package.

I've always been extremely partial to minivans in

the first place, having leased a couple of Chrysler Town & Country minivans sequentially as our kids were growing up. And from the beginning of the minivan phenomenon with Chrysler vehicles in the early Eighties until today, I defy anyone to come up with a category of vehicle that is so versatile and checks so many boxes for practical automotive ownership. Decent gas mileage for a larger

vehicle? Check.

Pretty good handling for something that's not a sports sedan? Check.

Complete and utter flexibility of the interior space for passengers and cargo? Double check.

Most comfortable and flexible seating options for the largest number and biggest variety of people? Double check as well.

Best driver and passenger visibility, especially in the front, for any type of vehicle on the American road? Triple check.

No matter so many soccer moms bought and are still buying minivans. And that, of course, is the only real rub against this mode of transportation: It's considered dowdy. And today's soccer moms and dads don't want to be seen as fuddy-duddies, so minivans aren't even on the consideration list for many, many families these days as they buy new vehicles.

They should put Sienna back on that list. Aesthetically on the outside, it's about as pleasing as a minivan can get. And inside – where vans do their business – it executes to the max on each one of those



major advantages of minivans.

The 2014 Sienna we drove on an

iconic, Fourth of July road trip up the

24-valve six-cylinder engine that yielded

an EPA-rated 16 mpg in the city and 23

mpg on the highway. My mileage, mostly

highway and country driving, was a little

was a dependable power train, not only

providing acceptable mileage, better than

SUVs of its size, and also moving Sienna

around briskly even over country hills

and in passing lanes. Plus the driver's

package in the XLE version I drove

included brake-assist and smart-stop

once on the trip.

technology that came in handy more than

In any event, Toyota's reliable 3.5-liter

better than that in the latter measure.

peninsula was powered by a 3.5-liter.

Sienna's highly comfortable interior demonstrated one of the best attributes of minivans versus SUVs: second-row seats that recline to a meaningful degree. In fact, Sienna's second-row captain's chairs had foot rests that turned them into "lounge" chairs and encouraged second-row occupants to sleep along the way, providing the driver with peace and quiet.

The vehicle's configurable interior seemed bottomless in accommodating luggage, as folded the rear seats back and piled suitcases, beach gear, groceries and all the other trip essentials into the deep well that opened up when we moved the seats. And when we got to our destination and wanted to use the rear seats for passengers, they simply folded back down into the well again. In the 2015 version of Sienna, Toyota is adding LED daytime running lights, more soft-touch surfaces, optional blackleather seats with contrasting white stitching, and the cool new intercom feature. Called Driver Easy Speak, and also found on the Highlander SUV, it allows parents behind the wheel to talk through a microphone while they're driving so they don't have to yell back at their kids in the third row. It's an important safety feature that can really make a difference in a minivan.

Sienna sales actually were about flat through June compared with a year earlier. Some competing vans, such as Town & Country, have been positing sales increases over a year ago, and overall the minivans category seems to be getting more attention – and respect.





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Not landing interviews? You could be annoying employers

By Val Matta

Vice President of business development This time of the year, many employers review up to 100 resumes per job opening -- and that's if they're getting looked at at all. With so many applications, there's clearly a certain etiquette that needs to be upheld, particularly when it comes to following up after you apply. Since two thirds of workers don't follow-up after submitting their résumé for consideration, you may believe sending a quick note could help your chances. Unfortunately, following up incorrectly can send your résumé

to the trash can. While it's always advised to follow-up after you apply for a job, doing so in the wrong way can severely impede your chances at landing an interview. If you're uncertain on follow-up etiquette, here are some do's and don'ts to consider:



It's so important to contact the right person in the followup process. After all, you'd probably be peeved if people were contacting you for the wrong reasons. While the job

description may not include contact information, there are some easy ways to obtain it. Use databases or check out who posted the job on social media. By doing a little detective work, you'll be able to find the right point of contact.

DON'T call or email if the job description explicitly says not to

It's vital that you follow all directions, even if they go against follow-up protocol. For instance, if a job description explicitly says no phone calls or emails, this means no phone calls or emails. Although it's not exactly the best scenario for your candidacy, you have to respect the wants and needs of an organization.

Instead, do little things to "follow-up" such as becoming a fan of the organization on Facebook or mentioning them on Twitter. While you shouldn't be too obvious, these little gestures can help you to stand out.

> DO take schedules into account

Employers are busy people. They may not have time to respond to every email or call back every candidate. Although you did take the time to apply for the position, you have to understand the schedules of the hiring department, especially if the position is highly coveted.

Here's a tip: Following up after one week is pretty customary, no matter how busy an employer may be. If the job description says anything else such as following up after two weeks or sending them a message on LinkedIn, be sure to keep these methods in mind, as well.

DON'T follow-up more than twice

While not everyone may agree, it's okay to follow-up on your follow-up. Emails can always get lost in the shuffle or the employer may have forgotten to respond to you. However, anything more can be seen as annoving and overbearing, especially if it's the same message twice. Oftentimes, an employer may have "mentally" acknowledged they got a message or voicemail and simply decided to leave it at that. Once you've followed up twice, you've done

your part and should wait for things to unravel organically.

DO cut your losses if there's radio silence

It's a tough pill to swallow,



but sometimes you need to cut your losses. It's nothing personal, nor should you take it as such, but sometimes someone was just more qualified than you. When this happens, you can either get angry or you can learn from your mistakes.

For example, if you evaluate how your candidacy could have been improved, such as sending in higher quality writing samples or following directions better, you can move forward as a smarter job seeker.

If you're not landing interviews, take a look at how you're following up after you send in your application. You'll likely find a connection between how you contacted an employer and the outcome of your candidacy.

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OPEN 2-5 | 15075 Angelique, Allen Park Great location in Allen Park schools. Immediate occupancy, very neat, well maintained home. \$105,000 Milton Brown (248) 306-9896

OPEN 1-4 | 536 Meadowlake Rd.,

Canton | Pride of ownership shines

here. Spacious Colonial has updates

you don't find at this price. \$211,900

OPEN 2-4 | 1121 Beaconsfield, Grosse

Pointe Park | Everything you see is

Kent Tyrrell (734) 403-4659



OPEN 1-3 | 1506 Fairway Dr. Birmingham | Newly finished 4420 sq. ft. of luxurious living. Master suite w/ incredible spa bath. \$1,350,000 Steve Cole (248) 327-4030

OPEN 2-4 | 17572 Goldeneye,

Clinton Twp. | 4 years old, this home

shows like a model. Beautiful ceramic tile, soaring tray ceilings. \$315,900

Hosted by: Becky Livernois (248) 918-4023

OPEN 2-4 | 70 Clariview, Grosse

OPEN 2-4pm | 21991 Waycross Dr.,

Macomb Twp. | Beautiful newer, yet established Lombardo home. More

than \$30,000 in upgrades. \$349,000

Lorraine Yalman (248) 365-7195

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Pointe Shores | Must see this spacious



OPEN 2-4 | 295 Henley St., Birmingham Elegant Poppleton Park Tudor built in 1996. Beautifully landscaped grounds, slate terrace. \$947,500 Robert Dundon (248) 731-5283



OPEN 12-3 | 41930 Cimarron, Clinton Twp. | 4 bedroom, 2 full bath renovated home, granite counters, new baths and new kitchen. \$159,881 Courtney Dunford (248) 639-7958



OPEN 2-4 | 19991 Emory, Grosse Pointe Woods | 4 Bedroom Colonial with updated kitchen and baths. Natural fireplace. \$269,900 Joe Rich (313) 924-1516



OPEN 2-4 | 21207 Broadstone, Harpe Woods | Beautiful brick ranch home, with only one owner! Wet bar, full bath and 4th bed in basement. \$125,000 David Fekin (734) 720-9615



Macomb Twp. | A home you'll love to come home to! Exceptionally well maintained. \$54,800 in updates! \$234.918



OPEN 1-3 | 18819 Ridge Road., Northville | Beautiful home situated on 5 acres off of Ridge Rd. First floor

master suite. \$525,000

OPEN 1-4 | 607 Burroughs St.,

Chris Patrick (734) 219-6974

Plymouth | Fantastic location has

picturesque view of park and woods, walk to Downtown Plymouth! \$374,000



OPEN 1-4 | 2020 Yorkshire, Birminghan 2020 is heart of Urban living and proximity to everything the city has to offer. Remodeled ranch . \$299,900 Janet Burger (248) 218-1187



OPEN 2-4 | 100 Meadow , Grosse Pointe Farms | Gorgeous classic French Colonial in a great cul-de-sac location! Remodeled. \$484,900 Jim Addison (313) 528-0762



OPEN 2-4 | 20729 Wicks, Grosse Pointe Woods | Charming English Cottage Bungalow on great cul de sac. Large private lot. \$224,900 Perry Gatliff (734) 720-9599



OPEN 2-4 | 2227 Pine Bluffs Ct, Highland | Large lot, 2004 built, 2625 sq. ft., Trex, granite, daylight basement, 3-car garage. \$329,900 Karen Thomas (248) 365-7891



OPEN 1-4 | 26147 Barrington St., Madison Heights | Move right in! Well cared for ranch in guiet neighborhood with many updates. \$74,900 Hosted by Jeff Smith (248) 648-3044



OPEN 2-3:30 | 21353 Equestrian Trail, Novi | Move right into this new Maybury Park Estates home in Northville's premier gated community. \$1,067,500



OPEN 1-4 | 1936 Brookview Ct., Bloomfield Twp. | Great location! Up North living right in the city. Private half acre lot cul-de-sac. \$289,000 Sharon Llewellyn (586) 229-1285



OPEN 2-4 | 292 Merriweather, Grosse Pointe Farms | Pristine home completely renovated with high-end detail and finishes. \$459,000 Blair Hess (734) 720-4504

OPEN 2-4 | 1421 Anita, Grosse

Pointe Woods | Rare 4 bedroom with

Independence Twp. | Rare find - over

OPEN 2-4 | 1615 Balsam Way, Milford

square feet, Eight-car garage, finished

Nearly 2 acres, Nearly 7000 total

Karen Thomas (248) 365-7891

walkout. \$630,000

2500 sqft ranch home overlooking

serene Cranberry Lake. \$264,900 David Smyth (248) 365-7960

extra lot! Plenty of space. Pride of

Sue Dungan (734) 720-4787

ownership. \$199,000



Brandon Twp. | This private 4.5 acre

Minutes from town. \$445,000

Kori Adams (248) 365-7917

retreat has it all. Surrounded by nature!

OPEN 2-4 | 448 Roland, Grosse Pointe arms | Beautiful 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath Colonial, 2 fireplaces, updated kitchen, hardwood floors. \$259,900 Joe Rich (313) 924-1516



OPEN 2-4 | 1218 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Woods | Move right in to this fabulous updated 3 bed brick Colonial with updates galore. \$162,900 Chris Dasaro (313) 879-2921



OPEN 1-4 | 2480 Indianwood Rd., Lake Orion | This beautiful 2 story replica farm house backs up to Paint Creek Golf Course on 2nd tee box. \$447,000 Hosted by Nan Denis (248) 494-4158



OPEN 1-4 | 37120 Highview, New Baltimore | Incredible home with one of the most beautiful locations on Lake St. Clair! \$549,900 Hosted by: Jim Hedrick (248) 218-0227



OPEN 1-4 | 21781 N. Center St., Novi Don't Miss out on this Northville Hills 4 bedroom Colonial. Walking distance to



OPEN 2-4 | 2328 Allard, Grosse Pointe Woods | Newer: furnace & CAC (2012), roof, most windows, water heater, glass block in basement. \$115,000 Patt Koller (734) 720-9534



OPEN 1-4 | 38606 Grandon, Livonia | Entire home has been freshly painted--Pack your bags and move right in! 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. \$214,900 Gail Diponio (734) 469-3798



OPEN 1-4 | 26690 Gena, New Baltimore | Absolutely gorgeous split level on Lake Mary Ann. Beautiful 4



OPEN By Appointment only | 44 Regal Place, Grosse Pte. Shores | Great curb appeal in this spacious Colonial w/ 3-car garage. \$499,900 Laila Abud (313) 263-5142



bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home. \$339,000 Hosted by: Bill Wines (586) 697-2403

OPEN 1-4 | 1300 Parkside Ct., Oxford

Oxford, this 2000 sq. ft. Colonial has al the amenities you desire. \$229,500

Julie Papagni (248) 841-4127

OPEN 1-4 | 1008 Canyon Creek,

Rochester Hills | Stunning 4 bed

Colonial in popular Hillside Creek

Danette Hansen (248) 534-1657

OPEN 1-3 | 5000 Town Center, Unit 1906

Southfield | High rise living at it finest. 2

hardwood & granite floors. \$249,900

OPEN 1-4 | 1715 Carpenter Dr., Troy

desirable Oak River East sub. Gourmet

Beautifully maintained home in the

Amy Chermside (248) 230-4207

OPEN 1-4 | 5009 Shoreline Blvd.

Waterford Twp. | Spacious, one-of-a-kind, quad-level lakefront home! Nearly

2700 square feet in total! \$299,888

Lori York Hesse (248) 365-7885

kitchen. \$599,900

Donna Ross (248) 639-4897

master suites & 3 baths. Updated thru-out

beautiful corner lot! \$669.000

Twp. | Great Location in the heart of

Northville | This residence will stand the test of time. 1 1/3 acres sanctuary of woodland gardens. \$1,100,000 Anne Smith (248) 796-0944

OPEN 1-4 | 47035 W. Main Street,



OPEN 1-4 | 616 Herald Street, Plymouth | A true custom masterpiece! Ideal in town location, across from small children's park. \$725,000 John Goodman (248) 365-7944



OPEN 1-4 | 301 Nawakwa. Rochester Hills | Priced to sell and newly remodeled 4 bed, 2 full bath home on an enormous lot! \$184,900 Mary Storm (248) 876-0665



OPEN 2-4 | 1011 Troon, St Clair Newer, lovely Colonial which has it all with a first floor master suite, 4 bedrooms on 2nd floor. \$399,900 Laila Abud (313) 263-5142

OPEN 1-4 | 6704 Granger, Troy

Beautiful Colonial, 4 bedrooms

library, basement, outstanding

Lakefront home. Move in Ready!

updated kitchen w/granite. \$349,900



OPEN 1-4 | 681 Twin Oaks,

Cheryl Johnson (734) 469-3798

OPEN 2-4 | 22216 Colonial, St Clair Shores | Meticulously kept home located on a quiet court. New furnace, AC, roof, & siding. \$300,000 Matt Maninno (734) 720-4823



OPEN 12-4 | 8132 E. Pearson, Utica Immaculate custom ranch w/fully finished lower level, up to 6 bedrooms. Vaulted great room. \$299,900 Scott Jesnig (586) 554-2969



OPEN 1-4 | 2850 Angelus Pines Dr., Waterford Twp. | Recently updated Lenda Steckel (734) 403-4639

OPEN 1-4 | 919 Easley Dr., Westland Charming, updated, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, brick ranch. Large galley kitchen extends to the eat in area. \$118,500



OPEN 1-4 | 856 Harding, Plymouth

Just like living in a park! Wonderful private treed setting for Plymouth 3 bedroom 2.5 bath Colonial! \$314,900 Chris Patrick (734) 219-6974





St. Clair | St. Clair River View! End unit 2nd story ranch condo, lots of light and privacy. \$137,500 Don Alcorn (810) 671-5688



OPEN 2-4 | 2158 Hidden Meadows C Bldg#2 Unit#7, Walled Lake | Two bedrooms, 1.5 baths, attached garage, finished basement. \$110,000 Karen Thomas (248) 365-7891



OPEN 2-4 | 6791 Steamboat Springs Dr., White Lake | Over 1/2 acre on cul-de-sac, built 2001, 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, luxury master. \$300,000 Karen Thomas (248) 365-7891

Beautifully appointed custom built home located on spacious 1.64 acre lot. Brick/stone elevation. \$594,000 Marianne Prokop (248) 513-8520

OPEN 1-4 | 9438 Southworth,

Chris Patrick (734) 219-6974

OPEN 1-4 | 5141 Saddle Creek

Ct., Salem Twp. | Plymouth mailing

address & schools! Stunning custom home. 2.82 wooded acres! \$985,000

Hosted by Michael Velasco (248) 504-4819

OPEN 1-4 | 2635 Woodford, Sterling

updates throughout. \$239,900 Hosted by: Mark Dziedzic (248) 218-1186

Heights | This is a beautiful well

maintained home that has many

OPEN 2-4 | 31317 Hayes, Warren

Beautiful ranch with updated kitchen

and bath. Hardwood floors and new

carpet in 2 bedrooms. \$112,000

OPEN 2-4 | 1699 Brentwood Dr.,

Hosted by Vita Good (248) 946-8961

first floor laundry. \$225,000

Wixom | Fantastic 4 bedroom Colonial

in Hidden Creek with granite kitchen,

Kay Rinke (734) 720-9534

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Plymouth | Quality built 4 bedroom

ranch has delightful treed setting! Wet plaster, cove ceilings. \$239,000

OPEN 1-4 | 51025 Sunday Dr., Novi





OPEN 1-3 | 1054 Starkweather St., Plymouth | Charm abounds in this immaculately maintained historic home in Old Village. \$193,000 Nancy Hackett (248) 468-1702



OPEN 12:30-2:30 | 3434 Sandy Ridge Ct., Shelby Twp. | Exquisite! Custom built home located at the end of a cul-de-sac. \$500,000 Kathleen Trupiano (248) 639-4952



OPEN 1-3 | 35128 Wellston Ave. Sterling Heights | Custom built brick ranch. Well maintained with plenty of updates. Open floor plan. \$229,000 Jeffery Alasina (248) 365-7914



OPEN 1-4 | 61283 Coralburst Dr., Washington Twp. | Absolutely gorgeous is the best way to describe this home. Attention to detail. \$519,485 Tom Deuel (248) 266-3145



OPEN 1-4 | 2265 W. Wattles Rd., Troy | Exceptional West Troy Colonial located on deep lot, long wide driveway & attached garage. \$269,000 Patrick Floch (248) 430-6546

Patrick Carolan (248) 365-7244

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OPEN 1-3 | 1715 River Road



